

Town of Romulus Planning Board  
January 5, 2015

**Roll Call**

Tom Bouchard  
Cindy Meckley (Excused)  
Bill Karlsen  
Al Nivison  
Kate Sinicropi (Excused)  
Sue Ellen Balluff  
Mary Joslyn

Visitors: Michael Joslyn  
Adam Schrader

**Pledge/Moment of Silence**

**Approval of the December 2014 meeting minutes.**

Page 1: Change Steve Joslyn to Mike Joslyn under "visitors".

Line 35: Add Steve Absalom's last name.

Page 2 Line 12: Change "past Schrader's" to Somerville Rd.

Al made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Bill seconded. Motion approved.

**New Business**

Welcome Adam Schrader, Town of Romulus Code Enforcement Officer. Adam said he read through some land use and zoning and found some things were contradictory or unclear. He would like training. Tom explained the legal requirement of four hours minimum/year, and filled Adam in on the Bushnell Basin meetings coming up this spring. Tom also shared info on the NY Planning Conference in April. Al shared the Towns and Topics magazine with Adam.

Sue Ellen asked what kinds of conflicts he's found in the zoning. Adam refers to signage. Tom suggests he bring those to us so we can help. Adam says a property survey should be done or one retrieved for the sake of the town's liability, since otherwise, he is relying on the owner's word for where the markers lie. Tom asks if Adam is suggesting that people get a survey as part as the zoning permit process? Adam says yes, or to provide a survey if they have one already. Tom gives Adam a Special Use Permit Application to look over. Sue Ellen points out that the permit process requires the applicant to first check with zoning. Adam asks for an example of a Special Use Permit. Mary gave the recent campground application as an example, and Tom shared some other recent examples. Tom shares his phone number with Adam, and Adam says he'll email Mary with any questions. He asked if there were formal procedures for complaints. Sue Ellen stated that there must be documentation of all steps and action taken as well as follow-ups.

A discussion ensues about peeling paint, run-down homes, rubbish, etc. and all the recent complaints the board has been receiving.

**Old Business**

Depot Zoning Changes: Tom said he talked to Barb Johnston about ZPR term. He attended the Romulus Town Board meeting and gave them a copy of the most current changes. We all spend some time going over the matrix once again and Al motioned we send it to the board for approval. Bill seconded. Motion carried.

Tom said he talked to Bob Aronson of the IDA. They are trying to find a way to unload the depot using other options besides industrial development. A group consisting of Steve Absalom, the IDA, Town Board Supervisors from Romulus, Varick, and Fayette is being formed to discuss it. These meetings are not open to the public.

Bob spoke of a moratorium on shooting white deer as a way to keep them protected for now.

The solar farm interest in the depot comes from FLS energy out of Ashville NC.

A discussion on Right to Farm signs. Where are ours?

A discussion about Lakeshore Willard Project and sending another letter to Nozolio cc to the Willard Superintendent.

Tom congratulated Bill, Kate and Sue Ellen for being reappointed to the planning board. They discussed swearing in again.

Tom announced: There is a Grant Workshop Saturday from 10-2 at the Ovid Library.

Al mentioned hearing more and more complaints about run down houses. A discussion ensued about the run-down areas of Willard, Romulus, Kendaia. Mary suggested writing something for the paper. Tom mentioned extra cars sitting around. Sue Ellen suggested it will only get worse if nothing is done.

Tom mentioned the Steps meeting Wednesday night at the Fire Hall. He plans to attend to find out more about Design/Connect the group of Cornell students who are helping draw up ideas for Ovid. He wants to invite them to help us with our comprehensive plan.

Al motioned we adjourn. Sue Ellen seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM