

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

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

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton (by telephone)

Mike Cullen

Eric Greiner

Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary/Alternate Marie Buanno

Members absent:

Sheila Crouse

Ken Kull

No public was in attendance.

Eric Greiner motioned for the meeting to be brought to order. 2nd by Mike Cullen. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Jim did not vote as he was not physically present. Alternate Marie Buanno made the quorum.

Eric Greiner made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2025 meeting as written. 2nd by Mike Cullen. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Again, Alternate Marie Buanno made the quorum. Jim Colton attended by telephone this meeting and did not vote.

Chairman Greiner asked Mel LaScola if he had anything new to bring to the boards attention. He said no, only the continuation of the sign law issues.

Eric commented that he and Jim Colton attended the last Town Board meeting. Jim is in the process of changing some of the language that was suggested by the Town Board. Chris Rhodes had done some research on his own and liked some of the principles and guidelines the Town of Inlet has used in their sign ordinance. Eric and Jim plan on attending a future Town Board meeting to present those suggested changes. It seems as though it is close to being accepted by the Town Board. Jim Colton noted he wished the feedback from Chris and the Town Board had been a little more specific as to which ideas they thought the Planning Board should consider implementing from the Town of Inlet. Jim said he also was under the impression from Chris that the Planning Board is trying to appease one particular business and a balance needs to be achieved to accommodate all. On another note, Mel said he found a highlighted suggestion on his desk that indicates the length of time signs should be allowed up. This goes back to who and how is this going to be enforced? It was agreed that the change would contain verbiage that lets business owners know temporary signs and banners could only be up during business hours. This tends to create still another problem concerning those signs at air bnb establishments. What are the open for business hours considered for them? Mel felt the only way to do this would be to allow them from dawn to dusk or taken down when you are closed on a certain day of the week. Mike Cullen said the Town of Inlet does not have the same purpose for signage that we do. Our main purpose for changing the signage laws are to make them more business friendly. That is what started the whole signage conversation. Mel will see that the highlights that were left for him are sent to the other Planning Board members for them to look over. It is Mel's understanding that the Town Board wants to see the whole sign law as it is written right now with the actual proposed changes noted for comparison. Jim said he would see if he can figure out how to do that. Eric will contact Chris Rhodes and the Town Board members to find out if they are looking at specifics in the Town of Inlet signage law to adapt ours to. Eric and Jim will attend the first Town Board meeting of the new year on January 5, 2026 to discuss this further.

Jim noted his term is up in February and wondered what happens. He is willing to stay on. Chris Rhodes will have to reappoint him at that time.

Marie noted she will no longer serve as Planning Board Secretary now that she is Town Clerk. A new Secretary will need to be appointed by Chris Rhodes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Greiner. Seconded by Mike Cullen. All were in favor 3 – 0. (Jim did not vote).

Our next regular meeting will be January 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.