

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday July 9, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton
Eric Greiner
Ken Kull

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse
Mike Cullen

Secretary Marie Buanno Zoning Officer Mel LaScola Others in attendance: John Boyer

Ken Kull motioned for the meeting to be brought to order, 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0.

Ken Kull made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting/hearing as written. 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0.

Chairman Eric Greiner asked Zoning Officer Mel LaScola if there was anything he would like to discuss. Mel said he had received a complaint from Susie Knapp concerning firewood being sold on the Vedder property down the road from the Piseco Lake Lodge that her family owns. She would like it gone as the Piseco Lake Lodge also sells firewood. Mel said he did measurements and it is 30 feet from Old Piseco Road in proximity. It was noted by members of the Planning Board that there are many places around town that sell firewood and there are no regulations for them in the codes book. Should Susie call him, Mel will tell her the Planning Board discussed it but there is nothing wrong with the Vedders also selling wood.

Mel received an e-mail from Kimberly McCoy (attached to these minutes). It states her neighbor wants to change the boundaries of the property lines. She does not want to do this. Any boundary line changes need to be agreed between the parties and brought to the Planning Board for approval. The only agreement she ever made with her neighbor is to try to buy an easement from NYS which they (NYS) denied. She was concerned that her neighbor could possibly do this without her consent. Mel will tell her that he addressed the Planning Board and that nothing will happen unless plans from both parties are submitted to the Planning Board for a boundary line adjustment and agreed on by the Planning Board.

Mel LaScola feels there is still a need to further discuss the sign issue. Since the last meeting he has picked up more illegal signs and received several calls about signs. Most are real estate signs and contractors signs. Two at driveways on Route 8 and one advertising a kayak for sale were taken down. One Realtor sign on Pawling Road was put back up and Mel took it down again. Approximately four tree cutting business signs were taken down. Signs never seem to get taken down when an event is over. The Planning Board has to decide if the code will be changed or if it is going to remain the same. For now, the Chairman has told anyone who has asked that currently there is a rule in effect which will be honored until such time the code is legally changed. Eric would like to wait until there is a full Planning Board to discuss it. A special meeting just to discuss signs was suggested. It was brought up that we should enforce the warnings or fines that are already in the codes book and hit people in the pocketbook when signs have to be taken down. Mel said this takes time and there are only so many hours in the day. Mel is hoping to bring his Deputy Brad Parslow in on a certain day each week to keep him in the loop. It was noted that there is an additional flag up at the Piseco Lake Lodge. Some had noticed. Ken Kull said he gave them an idea whereas a flag pole could be erected with more than one sign but he chose not to use it. Neighboring towns either don't have laws regarding flags and signs or are not enforcing the law. No matter when it is discussed whether a special meeting or our regular meeting, it has to be open to the public. Everyone was in agreement that it will be discussed further at our regular meetings with a full Board.

On a side note, Mel noted that septic approvals from NYS DOH are not coming back timely.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Colton. Seconded by Ken Kull. All were in favor 3 – 0.

Our next meeting will be August 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There is one attachment to these minutes: Copy of e-mail to Mel LaScola from Kimberly McCoy

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