

TOWN OF ARIETTA  
December 20, 2023  
Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Jacqui Grier present  
Douglas Stobo present  
Sarah Rudes present  
Christy Wilt present  
Chris Rhodes present  
Craig Small- Superintendent of Highways-present  
Mel LaScola- Zoning Officer-absent  
Bill Hotaling-Assessor- absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Buanno  
Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the December 4, 2023 minutes as presented by the town clerk. Sarah Rudes offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**Agenda**  
**December 20, 2023**  
at Piseco Common School  
**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the December 4, 2023 meeting
- **Resolutions:**
  - 23-12-61 Appointment Planning Board
  - 23-12-62 Airport Consultant
- **Snowmobile Trails –Grier**
- **Town Buildings and Grounds - Stobo**
- **Internal Management / Insurance,**
- **Recreation, Website & Chamber- C Wilt**
- **Finance / Airport-C. Rhodes**
- **Lake / Dam / Invasive/campsite -Rudes**
- **Superintendent report– Craig Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Mel Lascola**
- **Old Business**
  - Frontier Lease
- **New Business**
- Motion to accept the bills

- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024
- **Motion to adjourn**

## TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, State Route 8, Piseco, NY, in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-12-61

**Subject: Appointment Planning Board**

Resolution Offered By:                                 Jacqui Grier                                

**WHEREAS:** Arietta Planning Board member Mary Kiewicz will resign effective December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Arietta Town Board fill the position that will be vacant due to the resignation of Mary Kiewicz to the Arietta Planning Board for the remainder of her term ending February 28, 2026, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board, after review, will appoint James Colton to fill the vacancy on the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024, and ending February 28, 2026, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby appoint James Colton to fill the vacancy on the Arietta Planning Board effective January 1, 2024, and ending February 28, 2026.

Seconded by:                                 Doug Stobo                                 and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

| AYES:                      | NOES:                     | ABSTAIN                   | ABSENT:                   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier    x_____  | Jacquelyn Grier    _____  | Jacquelyn Grier    _____  | Jacquelyn Grier    _____  |
| Sarah Rudes        x_____  | Sarah Rudes        _____  | Sarah Rudes        _____  | Sarah Rudes        _____  |
| Douglas Stobo     x_____   | Douglas Stobo     _____   | Douglas Stobo     _____   | Douglas Stobo     _____   |
| Christy Wilt        x_____ | Christy Wilt        _____ | Christy Wilt        _____ | Christy Wilt        _____ |
| Christian Rhodes   x_____  | Christian Rhodes   _____  | Christian Rhodes   _____  | Christian Rhodes   _____  |

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Laura Morehouse
December 20, 2023

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Town Clerk
Date

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At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, State Route 8, Piseco, NY, in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

December 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 23-12-62

Subject: **Engineering Consultant for Piseco Airport Developmental Projects**

Resolution Offered By: Sarah Rudes

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has solicited qualifications from engineering consultants for professional services for the Piseco Airport developmental projects, and

**WHEREAS:** all submitted qualifications were reviewed by an appointed committee, and

**WHEREAS:** upon review of qualifications, the committee recommends that the firm of McFarland-Johnson, Inc. be chosen as the engineering consultants for the outlined projects at Piseco Airport, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** The Town Board, Town of Arietta has approved the firm of McFarland- Johnson, Inc. as engineering consultants for Piseco Airport and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

Seconded by: Jacqui Grier and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

| AYES:                   | NOES:                  | ABSTAIN               | ABSENT:                |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Grier x_____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  | Jacquelyn Grier ____  | Jacquelyn Grier _____  |
| Sarah Rudes x_____      | Sarah Rudes _____      | Sarah Rudes ____      | Sarah Rudes _____      |
| Douglas Stobo x_____    | Douglas Stobo _____    | Douglas Stobo ____    | Douglas Stobo _____    |
| Christy Wilt x_____     | Christy Wilt _____     | Christy Wilt ____     | Christy Wilt _____     |
| Christian Rhodes x_____ | Christian Rhodes _____ | Christian Rhodes ____ | Christian Rhodes _____ |

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:** Jacqui Grier had nothing to report as the trails need snow on them.

**TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Doug Stobo had nothing to report.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE, RECREATION, WEBSITE:**

Christy Wilt spoke regarding activities being held in the area.

**LAKE/DAM/INVASIVE/CAMPSITES:** Sarah Rudes reported she spoke to DEC and they are going to consolidate two campsites Little Sand and Point Comfort will be known as Pisecos Campsites. Reservations will be done the same way on line.

**CODES AND ZONING:** Mel LaScola nothing new to report.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Craig Small reported there was a lot of damage to the Powley Road during the severe rain storm, he will be surveying the damage and what is needed to repair the road for the winter. In the spring more work will be done for permanent repairs.

**AIRPORT AND FINANCE:** Chris Rhodes discussed the agreement with the town attorneys needs to signed for the 2024-2025 year. Discussion followed. All members present were in agreement that the town should continue with these attorneys as the legal counsels.

He reported that the security cameras on the airport have been upgraded to provide better coverage. There was some damage done on the airport so this upgrade will give better coverage of the area. Mohawk Valley Alarm Company installed the cameras.

There is a Piseco School bus being housed in then lower Highway Garage. It makes it easier in the winter to start and heat the bus for students.

The school has insurance on the bus.

He thanked Sarah Rudes for her 8 years of service on the Town Board. She has been a valued member and the board members agreed, she will be missed. The board was grateful she worked with them. A round of applause was given by all present.

Lastly, he went over some new rules of order for future meetings. Both Town Board, Town Clerk will be asked to adhere to these rules. Citizens in the audience will be asked to hold their questions, and comments until the Public Comment time at the end of the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jacqui Grier has not heard from Frontier regarding the lease on the building. Sarah Rudes spoke about the buying back vacation time not used.

Discussion followed; this will be addressed at a later meeting.

**No New Business:**

**BILLS:**

General Fund-Voucher # 708-729 for a total of &12,285.27

Utilities Fund-Voucher #703,706-707 for a total of \$1079.72

Highway Fund- Voucher #730-740 for a total of \$17,612.05

**Pay Bills:** At this time Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bills presented. Sarah Rudes offered the motion and Doug Stobo seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Woehrle had questions regarding FEMA possibly helping with the cost of the repairs on the Powley Road. Criag Small gave him some information connected with this question.

Marie Buanno spoke stating the Rules of Order for the meetings was a very good idea. She asked the supervisor to consider suggesting these rules to the new chairman of the Planning Board as it is very difficult to take minutes with multiple people talking. Supervisor Rhodes will talk to Mr. Griener regarding this suggestion.

The next regular board meeting will be January 2,2024 at 5:00 pm at Piseco School.

Supervisor Rhodes as for a motion to adjourn, Sarah Rudes made the motion and Doug Stobo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm wishing everyone present a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Morehouse, Town Clerk