

Agenda
August 5, 2024
at Piseco Common School
Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes for the July 1, & 15, 2024 meetings

- Resolutions
 - **24-08-35** Set Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2024
 - **24-08-36** Snowmobile Grooming Contracts & Apply for Grant Funding

- **Snowmobile Trails – Grier**
- **Town Buildings / Grounds - Stobo**
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite - Wilt**
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery - Rajca**
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance - Rhodes**
- **Superintendent / Report – Small**
- **Codes and Zoning – Lascola**

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**
 - Short-Term Rental Regulations
 - Petition for Street Name Change – Simola to Moose Lane
 - EMS

- Motion to accept the bills
- Motion to accept the financial statements
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, August 19, 2024

Motion to adjourn

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8, Piseco, in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

August 5, 2024 at 5:00pm

Resolution # 24-08-35

Subject: **AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024 "SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS"**

Resolution Offered By: _____

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 titled "Short Term Rental Regulations", attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Town Board, Town of Arietta, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Arietta Town Board shall hold a public hearing at the Meeting Room in the Piseco School on the 19th day of August, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024, entitled "Short Term Rental Regulations", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Town Clerk

Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School, 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

August 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 24-08-36

Subject: **Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has applied in the past for grant funding for the grooming and maintenance of the Arietta Snowmobile Trails with the NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reapply for the 2024/2025 snowmobile season and continue to contract out four (4) different sections of trail and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

WHEREAS: these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town’s application requesting grant money from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes to issue the contract agreements for the 2024/2025 grooming season to the two snowmobile clubs and the Town of Inlet for four (4) trail sections and give the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to apply for grant funding and execute the contracts.

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

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____	Jacquelyn Grier _____
John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____	John Rajca _____
Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____	Douglas Stobo _____
Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____	Christy Wilt _____
Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____	Christian Rhodes _____

Town Clerk Date

TOWN OF ARIETTA
Local Law No. 1 of 2024
Short-Term Rental Regulations

Be it enacted by the Town of Arietta Town Board, on August 19, 2024, as follows:

Section 1 – Purpose: Short Term Rentals (STRs) have become commonplace in the Town of Arietta, and regulations to protect the safety of guests and community currently do not exist. The following local law imposes mandatory regulations on all Town of Arietta property owners that desire to rent their property on a short-term basis.

Section 2 – Authority: This local law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Town Law of the State of New York.

Section 3 – Definition: A Short-Term Rental is any dwelling unit which is rented or leased for a period of less than thirty (30) days. Motels, hotels, and other dwellings already regulated by the New York State Department of Health are not included in this group.

Section 4 – Definitions and Application: Definitions and Application, as used in this local law, are analogous to and the same as it appears in the Property Maintenance Code of New York State.

Section 5 – Authorization: The Town of Arietta Town Board authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to register Short-Term Rental Units according to the provisions of this local law. Applications to register shall be processed under the procedures set forth in this law.

Section 6 – Application: All property owners desiring to rent on a short-term basis must comply with the regulations of this local law. However, nothing in this law shall alter or supersede any regulations or requirements of the Town of Arietta Zoning Ordinance, County of Hamilton, or State or Federal regulations or requirements.

Section 7 – Fee: A nonrefundable fee, set by the Town of Arietta Town Board on an annual basis, shall be submitted with each new registration or annual renewal.

Section 8 – Registration: Registration shall be completed between October 1 and October 31 each year.

Section 9 – Failure to Register: Failure to register or re-register by October 31 of each year will result in an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25) fee per month.

Section 10 – Application Forms: Applications for registering a Short-Term Rental shall be available at the Town of Arietta Office during office hours or on the Town of Arietta website. Applicants shall file a separate form for each dwelling they own. The form will request

information concerning: contact information, fire and safety compliance, parking, occupancy, water, and septic.

Section 11 – Issuance: Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Town of Arietta Code Enforcement Officer shall issue the property owner a registration valid for one year. The Code Enforcement Officer has thirty (30) days to determine if additional information is required or if the building needs to be inspected. Failure to act within thirty (30) days shall constitute an approval.

Section 12 – Renewal Permits: The applicant will provide the Town of Arietta with any changes prior to a new year’s registration being issued. The applicant will be notified within thirty (30) days if additional information is required.

