

# TOWN OF ARIETTA

February 17, 2026

Town Board Regular Meeting

Piseco School Meeting Room

with corrections

Supervisor Rhodes opened the meeting at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL:

Christian Rhodes-Supervisor-present

Jacquelyn Grier- present

Jennifer Smith-present

Douglas Stobo-present

Christy Wilt-present

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Craig Small-Highway Superintendent

Mel LaScola-Codes and Zoning Officer

Steve Woehrle

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the February 2, 2026 meeting as presented by the Town Clerk via e-mail.

Doug Stobo offered the motion to accept the February 2, 2026 minutes with an amendment. He noted that the estimates he is getting are for the Lower Town Equipment Garage, not the Community Hall as stated in the minutes. It was also noted the January 20, 2026 minutes had the same error. Chris asked for a second on the motion with noted amendments. Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution 26-02-10 was read. (Appointment Planning Board Member) Doug Stobo offered the motion to approve. Chris asked for a second on the motion. Jenny Smith seconded it. Chris asked if there was any other discussion. There was none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed. The Agenda and Resolutions are attached to these minutes.

Resolution 26-02-11 was read. (Alternate Planning Board Member) Jacqui Grier offered the motion to approve. Chris asked for a second on the motion. Christy Wilt seconded it. Chris asked if there was any other discussion. There was none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution 26-02-12 was read. (T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application) Jacqui Grier offered the motion to approve. Doug Stobo seconded the motion. Chris was of the feeling that more discussion was needed before the ~~motion was seconded and subsequent~~ vote. He asked Jenny

Smith who brought this grant idea to the Town of Arietta Board if we were on target for the deadline to apply. She replied that the due date is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Most of the information has been obtained. There is a need for five letters of support from local business owners and the formality of a building permit to be filled out for the roof with Zoning Officer Mel LaScola even though the town is not required to get building permits. Town information is required on a drop-down menu on the application. Christy Wilt offered to help Jenny obtain the letters of support. Several businesses were suggested. Jenny will work on filling out what she can and get information she does not know from Chris. It was believed to be the last of these grants to apply for. Christy wondered if anything energy efficient had been considered for the **SRE main Highway** building. Craig changed to LED lights. Putting an electric heat pump in would be the only other install to consider. Chris felt the idea of more insulation would be hard to do in a structure of that type. **Doug Stobo seconded the motion.** Chris asked if there was any other discussion. There was none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEES:**

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier said everything is going great with the trails. There have been many compliments on the conditions of the trails. Very few complaints. The fireworks were held at the Oxbow February 14<sup>th</sup> which was well attended. She thanked the Town for the contribution towards the fireworks. She said there was no new information on the fuel system at the airport. She cannot find a second card reader company and there has been no contact from the first person she was e-mailing with. Jenny Smith offered to share the contact she has for the system she uses at her business.

Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo reported he heard from the man from Sacandaga Paint & Stain Company again. He will be back from vacation this coming week and will be in touch with Doug.

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt contacted DEC about Poplar Point and when we could expect to see the drainage ruts filled in and sand taken care of. She figured now was a good time to start. She was referred to someone who is supposed to be in touch with her.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Jenny Smith had nothing new to report.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- Chris Rhodes noted that he got word from the DEC Division of Lands and Forest that Arietta has not been selected to receive the Adirondack Park grant that we applied for concerning the Community Hall. There were 44 proposals and 33 were selected. Chris mentioned that he could give Jenny and Christy an e-mail address for Michelle Higgins to get insight as to how to better apply for future grants. Chris noted he and Craig have been talking about the Community Hall water system and that it doesn't get used that often and is a battle with the chlorine. Chris spoke with Marlene at the DOH to see how we could go from chlorination to a UV system. A lot of tests were done in 2006. We need a further test for hydrogen sulfide to send suspended solids and either UV absorbance or transmittance tests. Once this is done Marlene will see if it works. He is

expecting the test to be no more than \$200.00. Once he finds out if the UV system is acceptable, he will get prices based on the formula he will be required to follow and ask for approval of the board at that time. He asked if anyone had any objection to him proceeding with the water testing. No one did. All were in favor.

