

# TOWN OF ARIETTA

**May 18, 2026**

Town Board Regular Meeting and Hearing  
Piseco School Meeting Room

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

## ROLL CALL:

Christian Rhodes – Supervisor - present  
Jacquelyn Grier – Councilperson - present  
Jennifer Smith – Councilperson - present  
Douglas Stobo – Councilperson - present  
Christy Wilt – Councilperson - present  
Marie Buanno – Town Clerk - present

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Craig Small – Highway Superintendent  
Bill Hotaling – Assessor  
Mel LaScola – Zoning Officer  
Steve Woehrle  
Matt Sullivan

Supervisor Rhodes opened the Hearing on the Local Law No. 01 of the year 2026 “A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems” and asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to make a public comment on it. There was no one. He informed everyone the Hearing would remain open until the end of the meeting in case someone was to come in and want to make a comment.

Supervisor Rhodes asked for a motion to accept the April 6, 2026 and May 4, 2026 meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Town Clerk Marie Buanno noted only Doug Stobo, Jenny Smith and Chris Rhodes were present at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Doug Stobo offered the motion to accept those minutes. Jenny Smith seconded the motion. All three were in favor. Motion passed 3:2. Doug Stobo was absent from the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jenny Smith offered the motion to accept those minutes. Jacqui Grier seconded the motion. All four were in favor. Motion passed 4:1.

Resolution 26-05-24 was read. (Accept Shared Service Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation) Jacqui Grier offered the motion to approve. Christy Wilt seconded it. Chris asked if there was any discussion. There was none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0. The Agenda and Resolutions are attached to these minutes.

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Resolution 26-05-25 was read. (Approval to Submit Application for FY 2026 FAA AIP Grant at Piseco Airport for work as described: Apron Rehabilitation - Construction) Christy Wilt offered the motion to approve. Doug Stobo seconded it. Chris explained that we received one bid for this project. The Engineer was present at the bid opening and took one copy for review and recommended awarding the contract. In the Resolution it notes we are applying for two grants to cover the total amount. Although not noted, we are using IAJA funds which were made available during COVID and are set to expire so we are applying for all the IAJA funds that are available. That is \$450,100.00 and will cover the rest with AIP. Chris asked if there were any questions about this. There were none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

Resolution 26-05-26 was read. (1 – International Truck Model 607 with a Leach Alpha III, 16 Cubic Yard Rear Load, Refuse Packer Body, Purchased Piggybacking off the Onondaga County Contract Bid, Bid Reference #ONGOV0011142) Doug Stobo offered the motion to approve. Jenny Smith seconded it. It was noted how expensive trucks are even without bells and whistles. Chris thanked Highway Superintendent Small for his work on getting the prices, doing the research and reviewing the truck. Chris asked if there was any other discussion. There was none. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

Resolution 26-05-27 was read. (Lease Agreement between Town of Arietta and the Piseco Common School District) Jacqui Grier offered the motion to approve. Jenny Smith seconded it. It was noted there is a spelling error of Piseco under the second “whereas”. Apart from the spelling correction, Chris asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Chris noted he thinks we are fortunate to have this agreement with the school as it is very fair for both parties. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

## COMMITTEES:

Snowmobile Trails/ Fuel at K09- Jacqui Grier said there was nothing at this time. There may be some discussion needed at the next meeting.

Town Buildings/ Grounds- Doug Stobo reported he let Mr. Hotaling know he was the low bidder for the painting of the Old Town Garage. Doug needs to get the color charts from Chris. Doug will get the insurance certificate from Mr. Hotaling. Doug said he is scheduled to start work sometime in June. Chris noted while Doug was away, he inspected the cleaning that had been done of the Community Hall and found the windows and doors had not been washed. There were also cobwebs that had been missed. It had seemed that a “deep clean” would have

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included that. Doug will check into it and contact the cleaning company. At this time, on another note, Chris wanted to publicly thank Bob Thomson for the countless hours he has put into making the museum look nice and for cutting back and taking care of the flowerbeds at the Community Hall. Those two properties look especially nice! It is very much appreciated!

Recreation/Website/Campsite- Christy Wilt said her new email contact with DEC seems to be bouncing back so she had nothing more to share on that right now.

The Memorial Day celebration is scheduled for Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Bill McGuire from the former VFW is coming to speak. Chris will also be speaking. Gary Rhinehart is coming with the sound system. We may need to provide lead cords. It looks as though we will have to have it inside due to the forecast rain. Marie is making cakes and setting up coffee. She will get posters made and bring them to Christy if printing is needed. Marie will post them around town. Christy will put it on the town website. Jenny will put it on Facebook. We will set up chairs around 10:30. The wreath will be put out. Christy will bring the 250<sup>th</sup> banner to set up.

