

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday December 10, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton
Mike Cullen
Eric Greiner
Ken Kull (by telephone)

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse
Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno No public in attendance.

Mike Cullen motioned for the meeting to be brought to order, 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present.

Mike Cullen made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting as written. 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Again, Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present.

Chairman Eric Greiner noted Zoning Officer Mel LaScola was not feeling well and could not attend. He had not indicated that there was any new information to share. Sheila Crouse had an emergency situation and could not attend. Eric felt we should continue discussing thoughts on how to modify the sign codes. He noted that nothing would be finalized without Mel and Sheilas input.

Constructive suggestions were brought up at the last meeting concerning modifying the zoning codes on signs.

Jim Colton wanted to discuss the location of temporary signs, specifically realtors signs. Mike Cullen feels how ever many signs a property owner is allotted, they should get permission from whomever owns the property to put them up. In some cases posting them on the edge of the road would be in the right of way. All were in agreement. Mels input would be needed as far as how to keep track of time limits imposed.

Other preliminary ideas included:

Ken noted that there should be no more than one pole or freestanding sign on any parcel of land. Multiple businesses would need to fit on the same sign.

Eric noted the square footage of signs should be increased from 20 to 24 square feet. Luminous signs are permitted with a limit of 15 square feet. The square footage in all subsequent signage codes that reference the 20 feet limit should be changed accordingly to 24 square feet.

Mike Cullen felt banners need to be addressed. He has spoken with Susie Knapp from Piseco Lake Lodge. They currently have 5 banners that are 2ft. X 12ft. They want to be able to use them. They are temporary signs and are only up if they are open. He felt we need to be helping businesses do what they need to do to survive. He felt a limited number per parcel could be in the code.

Eric felt in the spirit of cooperating with local businesses we should create a provision to allow them to have temporary banners and signage as needed. It can be discussed with the business owner if it becomes problematic. Ken was not a fan of the banners. He felt more permanent signs should be implemented instead of banners. It was noted that a permanent sign is a pretty big expense to a business owner as opposed to the banners. Ken said he will go with what the majority want to do as far as the banners go.

There is much more discussion needed until an agreement to all changes can be made and submitted to the Town Board. Once changes are agreed on, they will have to be presented to the Town Supervisor to bring to the Town Board. It will also have to go to the APA.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Cullen. Seconded by Jim Colton. All were in favor 3 – 0.
Our next regular meeting will be January 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.