Meeting Dated:
Tuesday October 10, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Members present:
Paul Beaudoin
Sheila Crouse
Jacqui Grier
Mary Kiewicz
Bob Thomison
Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno

Others present: Zoning Officer Mel LaScola, Ben Gallup

Town of Arietta Planning Board meeting was called to order by Mary Kiewicz at 6:04 PM. Jacqui Grier made a motion to waive the reading of the September 12, 2017 minutes and approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Paul Beaudoin. All were in favor 5 – 0.

Mary reported she had no new correspondence to share. Ben Gallup was present representing Lee Billington. Mary asked him to tell the Board about the project. (A map of the proposed project is attached to these minutes). He said Lee Billington has 5 acres on Point Road he would like to subdivide into two lots and have property line adjustments done so that should he ever sell his property his neighbors would have legal access to Point Road. Currently there is a shared gravel driveway. Mary told him that the Planning Board cannot grant property line adjustments unless it is less than 25 ft. in width and/or less than ½ acre. This would be considered a subdivision and would need to go to the ZBA for a variance. An APA JIF will be required. After a little suggested configuring so that the boundary line adjustment would not be more than 25 ft. wide and could be considered a boundary line adjustment, Mr. Gallup said he would apply for the variance for the subdivision and resubmit to the Planning Board for the property line adjustment.

Subdivision Guidelines book - Mary said the woman from the APA will put the book in “word” format so we can work on it.

A Resolution has been made to move forward with amendments to the new codes book. First up is about “junkyards” on page 12. The word in question is “inspected” vehicles. Mary reminded everyone that this means junk “vehicles” not just cars. After a bit of discussion it was decided letter C. should be added. Verbiage similar to this: “C. As defined above, only one junk vehicle is permitted per parcel in the Town of Arietta”. This will be suggested as a change and will have to have Town Board and APA approval.

Mel LaScola wanted to discuss an issue concerning a trailer on Higgins Bay. The Baker property was sold. Mel was approached as it became a camping area with multiple trailers for the owners relatives and friends. The owners have a construction permit and the trailer was to be permitted while construction was going on. Last summer electrical power was put in. Mel has been informed that the new owner does not have any funds to start construction as they used it all preparing the property. The permit is for an accessory structure. Code 12.070 states the trailer can be used during the duration of construction of a primary residence. Mel would like a time frame added to the code even though the permit is for two years there is nothing preventing the owner from getting a permit every two years in order to continue having the trailer there.

Mel says political signs and garage sale signs continue to be a concern. There is no time frame listed for putting them up and taking them down. Marie noted there are no election laws concerning signs. There is also no mechanism for fines. Possibly this should be revised in the codes book.

The Atkinson property on Outlet Road had rental tenants running down water fowl. Mel called Mr. Atkinson and the tenants will not be returning.

Mel says the construction junkyard (Smiths) on Rt. 10 across from the Arietta Hotel is a problem. Mel plans on sending him a notification to clean it up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Beaudoin. Seconded by Sheila Crouse. All were in favor 5 – 0.

Our next meeting will be November 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

Attachment to these minutes: Billington map depicting proposals.