

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday April 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Eric Greiner
Mary Kiewicz
Ken Kull (by telephone)
Bob Thomson

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse

Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno Others present: Barry Baker, John Boyer

Mary welcomed Eric Greiner as our newest Planning Board member replacing Bryan Rudes.

Bob Thomson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting as written. 2nd by Mary Kiewicz. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Marie Buanno voted as Alternate Planning Board member. Eric Greiner did not vote as he was not a Planning Board member yet at the February meeting. Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present at this meeting. There was no meeting in March.

Mary had sent information to all Planning Board members concerning the Governors proposed NY Housing Compact which is in her 2023/2024 State Budget. This proposal, in short, removes authority and control over zoning and land use from local governments. Many towns believe zoning, land use and Comprehensive Planning should be left in the hands of local officials. Town Supervisor Chris Rhodes asked Mary to get the Planning Boards take on this. The Town Board would like to comprise a resolution to object to this proposal and submit it formally. A brief summary of what this proposal entails is attached to these minutes as well as a sample resolution other towns are planning on submitting plus a copy of the resolution the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has decided to submit. Everyone was in agreement that the proposal takes the authority from the towns and is an overreach. It was noted it should definitely not be in the state budget. Mary took a vote and it was unanimous that we suggest the Town Board reject this proposal and submit a resolution stating so. Mary will notify Chris Rhodes of our discussion and subsequent vote.

Mary received notification from the APA that the proposed amendments to the codes book concerning the “Stump Dump” that were submitted following the December 11, 2022 meeting were approved. The Town Board has scheduled and advertised a public hearing for May 1, 2023 at 5 PM. If the Town Board adopts the amendments it then goes to the Department of State for approval. A map of the changes is attached as provided by Real Property Tax Director Barry Baker.

Barry Baker 3 lot subdivision plans are complete. The APA approved the form the Planning Board filled out stating the subdivision meets Town of Arietta codes. Bob Thomson made a motion to schedule the public hearing for May 9, 2023. 2nd by Eric Greiner. The vote in favor was 4 – 0. So moved. Mary will compose a legal notice and notify Joyce Page and Heide Thomson to send notices to neighbors within 500 feet and to advertise it. The properties will have no lake access. There will be no problem having road access or electric service if the parcels are sold.

Bob Thomson and Ken Kull asked how the cell tower project was going. Barry Baker commented that an alternative site is being considered as residents of Wayne Smith Road objected to the site on his property. This pretty much starts the whole process all over with balloon testing, electric service, etc.

Mary has nothing new to report from Mel LaScola. He had planned to be here but couldn't at the last minute.

Mary said she and Eric Greiner have had a few conversations about short term rentals. It seems there are some people that are trespassing on private property to snowshoe and ice fish. Due to surveillance cameras, and footprints in the snow, they are being traced back to people in short term rentals. Education needs to start with the owners. Some towns are

making publications to hopefully educate renters. Owners of the short term rentals may have to have renters sign off on rules and regulations. It doesn't seem as if neighboring towns are pursuing laws concerning short term rentals.

Bob Thomson said he is hoping with Jaime Parslow working for DEC and being local that something will happen soon with the Tannery Trail. Now that winter is over the ball may start rolling.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Thomson. Seconded by Eric Greiner. All were in favor 4 – 0.
Our next meeting will be May 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are 2 attachments to these minutes: 6 pages concerning Governors NY Housing Compact
Map of Stump Dump amendment changes

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