

Agenda

August 6th 2018

Town of Arietta

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approve minutes for the July 2nd
- Resolutions
18-08-25

Snowmobile Trails & Town Buildings and Grounds-**Knapp**
Internal Management / Insurance, - **Grier**
Recreation, Website & Chamber, -**C.Wilt**
Finance / Airport-**R.Wilt**
Lake / Dam / Invasive-**Rudes**

- New Business
Highway garage
Cemetery
Old Business
Cameras
Campsite-TRP to maintain ground
- Financial statements
- Accept the Bills
- Public Comment
- Designation of next regular Meeting Tuesday September 4th
- **Motion to adjourn**

TOWN OF ARIETTA

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Snowmobile Trail Narrative 3 Year Plan

The Town of Arietta is applying for funding under the Snowmobile Trail Grant-In-Aid Application to fund snowmobile trail grooming to maintain its current trail system. The trail system has been approved by the State of New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The Town of Arietta Trail System consists of 92.2 miles of trail, 69 miles of which are Class A & B Corridor Trails on state land, with the remaining being Class B Secondary trails crossing private property. This trail system connects with the neighboring area trails, which continue throughout the state. Connecting these trails with other areas is important and essential to the economy of our Town. The Town is open, through public meetings, where community support is exercised and all interested individuals may come and contribute time, effort and ideas to improve, finance and maintain the Arietta Trail System.

The Town of Arietta has taken back some of the trail system from contractors and have hired town employees to complete the necessary grooming of the trails. The Town has brought the necessary equipment needed for the employees to use for maintaining these trails. The Town of Arietta is applying for a grant to purchase a new Groomer in 2017/2018 as the current BR180 is a 1997 and has needed repairs during the past two seasons and will to be used as a backup. The Town of Arietta has been very fortunate to have dedicated groomers who commit to three of the trails by contracts annually. Our contracted groomers use their own equipment and drags on the trails in their contracts with the town for use in grooming the trails. In 2018 the Town of Inlet has taken over a section of trail and is now is paid on a contract as the two clubs. During the month of October through March the trails are cleared and maintained in accordance with the NYSDEC terms and conditions of the temporary revocable permit renewed annually and OPRHP's Snowmobile Trail Manual. The Town routinely expends money for bridge planking and signage, which is replaced and maintained by both the town employees and contracted groomers. During the winter season, trails are routinely groomed in compliance with state standards and as stated in the annual signed contract with the Town. The Town of Arietta has worked to maintain safe trails and has replaced many bridges in the past three years. In 2018 due to weather conditions the Bridge on S88 had to be replaced to flooding and wash out. The town of Arietta will continue to maintain all the current bridges and make any repairs and/or replacements as needed. The Spy Lake Trail was upgrade to tracked groomer status through the Lake Pleasant Snowmobile Club who the Town of Arietta contracts with for this trail.

The Jessup's River UMP has finally been accepted by DEC and APA. The Town of Arietta stands to lose approximately 8 miles of trail in this one UMP only, Ferris Lake UMP is pending and the Town of Arietta again will lose significant mileage.

The past three year plans have been ignored by DEC, with the current UMP in place the trail upgrade's to track groomers will be on the shoulders of DEC personnel, the Town may provide some man power to assist in new trail placement.

Our whole Snowmobile trail system will be impacted when these two UMPs are finalized in the near future. Bridge design for Track Groomers will be necessary if corridor trails are upgraded as proposed by DEC. Currently State Route 10 road is used for access from the north side of Piseco outlet to south side. We will be applying for additional funding within the next three years to install a bridge adjacent to the Piseco Spillway to provide safe passage over the outlet.

A parking area has been created for additional truck and snowmobile trailer parking on State Route 10 with a short trail connecting to a corridor trail. There are two restaurants on the trail system one has gas available for the snowmobilers. There is a small gas station and dell that is also accessible by the snowmobile. In the Town of Arietta is located a garage that specializes in the fixing and maintenance of snowmobiles if any if needed and is located off the trail system. Also located within the trail system are inns and a motel for snowmobilers if they require lodging. The Town of Arietta applies for a TRP to plow the camp site parking areas for winter use of the area. The NYSDEC closed the first campsite Popular Point which the town has applied for a TRP to maintain the day use area for parking in winter and summer for use of the area.

The Speculator Chamber of Commerce publishes trail maps and advertisement for the area of Hamilton County which are available at no costs to everyone. These maps show the existing trail system in the county. They also show the gas stations, lodging, and restaurants that are available to the snowmobilers.

The Town has submitted the GPS data for the existing trail system in accordance for the new mandates which have been approved. The Town of Arietta will continue to follow the outline provided by NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to keep the current trail system within the Town of Arietta updated by GPS. This will give a more accurate mileage and trail placement for the current master plan on file.

The snowmobile season creates service jobs in the existing businesses and accounts for over 50% of the business income in this area. Snowmobiling is vital to our struggling economy. There is a growing concern for additional funding for public safety awareness programs to provide assurance to the groomers during peak seasons when there is a demand of increased grooming in our area. Throughout March, the Arietta Trail System receives an increase in traffic as other areas close their trails due to lack of snow. Well

groomed trails make it easier for more to enjoy the beauty of the interior Adirondack wilderness.

TOWN OF ARIETTA

At a regular meeting of the Arietta Town Board at the Piseco Common School on 1722 State Route 8 in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York on:

August 6, 2018 at 6:00pm

Resolution # 18 – 08 - 25

Subject: **Snowmobile Grooming Contracts and Apply for Grant Funding**

Resolution Offered By: _____

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has applied in the past for grant funding for the grooming and maintenance of the Arietta Snowmobile Trails with NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board, Town of Arietta has decided to reapply for the 2018/2019 snowmobile season and continue to contract out four (4) different sections of trail and hire employees to maintain the remaining sections of trail, and

WHEREAS: these annual contracts are a necessary part of the Town’s application requesting grant money from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation for trail clearing, maintenance and grooming, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes to issue the contract agreements for the 2018/2019 grooming season to the two snowmobile clubs and the Town of Inlet for four (4) trail sections and give the Town Supervisor permission to sign the necessary documents to apply for grant funding and execute the contracts.

Seconded by: _____ and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Jacquelyn Grier _____
Sarah Rudes _____
Michael Knapp _____
Christy Wilt _____
Richard Wilt _____

Jacquelyn Grier _____
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Town Clerk

Date _____ 2018