

## Town of Romulus Planning Board

Nov. 10, 2014

### **Roll Call**

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

Visitor: Ami Melendez

### **Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence**

Approval of the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes with correction by Sue Ellen on Residential/Agricultural. Motion seconded by Sue Ellen. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Depot Rezoning**

Tom provided an updated matrix for zoning from Barb, based on the feedback from the last meeting. The matrix was reviewed. Sue Ellen identified that under Confined Animal Feeding Operation, it is allowed in WITE, I/W. The matrix does not make sense, the Zoning Permit Required under Agricultural Use. We did not have ZPR – Zoning Permit Required - it has been added by Barb. We need to have Barb come in and explain to us what she is recommending. She had to make all these fit into our zoning, which has confused us. Tom to call her.

#### **Reports on DEC presentations in Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Al and Bill went in the afternoon. Kate, Mary and Tom went in the evening, still a lot of talk about the deer extinguishing themselves in a matter of weeks if the fence comes down. This was the state looking at Open Space designations. Dennis Money requested 7,000 acres designated for the White Deer, which is the whole Depot. All three of us spoke about the businesses there and the tax base. Mary spoke with the Open Space person from DEC and he identified the fence as a large expense. Mary asked him if the Open Space takes over can we get taxes paid? He said yes it could be done. We asked who would man this, who would fund it etc.

Al reported a solar company is interested in having a solar farm in the Depot. They would like to lease. So there is industry interested in coming in to the Depot. The Comment period is until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sampson**

Tom and Bill attended the meeting on Sampson Park expansion. They want to build permanent cottages on the shoreline for the tourism trade. Dennis Money attended this meeting. He wants the Sampson Park Expansion to be included in the Depot, so that they can run it and manage the deer.

### **Lake Shore Trail**

Sampson is interested in getting a copy of the plans. Tom will put a letter together and send to them.

### **Depot Interest**

Tom received a call from an Amish farmer asking about the status of acquiring land in the Depot. He claims quite a few Amish farmers are interested in acquiring land.

Tom called Tom Hibbert from Andersen Group. No response yet.

### **New Business**

Tom reported a Trail Building Seminar Training in Canandaigua this Saturday. Regional workshop this Friday.

### **Old Business**

Mary asked if there is any word on a new zoning officer? Tom responded no but that he will bring it up at the Town meeting.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Sue Ellen has sent an email to all members with two documents. Tom spoke to Ave Bauder about sending an application for Design Connect through STEPS. He thought they could help us with this.

The Town Board needs to have a resolution to upgrade the plan and send it to the Planning Board.

There have been many changes since the Comprehensive Plan was written. We can resource the Farmland Protection Plan to inform the writing of the Comprehensive Plan as well as history since the date of the existing plan.

Kate asked about the signs for Farmland Protection. They were supposed to be made and put up several years ago. Tom will bring up at the Town Board meeting.

Next meeting Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. the first Monday. It is the last meeting of the year and several people are set to have terms expire. Kate, Sue Ellen, and Bill's terms expiring. Also elections of officers.

Motion to adjourn Sue Ellen, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Sinicropi  
Secretary