

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday January 14, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton

Sheila Crouse

Mike Cullen

Eric Greiner (by telephone)

Members absent:

Ken Kull

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno Zoning Officer Mel LaScola Richard Wilt

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

Mike Cullen made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting as written. 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Again, Eric Greiner could not vote as he was not physically present and Sheila Crouse could not vote as she did not attend the December meeting. Alternate Marie Buanno voted.

Everyone who was at the December meeting felt that a consensus of the changes needing to be made to the signage codes were agreed on. Sheila Crouse was not at the last meeting but was in agreement with the changes proposed. Zoning Officer Mel LaScola was not at the last meeting and had not had a chance to look over the proposed changes. Everyone agreed to table this topic until the next meeting so Mel would have time to review them. At the next meeting a final proposal will be drawn up to submit to the Town Board.

Rick Wilt said his Mother-in-law died (Nancy Palmer) and everyone in the family is wanting the use of the parcel she owned on the lake at 32 O’Toole Way. It is 130 feet of shoreline. He wants both his son and daughter to have a Right of Way to the property put on their deeds so they can all use the beach there for as long as they own their current properties. The ROW would go with the property should it be sold outside the family as it would be in the deed. The issue is that Code #5.023 states “Where fewer than five residential lots, sites or units are involved, fifty feet is required.” If 100 feet is required for the property itself, less than five more ROW’s would need 50 feet which would make the property 20 feet short of complying with the request. You cannot double count shore frontage. Rick was asking for the Planning Boards input on how to achieve this as he wants to do it correctly. Mel feels the Board should ask the Town Attorney to start with. Rick was thinking because it is outside how the code reads that he would need a variance from the Zoning Board but thought he would start with the Planning Board first. It was suggested that Rick come back next month with a survey map. Eric Greiner feels it is our obligation to accommodate a property owner and not just automatically send it off to the Zoning Board. Eric would like the Planning Board to decide on this as a unified front next month after looking at the survey map. Mel cautioned that any variation to the written zoning codes needs a variance.

Mel said he had a few items to discuss that can wait until next month to present them to a full Planning Board.

Rick Wilt asked if he could comment on the sign law issue. He said when the codes book was revamped, many, many hours were spent on it to arrive at what we have now. Not everything is perfect but he cautioned that if you give a little, they will take a mile. Since he is coming to the next meeting, the members welcome his input. Mike suggested the proposed changes should be sent to Rick for review. Rick added that there used to be the Adirondack Sign Law. Our codes are based on that.

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 February 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.