

TOWN OF ARIETTA PLANNING BOARD
Piseco, NY 12139

Meeting Dated: Tuesday November 11, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. Piseco School

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Jim Colton
Sheila Crouse
Mike Cullen
Eric Greiner
Ken Kull (by telephone)
Zoning Officer Mel LaScola
Secretary Marie Buanno

Members absent:

No public was in attendance.

Mike Cullen motioned for the meeting to be brought to order. 2nd by Jin Colton. The vote in favor was 4 – 0. Ken did not vote as he was not physically present.

Jin Colton made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting as written. 2nd by Mike Cullen. The vote in favor was 3 – 0. Sheila Crouse attended by telephone for the October meeting so she did not vote. Ken Kull attended by telephone this meeting and did not vote.

Chairman Greiner asked Jim Colton to elaborate on what he learned from Highway Superintendent Craig Small on the right-of-way signage. Jim noted it will be a much more complicated change as the right-of-ways vary so much with our town having town, county and state roads to comply with. You cannot have a sign in a right-of-way. Much discussion ensued including possibly having a survey map per instance to prove where the property ends and the right-of-way begins. Jim noted that our proposal states that “no sign shall be erected or maintained within the right-of-way nor within 10 feet of the road bed of any public street or highway”. Mel said whatever the Planning Board decides, each case will have to be decided on it’s own merits. Mike said our proposal seems fine as long as it is also understood that a survey map is produced defining the property lines of the applicant. Jim said the sticking point is that our proposal changes the within 20 feet from the road bed to 10 feet. Mel confirmed that when measuring, it is from the shoulder of the road. Ken felt placement of a sign should have nothing to do with the right-of-way. Eric noted that it is not permitted to put a sign on someone else’s property. A right-of-way is someone else’s property. Craig Small noted to Jim that he spoke with officials in Indian Lake and they concurred that the property owner would need to provide a survey map showing exact ownership when defining a right-of-way for placement of a sign. If the sign is not in compliance, the sign will be removed at the expense of the owner. Mel noted that whatever is decided needs to be reflected throughout the codes book concerning placement and definition of anything to do with signage. Ken said he went to Indian Lake recently and noted that he took pictures of several signs there that are within 10 feet of the road. Mike felt perhaps the wording we already proposed is reasonable, which is, 10 feet off the road bed and not within the right-of-way and the owner has to provide proof. Ken disagreed with the right-of-way having any part in the equation. Mike also said we also want to remember we are trying to make it welcoming for people to have businesses in Arietta. Jim noted the current code states “no sign shall be erected or maintained within the right-of-way”. It was also noted that if the permit is denied, the owner can always go for a variance. Everyone present was in agreement to resubmit the existing proposal. Jim will update the paperwork cover page and email to everyone. Eric will get us on the Town Board agenda for December 1, 2025. Eric, Jim and Sheila will attend the December 1, 2025 Town Board meeting to field questions anyone may have.

Mel had nothing new to report. He is just hoping for a smoother year in 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Cullen. Seconded by Sheila Crouse. All were in favor 4 – 0. (Ken did not vote).

Our next regular meeting will be December 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Marie C. Buanno

There are no attachments to these minutes.