

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday August 12, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton

Mike Cullen

Ken Kull

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse

Eric Greiner

Public in attendance: Gail L. Colton Mary Beth Sherman Rick Wilt

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

Ken Kull made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2025 meeting as written. 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Alternate Marie Buanno voted to form a quorum on this vote as Mike Cullen was absent from the July meeting.

Jim Colton ran the meeting in Chairman Greiners absence and asked Mary Beth Sherman to address the Planning Board. She and her husband have two properties on Higgins Bay Road. They are looking to buy an acre from a neighbor to square off her property. They are 1.3 acre zoning. She eventually wants to divide them into two parcels for her two children and create an easement. One parcel is 1.3 acres and one will be 2.8 acres. She wanted to be sure the 1.3 acre zoning was not going to change in the foreseeable future. If it might, she wanted to try to buy more acreage. They are actually adding an acre, combining both parcels then splitting them in two and changing the boundary lines. She is in the process of getting a JIF determination from the APA. Everyone agreed this is doable.

Rick Wilt approached the Planning Board last month to get clarification of the steps he needed to take in order to do a simple boundary line adjustment. The corner of his neighbors garage is on the property line by 5 ft. Rick and Lynn Wilt want to give the neighbor the property so he can navigate around the corner of the garage. Since it is preexisting he would not have to adhere to the 15 ft. setback rule. There is a threshold which Zoning Officer Mel LaScola confirmed is less than ¼ acre and less than 25 feet. This project is under that threshold. The APA has said they have no jurisdiction over this. A map of this parcel, the two page JIF and a notice from his surveyor is attached to these minutes After brief discussion about the project, Ken Kull made a motion to approve the boundary line adjustment. 2nd by Mike Cullen. All were in favor 3 – 0. So moved. Eric Greiner will stamp and sign the mylar upon his return.

Jim Colton noted that the document of changes to the sign laws is considered intergovernmental communication and needs to be more formal. Jim went through and disregarded any that we are not considering changing. The document needs to state the current regulation, the proposed regulation changes and the justification for the changes. He noted that Mel LaScola was concerned that there was nothing suggested as to how enforcement will happen. Jim worked up some suggestions. Mel wondered if there needed to be steps as to first offense, second offense, third offense, etc. for penalties. Jim said the justifications are his own interpretation. He advised everyone read over his suggestions and get back to him individually. Ken Kull said it would be nice to have time to digest these new suggestions. It was suggested a copy be sent to Town Supervisor Chris Rhodes to see if the board is on the right track. The board members will get comments to Jim Colton via e-mail which will give direction as to how the board will proceed.

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

Our next regular meeting will be September 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There is one 4-page attachment to these minutes: Rick and Lynn Wilt map, APA JIF and surveyor notice all regarding boundary line adjustment approved.

Attachments are not published. Copies may be obtained from the Town Clerk.