Chris noted the Deputy Town Clerk has never been a paid position. In talking with the Town Clerk, both feel it should be paid as is the Deputy Town Supervisor. This gives a little incentive to filling in once and a while as needed. If there is no objection, Chris said he will put it in a Resolution to be offered at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. No one objected.

Jon Lane contacted Chris and told him there will be a meet and greet hosted by the Hamilton County Republican Committee for Assembly candidates at Axes and Irons in Indian Lake on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM.

Hwy Superintendent/Building and Grounds/Parks & Recreation- Craig Small noted they are plowing, sanding and also grooming trails when they can. There were a few complaints on the trails but when there is that much traffic it is hard to keep up. They are doing the best they can. He also noted that he was informed that this summer County Route 24 will be having bridge work done at three streams. He is just forewarning everyone.

Codes and Zoning- Zoning Officer Mel LaScola noted he went to the recent Planning Board meeting and it was a good meeting. They talked more about signs. The Planning Board is on board with the lateral expansion change. They are waiting for the APA to respond with input. He noted he will not be at the next meeting as he will be in Lake Placid for training.

Old Business- None.

New Business- Opening of Aviation Fuel Bids – Only one was received by the Town Clerk from Ascent Aviation Group, Inc. for 6,000 gallons of 100LL Aviaton Gasoline/Rack Price of 2/10/2026-\$3.4500/Freight \$0.1630/Margin \$0.15/Total Price Per Gallon Eff. 2/10-16/2026 \$3.7630.

Chris Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the bid. Jacqui Grier offered the motion. Jenny Smith seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was required to pay the bills as presented. Jenny Smith offered the motion. Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Both Mel LaScola and Steve Woehrle gave kudos to Craig Small and his crew for the excellent trail conditions. Steve also noted that even on the weekend with so much traffic, the trails were good. He drove on them before the fireworks and after the fireworks and found them fine. He doesn't know why someone would have complained.

Jacqui Grier asked if anything was ever resolved about exit interviews with employees who leave the Towns employment. She remembered it was a topic of discussion at one point in time but couldn't remember how it ended. Chris said it would mainly affect Craig and thinks it would be a great idea to have it on record. Chris has seen some in the files. Craig feels that he

usually knows why someone is leaving. He does not feel a Town Board member should be the ones to do such an interview and sites legalities. Craig feels the County Personnel Officer should do it so as to be impartial. He will talk to Carole Ruiz about setting it up.

The next meeting will be on Monday March 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Piseco School Meeting Room.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacqui Grier offered the motion, and Doug Stobo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Marie C. Buanno, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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## **Agenda**

**February 17, 2026**

5 pm at Piseco Common School

**Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Motion to accept the minutes for the February 2, 2026, meeting.
  
- Resolutions
  - **26-02-10**      **Appoint Planning Board Member**
  - **26-02-11**      **Appoint Alternated Planning Board Member**
  - **26-02-12**      **T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application**
  
- **Snowmobile Trails** – *Grier*
- **Town Buildings / Grounds** - *Stobo*
- **Recreation / Website / Campsite** – *Wilt/Smith*
- **Lake / Dam / Cemetery** - *Smith*
- **Finance / Airport / Internal Management / Insurance** - *Rhodes*
- **Superintendent / Building and Grounds Report / Parks & Recreation**– *Small*
- **Codes and Zoning** – *Lascola*
  
- **Old Business**
  - T-Mobile Home Town Grant discussion
  
- **New Business**
  - Open Avgas Bids
  
- Motion to accept the bills.
- Public Comment
- Designation of next Meeting Monday, March 2, 2026
- **Motion to adjourn.**

**TOWN OF ARIETTA**

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

February 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26 – 02 - 10

Subject: **Appointment Planning Board Member**

Resolution Offered By: Douglas Stobo

**WHEREAS:** James Colton’s current term as a member of the Town of Arietta Planning Board will end on February 28, 2026, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will reappoint James Colton to the Town of Arietta Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board reappoint James Colton to a term of five (5) years that will end February 28, 2031, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint James Colton to the Town of Arietta Planning Board for a term of five (5) years, effective March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2031.

