

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

Meeting Dated: Tuesday April 9, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:**

Jim Colton  
Mike Cullen  
Eric Greiner  
Ken Kull (by telephone)

**Members absent:**

Sheila Crouse  
Zoning Officer Mel LaScola

Secretary Marie Buanno    Others in attendance: John Boyer, Kent Drake-Deese (by telephone).

Mike Cullen motioned for the meeting to be brought to order, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Colton. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present at this meeting (by telephone).

Jim Colton made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Greiner. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Again, Ken Kull could not vote as he was not physically present at this meeting (by telephone).

Chairman Eric Greiner shared the APA JIF that was received concerning the Drake-Deese subdivision. (A copy is attached to these minutes as well as the proposed subdivision map and APA structure height regulations). Ken Kull will reach out to Lee Green who is the surveyor. More information is needed on the map including well and septic location on original parcel and approximate placement of same on subdivided parcel. The dimensions of the building and setbacks footage will also need to be noted. Until that is received and approved, we cannot schedule or advertise for a hearing.

Eric noted the Town received a letter from Jenny Smith who owns the Balsam Inn on Route 10. A guest of hers driving from the south drove right past her place of business. The guest, of course, had no cell service either. She ended up tuning around and eventually found it. Jenny asked if there is anything that could be done about signage. Eric contacted her and told her our signage regulations are adopted from the APA recommendations. She wondered if there was something else that could be done directing people to her. Eric suggested she contact the state to see if she could get into their program for rural areas to get a sign put up. Ken noted the Irondequoit Inn has one the state put up.

The lack of cell service above was a perfect segway to the notice Jim Colson received from the APA. It was a notification indicating applications were received by the APA from the Hamilton County Emergency Services/Verizon Wireless/Hudson Valley Wireless regarding the project on Route 8 to provide cell and emergency services via a tower. It was sent to a select few and Jim shared it with us. (A copy is attached to these minutes).

Jim noted he will be attending the sessions in Saranac Lake on April 24 & 25.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Greiner. Seconded by Mike Cullen. All were in favor 3 – 0. Again, Ken Kull was via telephone and could not vote.

Our next meeting will be May 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are four attachments to these minutes: Drake-Deese JIF from the APA (front & back), Drake-Deese proposed subdivision map (incomplete), The APA building height regulations (front and back) and The APA notification that they received two applications regarding cell and emergency services tower locations and installation (front and back) as submitted by Jim Colton.