Christy asked if everyone was still OK with the town paying for golf lessons for Piseco kids. Everyone was in agreement.

Lake/Dam/Cemetery- Jenny Smith said she checked in with Patrick Vedder, and he is still working on the end of the month date for taking down the tree(s) in the cemetery. Jenny noted she is taking a tour of the dam with Craig tomorrow (May 19<sup>th</sup>). Chris said he is the one who has the gauge for measuring the lake level. It is currently 2 inches high. With the rain, it is not going down so the boards are not in yet. Chris said he talked with Patrick and he is honoring the original \$2,500.00 quote. Chris noted he is doing a service to our community taking trees down for that price. Everyone be sure to thank him when you see him once it is done.

Finance/ Airport/ Internal Management/ Insurance- Chris has an additional quote for the Airport Fuel pump card reader from Smart Tank out of Syracuse. It is \$15, 885.00 installed. They are looking for a used takeout, but they are obsolete. Chris figures we should look at putting it in the 2027 budget and re figure the price in December.

Chris was contacted by Speculator Mayor Jeannette Barrett about occupancy tax. She wants Piseco, Speculator, Lake Pleasant and Wells to band together to get approval to impose an occupancy tax on hotels, motels and short term rentals above and beyond any other taxes. Chris said he brought it up previously and no one wanted to do this. He asked if everyone still felt the same. No one wants to do this even now. There are only two counties that do not do this. She is planning on approaching the County Board of Supervisors about this at their next meeting.

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Hwy Superintendent/Building and Grounds/Parks & Recreation- Craig Small said he is checking the dam with Jenny tomorrow (May 19<sup>th</sup>). As of 3 PM today (May 18<sup>th</sup>) Powley Road is open. There are still a few soft spots people need to be careful of. The brush dump is going well. Only one incident so far and it was resolved quickly. The men's room at the airport has plumbing issues they are working on. Once resolved, the bathrooms will be open to the public. Craig will not be at the next meeting as he will be attending a training session.

Codes and Zoning- Zoning Officer Mel LaScola noted the ZBA had three variance hearings. With the location of Piseco Volunteer Fire Department variance a special permit had to be considered. All three were approved. The Planning Board met with the new Chairman Jim Colton at the helm. Previous Chairman Eric Greiner was on ZOOM. There was much discussion on signs as they had heard back from the APA and they had many comments for the board to consider. Sign discussion is to be continued among the Planning Board.

A motion was required to pay the bills as presented. Jacqui Grier offered the motion. Doug Stobo seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

General Fund	Vouchers 312 through 328 and 335 through 340	\$10,734.97
Highway Fund	0	

### PUBLIC COMMENT-

Bill Hotaling said no one asked to see the Tentative Tax Rolls. Grievance Day is Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 PM in his office.

There was no other public comment, so Chris closed the Hearing for the Moratorium on Battery Storage. Chris asked for a motion to approve the Local Law #01 of 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems. Doug Stobo offered the motion. Jenny Smith seconded the motion. There was no more discussion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 1, 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 Christy Wilt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Marie C. Buanno, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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## **Agenda**

**May 18, 2026**

5 pm at Piseco Common School

### **Town of Arietta**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Open Public Hearing Local Law N0 #01 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems
- Motion to accept the minutes for the April 6 and May 4, 2026, meetings
  
- Resolutions
  - **26-05-24**      **NYSDOT Shared Service Agreement**
  - **26-05-25**      **Grant Application Rehab Apron & Helipad**
  - **26-05-26**      **Purchase Garbage Truck**
  - **26-05-27**      **Piseco School Lease Agreement**
  
- **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**
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- **New Business**
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- Motion to accept the bills
- Public Comment
- Close Public Hearing Local Law N0 #01
- Resolution 26-05-23 Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems
- Designation for next Meeting Monday, June 1, 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:

May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26-05-23

Subject: **Local Law No. 01 of the year 2026** “A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems”

Resolution Offered By: Douglas Stobo

**WHEREAS:** this Local Law shall be known as the Town of Arietta Battery Energy Storage Moratorium. It is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10 and Town Law Article 16, and

**WHEREAS:** the intention of this local law is to temporarily restrict the development of battery energy storage systems so that the Town Board may thoroughly consider the impacts of such uses, their appropriate locations in the community, and how to encourage appropriate development of such facilities within the Town’s land use development and zoning objectives, and