Seconded By: Jennifer Smith and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

Jacquelyn Grier X  
Jennifer Smith X  
Douglas Stobo X  
Christy Wilt X  
Christian Rhodes X

**NOES:**

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Smith \_\_\_\_  
Douglas Stobo \_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_  
Christian Rhodes \_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN :**

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Smith \_\_\_\_  
Douglas Stobo \_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_  
Christian Rhodes \_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:**

Jacquelyn Grier \_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Smith \_\_\_\_  
Douglas Stobo \_\_\_\_  
Christy Wilt \_\_\_\_  
Christian Rhodes \_\_\_\_

Marie C. Buanno  
Town Clerk

February 17, 2026  
Date

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

February 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26 – 02 - 11

Subject: **Alternate Planning Board Member**

Resolution Offered By: Jacquelyn Grier

**WHEREAS:** Dana Ordway’s current term as a member of the Town of Arietta Planning Board will end on February 28, 2026, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta will reappoint Dana Ordway to the Town of Arietta Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS:** it is necessary that the Town of Arietta Town Board reappoint Dana Ordway to a term of five (5) years that will end February 28, 2031, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta Town Board does hereby reappoint Dana Ordway to the Town of Arietta Planning Board for a term of five (5) years, effective March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2031.

Seconded By: Christy Wilt and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN :</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>
Jacquelyn Grier <u>X</u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>
Jennifer Smith <u>X</u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>
Douglas Stobo <u>X</u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>
Christy Wilt <u>X</u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>
Christian Rhodes <u>X</u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>

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

February 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm

- Resolution # 26 – 02 - 12

**Subject: T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application Q1 2026 for Arietta Community Recreation & Public Access Enhancement Project**

Resolution Offered By:           Jacquelyn Grier          

**WHEREAS:** the Arietta Town Board would like to upgrade and enhance the public access and recreation area located on Town-owned airport property, and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed project (as per the attached) will strengthen this site as a safe, welcoming, and inclusive destination by:

- Installing durable, weather-resistant picnic tables and ADA-accessible seating
- Adding additional public seating benches
- Upgrading public restroom fixtures to energy-efficient, low water-use systems
- Replacing the existing roof on the public restroom facility

These improvements will create a more functional, accessible, and sustainable gathering space that supports community events, recreation, tourism, and local economic vitality, and

**WHEREAS:** the estimated purchase and installation cost of the upgrades would be:

- 5 Weather-Proof Picnic Tables & 1 Weather-Proof ADA Accessible Table ... \$4,997.00
- Four Weather-Proof 5' Benches ... \$3,875.00
- Upgrade Public Bathroom Fixtures to Energy-Saving, Low Water Usage ... \$12,578.00
- Replace Existing Roof ... \$25,356.00

for a total project cost of \$46,806.00, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Town of Arietta, Town Board, does hereby authorize the submission of the application package as outlined above for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application in the amount of \$46,806.00 and authorizes the town supervisor to execute all documents to apply and accept on behalf of the Town of Arietta.

Seconded By:           Douglas Stobo           and put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN :	ABSENT:
Jacquelyn Grier <u>  X  </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>	Jacquelyn Grier <u>    </u>
Jennifer Smith <u>  X  </u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>	Jennifer Smith <u>    </u>
Douglas Stobo <u>  X  </u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>	Douglas Stobo <u>    </u>
Christy Wilt <u>  X  </u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>	Christy Wilt <u>    </u>
Christian Rhodes <u> X  </u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>	Christian Rhodes <u>    </u>

          Marie C. Buanno            
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