Section 13 – Permitted Time: Registration will be yearly and be in effect for one (1) year, October 1 - September 30 of the following year.

Section 14 – Inspections: Each unit may be inspected by the Town Code Enforcement Officer if a concern is noted in the application or a written complaint is received. The complaint must have an identifiable complainant and be specific in violation concerns.

Section 15 – Notification: All applicants must notify, in writing, all property owners within a 200-foot radius of the rental unit. Such notification must include the name and phone number of the property owner and/or property manager should problems arise.

Section 16 – Good Neighbor Rules: All applicants will be required to post, in a conspicuous location, the Good Neighbor Poster which will be provided by the Town of Arietta to provide guests information on noise, pets, parking, occupancy, trash, emergency contacts, and address of property in case of emergency.

Section 17 – Purpose: The registration of a Short-Term Rental Property is for the purpose of information gathering for the Town’s Code Enforcement Office, to address nuisance conditions, and ensure adherence to local building codes. It is not an endorsement or approval of the residence’s safety or suitability as a rental property.



PISECO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
Piseco, New York 12139

August 2, 2024

TO: Residents of the Town of Arietta

SUBJECT: Piseco Emergency Medical Services

Many of you are aware that over the past decade Piseco Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance has experienced a significant decline in the number of volunteers willing to train and certify, or re-certify, as an EMT. This is part of a NYS and nationwide trend. But we are now in a situation where we are not, on our own, able to provide adequate emergency medical services (EMS) to the Piseco community. Our need to rely on mutual aid from the Speculator Volunteer Ambulance is far more than it should be. An effort to contract for on-site EMT staffing fell through 2 years ago – because the provider could not find enough EMT-certified people to hire to meet the requirements. (See earlier comment about trends.)

Fortunately we have a solution going forward that will address this, while providing more responsive and reliable EMS capabilities to cover our area. Piseco Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) has finalized an agreement with the Speculator Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SVAC) to take over our coverage area for EMS response. The “compensation” to them will be to lease our current ambulance (for an annual fee of \$1). It will be stationed at their facility in Speculator. They will use it along with their own ambulance to respond to EMS calls in Speculator, Lake Pleasant and Piseco. Speculator has been very successful in bucking the trend with EMT staffing. They have a sufficient number of EMS volunteers to cover this additional area. Since we will still own that ambulance, PVFD will provide for all maintenance, repair, and general logistical support. This is a five year contract. We expect it to renew, so we are also committing to replace our leased ambulance under the same terms when it reaches its operational end-of-life.

We think this is a “win/win” for PVFD and SVAC and, more importantly, for the residents of both areas. The Speculator/Lake Pleasant area has a significantly higher EMS call rate than Piseco. They will be able to expand their capability to respond to these calls, to include simultaneous response with an ambulance to more than one call location. And Piseco will have a more reliable and experienced EMS response. We are very grateful to SVAC for helping us in the past and going forward with this agreement.

We understand that an immediate concern would be the response time from Speculator. For the past few years, due to no Piseco EMT available at the time, we have had to overly rely on SVAC to cover more and more of our EMS calls under mutual aid agreements. On balance we anticipate that response times to calls in Piseco will significantly decrease under this agreement since the initial response notification will go directly from the Sheriff's Office dispatcher to SVAC. We do plan to maintain a medical first responder capability within PVFD by transitioning some current ambulance members to our fire service. We have several potential candidates already trained, or who are willing to train. They would respond directly to the call location with sufficient knowledge/certification and equipment to provide immediate care and assessment until SVAC arrives on scene. That capability is still a work in progress and will take 6-12 months to spin up. We are already working with NYS Department of Health (DOH) for authorization for this capability.

From a budget and cost perspective for Piseco taxpayers, this is pretty much a wash. We do not anticipate that this change will increase our budget requirements. We already maintain and equip an ambulance and set aside savings for the purchase of its replacement.

I hope this letter gets widely and quickly distributed. If it reaches you by social media or other means, please share. We understand you may have questions and concerns. I and a few others (mainly Tony Colby, Chris Rhodes and Craig Small) who have been working this solution with SVAC, DOH, and within PVFD, would be glad to address your concerns. We will try to be available at upcoming community events or meetings.

JONATHAN D, LANE
President, Piseco Volunteer Fire Department