

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated:
Tuesday February 13, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Paul Beaudoin	Bryan Rudes
Sheila Crouse	Bob Thomson
Mary Kiewicz	Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno

Others present: Zoning Officer Mel LaScola came in mid meeting

Town of Arietta Planning Board meeting was called to order by Mary Kiewicz at 6:07 PM. Mary noted she did not record who was in attendance in the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. She noted all members were in attendance except for new member Bryan Rudes. Paul Beaudoin made a motion to waive the reading of the January 9, 2018 minutes and approve the minutes as amended. 2nd by Sheila Crouse. All were in favor 4 – 0. Bryan Rudes did not vote as he was not a member of the Planning Board or present at the January meeting.

Mary noted we will not be hearing from Ben Gallup again about the Lee Billington property as it sold. He had been told to go ahead with the subdivision in case the sale of the property didn't happen. He was just covering his bases.

Mary asked members to look over the subdivision request the APA received plus the APA Request for Consultation she received concerning the Avery property on Route 10. (Both are attached to these minutes). This information indicates the application is for a subdivision, not a property line adjustment John Avery mentioned in his visit to the Planning Board in December 2016. The property is marked "sale pending" so it may well be that it is because the APA has said the application is not 100% complete. The APA is looking for feedback. The Planning Board members really didn't have much comment as it is low density so there isn't much that can be done with the property. Paul Beaudoin suggested Mary contact the APA to find out exactly what the use will be. She will make the call and e-mail what she finds out.

It was noted training sessions are coming up from the NYS Planning Federation on April 22 – 24, 2018 at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing. A registration form is attached to these minutes. Everyone was reminded that they each need 4 hours training per year and the Town of Arietta pays for them to attend. The ZBA does training at their meetings through the Planning Federation website. Mary said she may consider that for the Planning Board in the future.

Mary approached the Town Board about the need and want of the Planning Board to make amendments to the new codes book concerning junk vehicles as we discussed. The Town Board did not want to change it. They were however interested in the Planning Board working on prep work to introduce a Septic System Law. Rick Wilt is connected with some on-site waste management people who have been working with Hamilton County Soil and Water. We do not write the law. Inlet has one in place that is very specific as to what is allowed and not allowed. Mary spoke with the Inlet Codes Enforcement Officer and asked about some of the concerns that were raised at the Town Board meeting. They do an inspection and determine if the system has to be fixed or upgraded before the property is sold. It does not involve putting a lien on the property. There have been a few court challenges but the Town has always won. They gain knowledge from the Assessors report to keep up with it and stay informed. It gets a little tricky when property is handed down through inheritance. Our role is unclear as of now. Sheila Crouse noted that at the Town Board meeting it was recognized that the lake is our most valuable asset and a Septic System Law will ensure that asset is protected. She also said she thought we had talked about density control. (How much of your property can be covered by buildings). Property owners need to be sure to have space available in the event the septic system needs to be replaced and not cover everything with buildings. She feels both a Septic System Law and density need to be adhered to. Right now Mel LaScola can only inspect due to cause (smell). Mel said he is adamant that any time a new system is put in he be informed so he can be there to witness proper installation. It was noted that it will be a challenge for trailer parks without central septic systems. Everyone is encouraged to check out the Inlet Law on their website.

Mary gave everyone a copy of the Lake Pleasant Density Requirements (attached with these minutes) and asked everyone to look it over and check out the Lake Pleasant website as well. Bryan noted he wonders (concerning density) how some properties on the lake have enough room to put a well and a septic system let alone another building. Everyone wonders how we will make it fair for all.

Mary also wants us to look over the Subdivision book. She handed out copies in Word that the APA did for us. We will discuss it at the next meeting and will hopefully have a consultant to help us.

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

Our next meeting will be March 13, 2018.

Attachment to these minutes: 2 APA letters re Avery
Planning Federation Registration form
LP Density Requirements

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno