

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday August 10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Sheila Crouse
Mary Kiewicz
Ken Kull
Bob Thomson

Members absent:

Bryan Rudes

Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno Others present: Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Mary Kiewicz highlighted the content of the July 12, 2022 minutes as some members had not had a chance to look them over prior to the meeting. Bob Thomson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 2nd by Ken Kull. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Sheila Crouse did not vote as she was not present at the July meeting.

Mary noted she did not have any information on the Barry Baker subdivision that may be coming our way soon.

She asked if anyone had heard anything concerning Emergency cell tower plans for the Baker property on Wayne Smith Road. Sheila commented that the Wayne Smith Road residents are not happy to learn this more than likely will be happening. She has contacted Town Supervisor Chris Rhodes. He said he would get together with the Wayne Smith Road residents and answer any questions but she has not heard back as to when as Chris is on vacation right now. Sheila understands it is awaiting APA approval at this time. Ken Kull says he understands through Chris Rhodes that a balloon was put up in that area to detect where a good connection would be. Wayne Smith Road falls between mountains and seems to be the best location. He further explained that the reason telephone companies have not followed through with a tower is that they typically follow where Emergency towers have been approved. It is understood that it will be 80 feet in height. Sheila said the residents are surprised about these plans as Wayne Smith Road is one of the few roads in Arietta that is totally residential. Cell service would hook into this Emergency tower eventually. Some residents are concerned about the looks of the tower and some are concerned about the rays it may emit. The county building in Lake Pleasant has one for comparison.

Mary noted that she has the APA form concerning the zoning designation change for the “stump dump”. Currently it is zoned “Extraction” and needs to be changed to “Special District 1”. It is 35.4 acres. Attached is the process that we need to follow to make such a change as we are a Town with an Agency-approved Local Land Use Program (ALLUP). This change needs to also go to the ZBA and the Town Board (as Lead Agency) will have to approve it at a public meeting in order to submit to the APA for approval.

Mel LaScola wanted it noted that both the Mcgee property and the Town Salt shed needed Special Permits. The projects had to be approved by the APA first. He asked the APA who issues the building permit once approved? After much correspondence back and forth, the APA claims they only give approval of the project. The Zoning Officer issues the actual building permit.

Mary noted the next training sessions for Planning and Zoning Board members is scheduled on September 29th in the Town of Webb. They will be held at the View Center for Arts and Culture in Old Forge. All Planning and Zoning Board members need to attend at least four hours of training per year. Attending this training 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM will fulfill that requirement. The Town pays for the sessions. Anyone wanting to go should sign up as soon as possible. The information is attached to these minutes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Thomson. Seconded by Ken Kull. All were in favor 4 – 0.
Our next meeting will be September 13, 2022.

There are two attachments to these minutes – One page showing the process for amending land use zoning and one page with upcoming training session info.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno