

**TOWN OF ARIETTA  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
Piseco, NY 12139**

Public Meeting Dated:  
Monday May 8, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.  
Piseco School

**Approved Minutes** - Town of Arietta Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Barry Baker at 6:02 PM.

**Members present:** Barry Baker Kevin Dorr Dan Fish Bill Hotaling

**Members absent:** Jaime Parslow

Secretary Marie Buanno

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

**Public present:** No one was in attendance.

Chairman Baker asked for roll call.

The Chairman noted that ZBA meetings are advertised to be held the second Monday of each month. He thought it important to meet just to go over a few items even though there was no hearing scheduled.

Chairman Baker asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2022 meeting. Bill Hotaling made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Fish. All were in favor (4 – 0). There were no meetings or hearings in November and December 2022. In January 2023 there was only an organizational meeting. There were no meetings or hearings in February, March and April of 2023.

He noted that there is a new Town of Arietta application for a building permit. Zoning Officer Mel LaScola orchestrated it with the help of Heide Thomson from the Town Supervisors office. The six page application is attached to these minutes. It is posted on the Towns website. Mel told the ZBA members the revision started with the inquiry of solar requirements. This is now included on the permit as Auxiliary Heat which asks the applicant to “specify”. If the solar installation is attached to the roof, the roof needs to be able to withstand the weight of the panels. Wind turbines, the APA may question so all solar and wind turbine applications will go to the APA for approval. Any solar panels on posts will go to the Planning Board for interpretation.

Also new to the building application is “Demolition/Dumping” which is a \$25. fee. The Town of Arietta has established new guidelines, with the Hamilton County Transfer Station for permits over 500 lbs. Those guidelines are included within the permit application.

Going forward, there will be a \$200. Stop Work Order fine and a \$100. Removal of Stop Work Order imposed. In the case of non-compliance of the Stop Work Order, the Sheriff will be called.

In the case of a resident having a lot of debris in their yard, a neighbor or concerned citizen will first have to write a formal complaint. Mel will take it from there to investigate the complaint and issue orders for cleanup if deemed necessary.

Mel has nothing major coming up that the Zoning Board would have to schedule a hearing for.

Chairman Baker said the Bellevilles building plans variance heard in October 2022 has been approved by the APA. Barry called the APA when the 30 day response time had elapsed and he hadn't heard from them. They said there were no comments so the project is approved. Barry is just waiting for the final prints on the project.

It was noted the property across from Piseco Lake Lodge has sold. The new owner wants to build a house. Mel told him the first thing he needs to do is get a JIF. Architect stamped plans will need to be drawn up before anything can be considered.

Mel told us he has been going to some very good seminars recently.

Barry told the ZBA members the June meeting is questionable as right now there is nothing to schedule a hearing for. He will inform everyone whether or not there will be a need to meet.

Barry noted the Town Board is now meeting at 5 PM and the Planning Board is changing their meeting time to 5 PM. Currently those who are still working full time jobs find going directly to a meeting after work is desirable, rather than waiting around until the 6 PM meeting time. He asked if it would be acceptable to change the ZBA meetings to 5:30 PM. Everyone was agreeable to go with the 5 PM start time so it is the same as the Town Board and Planning Board. Barry will submit the change to the Town Board for approval.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Dorr. Seconded by Dan Fish. All were in favor (4 – 0).

There is 1 attachment to these minutes: The 6 page Building Permit Application

Respectfully Submitted  
Marie C. Buanno