

The Town of Romulus Planning Board  
Romulus Town Hall, 1435 Prospect St., Willard, N.Y. 14588  
Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

**Call to Order**

Tom Bouchard, Chairperson

Janet Lynch

Cindy Meckley

Michelle Bulley

Lisa Babiarz

Kate Sinicropi

Mark Schott

Pat Morrell, Town Attorney - absent

**Guests:** Tim Gourly, Kanagy

Solar; Timothy Seymour

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Approval of Minutes:** Corrections: Change Rte. 96A to Rte 96 in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, fourth line; change 1000 panels to 7100 panels in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 6<sup>th</sup> line. Janet made the motion to approve as corrected. Cindy seconded the motion. Minutes approved as corrected.

**New Business**

**Kanagy Solar Farm Public Hearing** – Michelle made a motion to open the public hearing. Cindy seconded motion. Motion carried. Tom reported that the Seneca County Planning Board will review this application on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Tim Gourly, Kanagy Solar, asked for some indication from the Planning Board, as to approval of the application. Lisa stated that she would not be comfortable giving any indication until our Town Attorney is here and can respond. Tim noted that he would prefer not to return for another meeting. Mark noted the driveway setback, and that the County would address this, if it is an issue. Mark commented that he was curious as to Kanagy's future regarding other solar developments in the county. Tim responded that he was not sure, as it depends on NYS and the incentives and areas where the solar can tap into existing lines. The Impact of tillable land is a concern Mark noted. Tim said it is a concern and the active farmers are not interested in talking at all to any solar companies. Tom acknowledged that he was impressed that this company has other developments. Tim noted other developments in progress. Tom stated, "We need to get the County information to process this application." Michele made the motion to adjourn the public hearing and reopen it on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Finalized RFP for Romulus** – Tom reported that the only objection from Mike Joslyn that the Town had, was that it was too Willard centric. Tom indicated this needed to be cleaned up. The Project Schedule will have to be adjusted, so all the dates will need to change. The Town Board meets the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, so Tom would like to clean up the references to the Town of Willard as indicated by the line through Willard in the draft. The dates on the schedule can be pushed out a couple of weeks. The June 15<sup>th</sup> RFP Release Last date for Written Questions can be changed to June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Proposal Submission Deadline can be changed to July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Anticipated Contract Award date can be changed to August 17<sup>th</sup>. The Anticipated Work Completion date can be changed to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept changes to the RFP made by Michele. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Seven to Save Award for Willard from the Preservation League.** Tom was hopeful that Tom Strupf, a landscape architect student from Belgium, will be having a presentation on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. He is doing a lot of filming regarding saving and restoring Willard. It addresses the history of Willard Psychiatric Center and the potential for use or reuse. This presentation is an opportunity to provide input. Tom Strupf has put documentation together and will be answering questions at the presentation. Craig Williams, Historical Society President, asked if Dave Hayes or Mike Joslyn could attend the tour last Friday. They could not. So, Tom offered to go on the tour.

Michele asked, “Do they want to preserve it?” Tom replied, “Yes, they want to preserve it and find other uses for it. If the state or someone does not step in soon, the buildings will deteriorate and may not be preservable. Lisa mentioned the new governor’s comments on compensating the communities who are losing populations and programs like Willard Drug Treatment Program, by providing grants. Tom agreed and commented that this should be pursued with a liaison from Pam Helming’s office.

## **Old Business**

**Memorial for Bill Karlsen** - Tom reported that he purchased a serviceberry tree, and he identified a spot for the tree at Deans Cove. Bill’s wife, Debbie was pleased with this. The application for perpetuity requires a \$500.00 deposit to maintain it. Tom gave Cindy the words to put on the stone and Cindy will contact the stone carver, Mr. Cook. Cindy asked, “Financially where is all this at?” Tom has not approached the Town Board about it. Tom estimates the total cost at \$600.00. Tom will find out who gets the donations The Park would like to plant the tree in the fall.

Janet asked about T mobile. –Tom stated that the zoning has six pages pertaining to new towers. Co-existing equipment like antennas do need a building permit from the Town and the county. It does not require a Special Use permit from us. Tom noted that initially it was going to be on the agenda for the County meeting on Wednesday. The short form SEQR is already in the application. The Planning Board does not have to do anything.

Michele made a motion that we adjourn. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Timothy Seymour is a senior at Romulus. He attended tonight's meeting to get information for his government class.

Ext meeting is July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Sinicropi, Sec.