

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD

Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday September 12, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Eric Greiner (by telephone)

Mary Kiewicz

Ken Kull

Bob Thomson

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse

Others present: Jim Colton, Al Diedrich, John Boyer

Bob Thomson made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting as written. 2nd by Ken Kull. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Eric Greiner could not vote as he was not physically present at this meeting (by telephone). There was no meeting in August.

Mary noted she received notifications from the County Clerk that a map was filed concerning lands of Mark L. Thorpe and Eva Marie Suntum and a map concerning the lands of Mia Bouyea. Neither map contained the Planning Board stamp. Copies of those notices are filed with these minutes.

Having nothing dire on the agenda, Mary asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the Planning Board. Al Diedrich said he did. He has two parcels side by side and wants to take 30 feet from one parcel and add it to the other. It would go the full length of the two properties. He showed the Planning Board on a map he brought. He was told that boundary line adjustments are < ¼ acre or up to 25 feet. This would be a subdivision should he go through with it. 1.3 acres is the minimum lot size and he couldn't create a substandard lot in doing this. He was told the subdivision application is on the towns' website. He would need to get a JIF through the APA first.

Trevor at the APA notified Mary that the Dorr application for building a hunting camp on Powley Road is now complete. He has asked for the Planning Boards opinion on the project. It was agreed by all that the Planning Board approves of the project as long as the APA is satisfied. Mary will contact Trevor with the Boards thoughts.

Mel LaScola asked the members where they stand with the sign issues. He said the APA wants one flag and one free standing sign. Eric Greiner commented that when you look to neighboring towns, it looks like anything goes. (Referencing a business in Lake Pleasant that has many signs and banners advertising what they offer). Mary noted Lake Pleasant chooses not to enforce. She also reiterated that the Arietta codes have been in place and did not change with the revised book. Mel said he is getting notices from Town Board members wanting to know what is going to be done about the multiple sign locations. Mel reminded the Planning Board that at a Town Board meeting in July Patrick Knapp (owner of record of the Piseco Lake Lodge) referred to a Supreme Court ruling whereas, there would be no limit to the number of signs businesses were permitted to display. Mr. Knapp had indicated he would provide more information and speak to this but it has not happened as of yet. Mel feels someone from the Planning Board should attend the Town Board meeting and explain what the next step will be. Mary and Ken Kull will go to the next meeting to state that the sign laws should stay as is and a means of enforcement needs to happen so everyone is in compliance. Any rebuttal to the codes we will defer to the Town Attorney and respond at that time.

Bob Thomson stated he met with Jaime Parslow for the first time about the Tannery site and trail. They walked it and she seems very interested in trying to help in any way she can.

Mary noted she has given notice to the Town Supervisor that she will be leaving the Planning Board at the end of the year. She will be traveling a lot more and will not have the time to put into the Planning Board and being Chairperson that is needed. Bob Thomson also noted he plans on leaving at the end of the year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Kiewicz. Seconded by Bob Thomson. All were in favor 3 – 0.

Our next meeting will be October 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are 2 attachments to these minutes: County Clerk notifications re: Thorpe/Suntum and Bouyea maps.