**WHEREAS:** Town of Arietta hereby imposes a one-year Moratorium on the construction, establishment, installation, review, or approval of any new battery energy storage system after the date that this Local Law takes effect as outlined in the attached proposed Local Law #01 of 2026, and

**WHEREAS:** this Moratorium may be extended for such additional periods as the Town Board may determine it necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Arietta, and accomplish the stated purposes and the intent of this Local Law, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board shall have the power, after a Public Hearing, to vary or modify the application of any provision of this Local Law upon its determination that strict application of this Local Law would impose extraordinary hardship upon an applicant, and that the variance granted would not adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the Town, or a significant conflict with the general purposes and intent of this Local Law, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town of Arietta, Town Board, after a Public Hearing held on May 18, 2026, will hereby approve and accept Local Law No. 01 of the year 2026, “A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems” and this local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of New York.

Seconded by Jennifer Smith 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>

Marie C. Buanno  
Town Clerk

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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:

May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26-05-24

Subject: **Accept Shared Service Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation**

Resolution Offered By: Jacquelyn Grier

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Arietta has received an agreement for shared services with the New York State Department of Transportation with a term of four (4) years from April 27, 2026, to April 27, 2030, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** the Town Board, Town of Arietta, will accept this agreement and shall comply with its obligations pursuant to said agreement as outlined in the attachment.

Seconded by Christy Wilt 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 \_\_\_\_

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

May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26- 05 - 25

Subject: **Approval to Submit Application for FY 2026 FAA AIP Grant at Piseco Airport for work as described: Apron Rehabilitation - Construction**

Resolution Offered By: Christy Wilt

**WHEREAS:** the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has developed the Airport Improvement Program (AIP); and

**WHEREAS:** the FAA has made funds available to eligible N.Y. airports to address critical infrastructure needs; and

**WHEREAS:** the Town accepted a grant to design the Rehabilitation of their Apron for a total of \$ 154,830.00; and

**WHEREAS:** McFarland Johnson was previously approved by the Town of Arietta as the engineering firm for Piseco Airport to complete design and bidding services; and

**WHEREAS:** on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., a sealed bid proposal received at the Town Office was publicly opened and read aloud by the Arietta Town Clerk, with the Town of Arietta Supervisor and Highway Superintendent present, at which time the bid was given to McFarland Johnson for review, and

**WHEREAS:** McFarland Johnson has completed the bidding process for the construction of the airport apron rehabilitation, evaluated bid responses, and

**WHEREAS:** Grant funding is anticipated from the FAA towards the project in Federal Fiscal year 2026 for the project totaling \$1,445,339, and

**WHEREAS:** Matching grant funds from NYSDOT are anticipated in the amount of \$49,312, and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Arietta's local share for the FAA grant is \$49,313, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Town of Arietta will enter into agreements with the FAA to accept said grant funds not to exceed \$1,445,339, and with NYSDOT to accept said grant funds not to exceed \$49,312, and

**RESOLVED:** That the Town of Arietta, upon award of the FAA grant and NYSDOT grant, enter into said agreements and that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute said agreements, including any change orders not to exceed funding available.

Seconded by: Douglas Stobo 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:

May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Resolution # 26-05-27

**Subject: Lease Agreement between Town of Arietta and the Piseco Common School District**

Resolution Offered By: Jacquelyn Grier

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Arietta has been presented with the Lease Agreement from the Board of Trustees of the Piseco Common School District for use of a portion of its property, to be used by the Town of Arietta for its Town offices (see attachment), and

WHEREAS: the initial term of this lease shall be for five (5) years, beginning June 1, 2026, and terminating May 31, 2031. At which time, if the Town of Arietta desires to renew the Lease for an additional five (5) year term must notify the Pisco Common School District at least sixty days (60) before expiration of the lease agreement, and

WHEREAS: for the duration of the term identified in Paragraph “3”, rent shall be \$1.00, payable from the Tenant to the landlord upon execution of this Agreement, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Arietta shall be obligated to pay twenty (20) percent of the Landlord’s electric and heating costs, based on the heating and electric bills received by the Landlord as outlined in the attached, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has reviewed the attached Lease Agreement and all the terms and conditions, and all promises made by the parties are in this lease, and there are no others. This lease may be changed only by an agreement in writing signed by and delivered to each party, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Town of Arietta, Town Board, will accept and approve the attached Lease Agreement between the Town of Arietta and the Board of Trustees of the Piseco Common School District and authorize the Town of Arietta Supervisor to execute the lease.

Seconded by Jennifer Smith 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>

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