

**TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD**  
**Piseco, NY 12139**

Meeting Dated: Tuesday November 14, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.  
Piseco School

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:**

Sheila Crouse

Eric Greiner

Mary Kiewicz

Ken Kull (by telephone)

Bob Thomson

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno

Others present: Mike Cullen, Jim Colton, John Boyer

Mary Kiewicz made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Greiner. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present at this meeting (by telephone). Sheila Crouse arrived after the minutes were motioned and approved.

Mary stated there isn't much new business as she has not heard from Mr. Drake-Deese who approached the Planning Board last month about a possible subdivision. Mel LaScola has not heard from him either. If he does come in with an application, the Planning Board would review the plans to be sure it is acceptable then a hearing would need to be scheduled with the neighbors within 500 feet notified through the girls in the town office.

Mel did note that a Vincent Langer had asked via an e-mail message what, if any, was the criteria on short term rentals. Mel responded asking what the address and tax map number was of the property he was inquiring about. Mr. Langer has not yet responded with information. It is unknown if he is inquiring about his own property or not. He does not appear to be on the tax rolls under his last name. All Planning Board members were in agreement that until Mel receives information from him, it is tabled.

Mary noted that if the property is not zoned "Commercial" as referenced on page 9 of the codes book, the short term rental owner would need to get a use variance. She also noted that neighboring towns have passed some laws pertaining to short term rentals but the Town of Arietta has not.

Mel noted there are no major upcoming building permits being applied for but there are many new septic system permits being applied for and mostly in the mobile home parks. Mel said he has been catching up on projects since he returned to duty. Only one was in question and Mel asked for it to be redone. The engineer is going to redesign the plans to make it right.

Mary noted there is nothing new on the sign issue.

Eric Greiner will take over as Planning Board Chairman in 2024. Mary has chosen to leave after almost 20 years. Everyone thanked her for her service and she will surely be missed! December will be her last meeting. She said she would be available for consultation if anyone wants her input. She will turn over the Planning Board stamp to Eric and go over a couple things with Eric. Bob Thomson will also be leaving. Chris Rhodes will be announcing replacements for the two seats.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Crouse. Seconded by Mary Kiewicz. All were in favor 4 – 0. Again, Ken Kull was via telephone and could not vote.

Our next meeting will be December 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.