

**TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD**  
**Piseco, NY 12139**

Meeting Dated:  
Tuesday November 13, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
Piseco School

**Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:**

Sheila Crouse  
Mary Kiewicz  
Bryan Rudes  
Bob Thomson  
Alternate/Secretary Marie Buanno

**Members absent:**

Paul Beaudoin

Others present: Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Town of Arietta Planning Board meeting was called to order by Mary Kiewicz at 6:07 PM. Sheila Crouse made a motion to waive the reading of the October 9, 2018 minutes, dispense with the reading of them and to accept the minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Kiewicz. All were in favor 3 – 0. Bob Thomson and Bryan Rudes could not vote as they were absent from the October meeting.

There was no new information to discuss on Piseco Lake Lodge except Mel LaScola mentioning they avoided paying for a demolition permit by getting a dumpster from Gagliano.

Mary received a notification from the Hamilton County Clerk stating a map had been filed for the McEvoy parcel at 1249 Old Piseco Rd. The map does not contain our Planning Board stamp. That notice is filed with these minutes.

Mary did not have anything new to share from Robin Burgess of the APA concerning our density project. Sheilas chart was perfect and was forwarded to Robin.

Septic Law – Septic Committee is working on creating a survey to send out with the property tax bills in December. That committee is working on questions the survey will contain regarding the property owners septic, how old it is, when it was last inspected, pumped, etc. Barry Baker came up with about 250 “old” camps in Piseco that may have old systems. Hopefully people will respond to the survey. The committee will be meeting Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Die testing (although not foolproof) has been looked into. Lenny Croote from Hamilton County Soil and Water is certified to do the testing at a minimal cost of \$5.00. Mary has been made aware of the Septic Regulation book that Arietta already has. It mainly has to deal with installation of septic systems. It does not include any administration or enforcement tactics. Mary asked the opinion of Planning Board members concerning the survey. The Planning Board works with septic plans to some degree. Planning Board members felt that it should be a regulation to test systems for the preservation of the lake as that is our main asset. The survey will also serve as notification that a Septic Law is coming to Arietta. Mel LaScola mentioned that Adirondack Septic has the ability of not just pumping septic tanks but inspecting the condition of the tank after it is emptied via a camera he puts down into the system. The cost is approximately \$650.00.

Mel LaScola told the members that he has investigated two properties that are having septic issues. He is trying to work with the owners of each for them to take action and resolve the issues or he will instruct them to cease use of the system. Mel showed letters with color pictures attached of the systems he sent to the owners. If they do not comply and fix the system, there are provisions in the current regulation book for Mel to fine them \$250.00 per day until it is fixed.

Last month Barry Baker noted there are a few errors in the codes book. Possibly the numbers were transferred from using a different towns book as reference when the book was updated. Mary will try to get the errors corrected so the Town office has a corrected copy. A corrected copy will also be put on the website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Crouse. Seconded by Bob Thomson. All were in favor 4 – 0.  
Our next meeting will be January 8, 2019. There will be no December meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno