

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated:
Tuesday July 14, 2020– 6:00 P.M.
Piseco School

Approved Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Mary Kiewicz

Bryan Rudes

Bob Thomson

Secretary Marie Buanno Others present: Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Members absent:

Paul Beaudoin

Sheila Crouse

The approving of the February and March 2020 meeting minutes was postponed until the next meeting. There were not enough members present who attended those meetings to make a motion to accept. There were no meetings in April, May or June due to COVID-19 guideline restrictions.

A motion was made by Bryan Rudes to waive the reading of the September 2019 minutes and to accept them as written. 2nd by Bob Thomson. All were in favor 3 – 0.

The County Clerk sent a notification that a map was filed that did not contain the Planning Board stamp on it regarding the division line between the lands of Jill Cuthbertson and Thomas and Nadine Breiner.

In looking over the March minutes Mary noted she had told Peter Blessing he could not do what he set out to do with the project on his property. Mel LaScola said he is going to come back with a smaller building proposal in the future. Also, his neighbor is planning on selling her property and is not happy that he may be building where she can see it which may make it difficult to sell her property. Peter will still need to obtain a variance for what he is doing. The neighbor seemed glad to know she could come and voice her opinion.

Mary said along the lines of what Pete was proposing to do initially there have been several inquiries about property owners wanting to combine smaller pieces of property to give them more road frontage. Someone wanted to buy the Arietta Hotel and combine that to her current deed to save money by having one title search done. Mary told her they could be put on one tax bill but they would not be combined for that purpose. Bill Hotaling reiterated that when the person called him.

Several locations around Arietta were brought up that members felt were eyesores and technically should be condemned. Mel told us he is not authorized to condemn buildings. Only a structural engineer can condemn buildings. Mel is going to talk to someone he knows to see what the process is for obtaining the services of a structural engineer.

Mary also told us Katie Smith inquired about property lines on O'Toole Lane. Two deeds have questionable dates on them and there is questionable language in them as to who they can be sold to. Long story short, Mary let her know subdivisions need a JIF. Mel indicated he had complaints about O'Tooles septic system. The complaints also went to the APA and DEC. Everyone including Town Supervisor Rick Wilt checked it out. It is an engineered system that is compliant.

Mel told us about a big problem with a fence that was put up on a road off Higgins Bay Road. The woman put up a four foot chain-linked fence between she and her neighbor blocking off the road. The setback from a road is 75 feet on a State road and 50 feet on a public highway. He noted the definitions of "Building" and "Structure" which both note fences. Mel needed to have the Planning Board talk about what a remedy would be as people are complaining and he doesn't feel he has anything concrete to refer to.

Mel also mentioned an anonymous note he got about a lean-to that was built on Higgins Bay. He checked it out and it is legitimate and even has the proper overhang.

One more item Mel had was the enclosed e-mail from some tenants in Moreys mobile home park. They wanted to replace their old trailer with a small camp on skids. It was agreed that while the camp would be more desirable to look at, it is not complying with mobile home park codes to remain mobile. Also, whenever they replace, it will have to have a new septic system installed.

Septic Law review – Mel highlighted areas for discussion and put in suggestions. A copy is attached here. Mary and Mel will both be going to the Town Board meeting to present what was decided at this meeting.

Short term rentals – are on the rise. A Realtor for the people buying Caseys property on Pawling Road have inquired as to whether it can be purchased for the purpose of short term rentals. Bill Hotaling told Mel there is nothing keeping them from renting it out. It will be an air bnb, not a bed and breakfast. Bryan felt some regulations need to be set as more and more properties are being purchased for this. Bryan said he would spearhead getting info on short term rentals. He will try to get code modifications from other towns and/or the APA.

Tannery update from Bob Thomson – Nick Addison will be talking to his employers at DEC about making it ADA compliant.

Foxy Brown ski trail bridge needs to be repaired. Bryan Rudes said the PLA is paying Nick Addison to do this as the State has no money to fund it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Rudes. Seconded by Bob Thomson. All were in favor 3 – 0.

Our next meeting will be August 11, 2020.

There are three attachments to these minutes.

- 1 page Cuthbertson map filing notification
- 4 page Morey mobile home park inquiry
- 6 page Septic Law Draft

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno