

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday September 9, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton

Sheila Crouse (by telephone)

Mike Cullen

Eric Greiner

Ken Kull

Secretary Marie Buanno

Members absent:

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

No public was in attendance.

Eric Greiner motioned for the meeting to be brought to order. 2nd by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 4 – 0. Sheila did not vote as she was not physically present.

Mike Cullen made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting as written. 2nd by Ken Kull. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Sheila Crouse and Eric Greiner were absent from the August meeting so they did not vote.

Chairman Greiner said he didn't think there was anything on the agenda tonight but to button up the proposed changes to the sign laws for presentation to the Town Board. Jim Colton said he gave everyone a copy of the proposed changes and justifications plus a cover letter addressed to the Town Clerk and Town Board. Mike Cullen responded to Jim stating he was opposed to any penalties being part of the law changes. Mike explained that one of the things discussed in making the sign law changes was to make Arietta more business friendly. All that may happen in trying to impose penalties is to cause further problems with businesses. In looking at the signs that Mel LaScola has collected, Ken Kull feels there is not an overwhelming amount of businesses represented. They are repetitive offenses. Mike felt if we want them gone after, say 30 days, there might be a way to flag them and have them picked up on garbage day. This should be less confrontational and easier to do business here. Sheila Crouse agreed and felt the penalty aspect came from an isolated incident several years ago. Jim noted the penalties were put in as a request by Mel. Several Planning Board members have offered to police the signs if need be so they get disposed of timely rather than having penalties. It is the feeling of the majority of Planning Board members that this will make Mels job easier without penalties. Eric will reach out to Mel about not having penalties added to the law. Jim will update the letter without penalties and send it to all Planning Board members. Everyone commended Jim on the work he did finalizing the changes to present to the Town Board. Eric, Jim, Ken and Marie will attend the Town Board meeting Monday September 15th to answer any questions the Town Board might have. Mike and Sheila will try to attend as well. Jim Colton made a motion to accept the proposal with justifications minus penalties and present it in that format to the Town Board. 2nd by Mike Cullen. So moved. The vote was 4 – 0. (Sheila did not vote).

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Colton. Seconded by Ken Kull. All were in favor 4 – 0. (Sheila did not vote).

Our next regular meeting will be October 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.