

*FINAL*

Romulus Town Planning Board

April 7, 2014

Roll Call

Tom Bouchard

Bill Karlsen

Cindy Meckley

Sue Ellen Balluff

Al Nivison

Mary Joslyn, Excused

Kate Sinicropi, Excused

Guest

Mike Coia

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved.

Al made the motion to accept the March 3, 2014 minutes, seconded by Bill Karlsen and unanimously carried.

New Business: Mike Coia, CEO of Seneca Ag Bio Energy Park talked to the board about business status and its progress on Former Seneca Army Depot. He stated they hold title and pay property taxes on 55 acres on the depot. They have qualified for a business grant from NYSERDA but Global Clean Energy from Canada has backed out on the methane gas digester project, but Quazar out of Ohio with 15 digesters two of which are in the Buffalo area are seriously considering the project for electricity generation. He mentioned they sell the surplus electricity and use some for their grain drying operation onsite. A Novera Feed company from Pennsylvania is also a potential tenant onsite.

The grape seed oil pressing operation is active and looking for some expansion in the future. Another startup company is in the footprint of the failed Top Quality Hay Business called O.S.M. Environmental Manufacturing a kitty litter product and a petroleum spill cleanup product and mat out of cow manure. Advanced Feed Technology is also in the Energy Park making specialty hay products for goats, alpacas and guinea pigs for retail at Tractor Supply Companies.

Chair Tom Bouchard thanked Mike Coia for coming to the meeting and updating the board as his businesses on depot land proceed.

Old Business: March has been a busy month with separate public meetings of the Planning Board to work on definitions of zoning on the former depot. Meeting held March 17, 2014 lasting 3 hours with Ken Riemer in attendance. March 24, 2014 at 9:30am Supervisor David Kaiser, Town Attorney Steven Getman, Vice Chair Bill Karlsen, and Mary Anne Kowalski met to discuss depot zoning including wording on dog kennels in the township.

March 27, 2014 Bill Karlsen attended the Varick Planning Board Meeting. Bruce Habberfield, Finger Lakes Railway, petitioned their board with concerns about zoning along existing railroad infrastructure on the former depot. Asked about a buffer zone along the rail lines. Chair Todd Horton listened to his concerns and said he will forward his concerns to Barbara Johnston to review. Also, Bob Kayser from Seneca Pure Water Association spoke on their independent water studies on Reeder's Creek and Kendia Creek which both flow from the former depot into Seneca Lake. Heavy metals and other chemicals are known to be found in these headwaters and voiced S.P.W.A's concern that all depot land reuse should give top priority in surface runoff and soil erosion so contamination chemicals stay contained so as not to wash downstream to either Seneca or Cayuga Lakes.

Chair Tom Bouchard mentioned asking Senator Nozzolio's Office if a date has been set for proposed white deer summit. Nothing set as of now. Tom also reported no news to him or Theresa Lahr with STEPS program on town acquiring lease on Willard Lake Front Shoreline.

Vice Chair Bill Karlsen met April 1, 2014 with MacDougall Sportsman's Club. On April 3, 2014 with Joe Keeler, Manager of Sampson State Park and South Seneca Sportsman's Club directors meeting April 7, 2014 about depot reuse and future of the white deer herd.

Chair Tom Bouchard brought up the upcoming Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Training to be held May 15, 2014 at Bushnell's Basin. After discussion all board members have enough schooling hours in or are unavailable to attend so no one from the planning board is attending in May.

Sue Ellen Balluff presented the final draft of the proposed, new special use permit form. Al Nivison made a motion to accept seconded by Cindy Meckley Roll call vote was held and all in attendance voted yes Motion Carried

Discussion on minutes of monthly meetings and when to be made public and corrections and approval time frame. To be reviewed and a standard procedure to be worked on.

9:05pm Motion to adjourn by Sue Ellen Balluff and seconded by Cindy Meckley  
Motion Carried

Next Meeting May 5, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

William Karlsen  
Vice Chair