

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday May10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Sheila Crouse

Mary Kiewicz

Ken Kull (via telephone)

Bob Thomson

Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno Others present: No public in attendance.

Members absent:

Bryan Rudes

Sheila Crouse made a motion to accept the April12, 2022 minutes as written. 2nd by Bob Thomson. The vote in favor was 4 – 0.

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola told Mary he would not be here tonight but wanted everyone to be aware that he is walking the Josh McGee property (formerly Avery on Rt. 10) with the APA on Thursday May 12, 2022. They need to locate a site on the property whereas a hunting camp could be constructed that will be far enough away from wetlands in order to put in a well and a septic system. Mary believes it will be an APA project permit anyway.

The ZBA passed the sand/salt shed variance for construction on Route 10.

Mary noted that we had made a resolution to change the zoning of the “stump dump” from zone 34 as that was specifically for extraction. It was found out that when Dick Amadon was Town Supervisor, that property got turned over to the Town of Arietta and the zoning designation of MR1 &SR1 was removed because it became Town property and of course, houses are not built on Town property. Mary met with Chris Rhodes and it was agreed that the Town Board wanted to pursue it so Mary composed a letter with Chris to the APA. It is now in his hands and a public hearing will have to be scheduled.

Attached is the second Project/Variance Application to the APA for the pole and electric work done on Rt. 28 in Raquette Lake as was covered at the April meeting.

Mary wanted to discuss with the Planning Board members the possibility of a permit system for short term rentals. There are a lot more now than ever. She does not want the Planning Board to take the lead as we did with the septic issue but instead wants to send a note to the Town Board for someone to take the lead and we could help. Right now it is not being addressed and Mary wanted to see what members thought of this. Lake Pleasant has formed a committee to try to address this including an attorney, a real estate person, a Town Board member, a Planning Board member and the Zoning Officer. It was felt that it doesn't necessarily have to have a fee attached. A consideration could be information provided by the owner such as square footage, number of bedrooms, size of septic system and parking capacity and when it is rented so neighbors are aware someone other than the owner inhabits it. Is this a safety issue concerning ambulance and fire departments? Before a permit system is put in place should cell service be worked on? Some thought that was a moot point as prior to cell phones, there were plenty of spots that had no regular telephone service. As more short term rentals are being purchased, more communities are putting regulations in place. This could become part of the town zoning. Mary will contact ZBA Chairman Barry Baker to see if he will canvass the ZBA members to get their take on this subject. Bob Thomson will send us info he has on this. All felt it was important for the owners to educate the tenants.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Crouse. Seconded by Bob Thomson. All were in favor 4 – 0.
Our next meeting will be June 14, 2022.

There is one attachment to these minutes – The APA application on the Raquette Lake electric service.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno