

Town of Romulus Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018 7:05 PM

Roll Call

Guests: See Attached

Tom Bouchard, Chairman

Cindy Meckley

Al Nivison

Bill Karlsen

Mary Joslyn

Sue Ellen Balluff

Kate Sinicropi – (phoned in)

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Approval of January 8, 2018 Minutes Corrections:

Pg.1 (under New Business) First sentence Planning Board reviews 11 questions on Part 2 SEQR. IDA is applicant and owner of the property.

Pg.2 (after roll call) Motion Carried

Pg. 4 (under old business) Sue Ellen to draft subdivision application form

Sue Ellen motioned to accept minutes with changes discussed.

Bill seconded, Motion carried.

New Business

Site Plan Introduction-Earl Martin: Earl passed out maps outlining site plan. Earl has zoning variance application. He's working on the SEQR now. He is working on getting clarification on the wetlands. Plans to proceed with full EAF right away. He intends to go to the ZBA for a use variance.

Consideration of Forming a Comprehensive Plan Committee: Deb Reid from Hector presented the board with their community survey and Comprehensive plan and spoke of how they (Hector had a committee of 6) met to create their plan. She shared her experiences and offered to help us in any way she can.

Thomas Bjorkman from Varick spoke about the creation of their most recent comprehensive plan. Fayette and Varick worked together. He explained how to create a quality community

survey with well-designed questions. The two towns created a committee of 15 people. Thomas suggested inserting the values and what matters most to people and basing our zoning/comprehensive plan on that.

Large Scale Solar zoning discussion: Joe McGrath advised us on his edits and suggested some changes. Sue Ellen suggested a committee to get together with Joe to discuss the solar zoning. Kate agreed to be on the committee with Sue Ellen and Joe.

Audience members spoke up at this point, concerned that the board should set the solar issues aside and focus on the possible incinerator. At which time, Will Burns suggested we get zoning changes made to reflect the desires of the boards and the community. He offered his services pro-bono and said he'd be happy to help us with the wordage. Sue Ellen, Tom, and Bill all agreed to work with Pat Morell and Will Burns on Thursday here at the town office at 2:30 PM. They will be working on strengthening the language in our zoning to better reflect our values.

Mary asked about the letters drafted per last month's meeting. This started a discussion about a resolution Pat has been working on for us to adopt instead of the letters we've worked on. The resolution, once adopted, can be sent to appropriate people and organizations.

Proposed Resolution Whereas the town of Romulus planning board:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TOWN OF ROMULUS PLANNING BOARD

FEBRAURY 5, 2018

WHEREAS the Town of Romulus Planning Board did meet at their regular public meeting on February 5, 2018 at the Town of Romulus Town Hall, 1435 Prospect Street, Willard, NY 14588; and

WHEREAS the Town of Romulus Planning Board does not agree with the determination of the Town's Zoning Officer that the Waste-to-Energy project proposed by Circular enerG satisfies their claim that "combustion of solid waste" and/or a waste-to-energy facility constitutes a valid renewable energy source and that such a use would not be a "noxious or injurious" use provided it substantially complies with applicable environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS the Town of Romulus has enacted specific provisions in its Zoning Code with the intention of restricting land use activities involving waste materials, including the following:

Article VI, Section 8 states that, "The storage of any waste material, except for food processing or agricultural waste and marketable recyclable materials, is prohibited;" and

Article VIII, Section 15 states that, "The storage, processing of any waste materials, except for food processing or agricultural waste and marketable recyclable material, is prohibited;" and

WHEREAS the Town of Romulus Planning Board believes that the determination of the Zoning Officer that a Waste to Energy project would be considered Renewable Energy Production under the Town's Zoning Code is contrary to the Town's stated intent with regard to land use activities involving waste materials; therefore

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town of Romulus Planning Board is opposed to the determination that Circular enerG's waste-to-energy project is a Specially Permitted Use and urge that this determination not be upheld.

Sue Ellen makes a motion the proposed resolution be adopted by the planning board

Al seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Noise Ordinance: Pat brought up the issue of snow removal. He suggests a language change to exempt ALL snow removal activity from the noise ordinance. After discussion, the board decided on a simplified ordinance with the restriction of unreasonable noise at 10PM Sunday-Thursday, and 11PM Fridays and Saturdays.

Sue Ellen shared her draft application for subdivision for the planning board to review.

Tom shared news of the Mennonite church in Romulus wants to expand near the fire hall in Romulus. Also, someone inquired about the Presbyterian church in Romulus. Wanted to know if there were adaptable uses.

Board of Supervisors is discussing buying the Three Bears.

Al moved to adjourn, Cindy Seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Joslyn