

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday September 13, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

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

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

Sheila told the members that she went to the cell tower hearing at the county building in August and found that it was not actually a hearing for the public to speak but more of a formality for the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the process of emergency cell tower sites in Arietta and Morehouse. It was tabled at that meeting because there were people there wanting to be heard. She sent an e-mail to Morehouse Supervisor Bill Farber and Arietta Supervisor Chris Rhodes and others stating that she was upset and feels the public should have a chance to voice their opinions as once it is up, it won't be coming down. She also stated that whenever there is a subdivision of property in the Town of Arietta, property owners within 500 feet are notified. She said no one on Wayne Smith Road (site of the proposed tower) were aware this was happening. Initially the tower will be for emergency services and eventually cell telephone service can be connected to it. Bill Farber said a meeting will be set up to explain the concept. The location is ideal as they prefer to have it built on private property as opposed to state land and that site would cover the entire Piseco Lake area and down Route 10. She pointed out that Wayne Smith Road is the only road in the Town of Arietta if not the entire county that is totally residential. It was noted that someone on South Shore Road was also interested in having the tower on their property. Chris Rhodes acknowledged that he was surprised at how much had gone on to date without many residents knowing about it. Apparently the idea to do this has been going on since 2012. Currently the Wayne Smith Road residents feel it should be located somewhere less intrusive. It is going to be built as the one at the county building is. 90 feet in height and higher if cell tower use is added.

Mary noted that the zoning designation change for the “stump dump” is turning out to be challenging. The paperwork has not been completed to APA satisfaction. Mary and Chris Rhodes will have a ZOOM meeting with people from the APA to see what else has to be submitted. There are property owners nearby they are concerned about.

Barry Baker has not approached Mary about a possible subdivision yet.

Mel asked Marie to elaborate about the Auction signs she saw for the Goodman property on Haskell Road on Sunday September 11th. Marie noted she saw a lot of signs reappear advertising an “Open House” for this property in front of the Goodman property, at the intersection of Old Piseco Road and Haskell Road and at the intersection of Old Piseco Road and Route 8. She was curious because she had seen Mel take down similar signs for the same property that were in violation to our signage code. She called and left a message for Mel about them. Last month Mel had already had a talk with the Auctioneer about the original signs. The man called Mel names and was belligerent. Mel contacted Supervisor Chris Rhodes and Chris advised him to take down the signs. Mel then called the Auction business and explained our signage code and where they could retrieve the signs that he took down. The woman he talked to said she had told the man he couldn't put the signs up like he had. Mel told her his protocol and language was not nice. She proceeded to say the man who put the signs up was the owner of the company and apologized. Bob Thomson was at the site when Mel confronted the Auctioneer and confirmed the language he used. Mel had cited Code #6.020 A. (4) Temporary Signs. Not more than one temporary sign shall be permitted per property, including temporary signs such as banners, portable signs, real estate signs, campaign and other signs of a similar nature shall be permitted on the premises. Also, B. (6) No sign shall be erected or maintained within the right-of-way, nor within 10 feet of the road bed of any public street or highway; nor shall any sign exceeding 20 square feet in the sign area be erected or maintained within 20 feet of the road bed of any public street or highway. Mel talked to Chris Rhodes about having the Town Attorney write a letter to this man citing him

for whatever violations are applicable from Page 73 of the codes book or at least about the manner in which he conducted himself.

Tannery – Bob Thomson told the members that Jaime Parslow took Nick Abbotts place at the DEC. He was happy as she seems like she will take a personal interest in it since she lives in Piseco.

Everyone was reminded of the September 29th training session in Old Forge. There is another scheduled on October 6th in Lake Placid. The registration form is attached as found in the July/August Talk of the Towns publication.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Kull. Seconded by Sheila Crouse. All were in favor 4 – 0. Our next meeting will be October 11, 2022.

There is one attachment to these minutes for the upcoming training session in Lake Placid.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

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