

**Regular Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**Putnam Town Board**

September 8, 2022, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

**7:00 Meeting called to order**

Supervisor Darrell Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

<b>Members present:</b>	Supervisor	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Christopher Mallon
	Councilman	Larry Shiell
	Councilwoman	Carole Schneider
	Councilman	Charles Bain

**Others present:** Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bill Brown (Planning Board Chair, 17 Charter Brook Lane), Leslie Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road),  
**Present via ZOOM:** May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), John Breitenbach (Town Attorney)

**Resolution # 83**

**Accept the minutes of the August 11, 2022, meeting**

On motion of Councilman Christopher Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #84**

**Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of August 2022**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution # 85**

**Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of August 2022**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #86**

**Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of August 2022**

On motion of Councilman Christopher Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #87**

**Pay bills as audited**

On motion of Councilman Christopher Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved, the bills on the following are paid as audited.

General Fund	# 208-228	\$6779.19
Highway Fund	# 87-100	\$33,252.55

**Correspondence**

Supervisor Wilson read aloud a letter prepared by Joan Charboneau. Mrs. Charboneau and a very small group of friends meet at Cummings Park once a year. A donation of \$50 for Cummings Park accompanied the letter of praise.

NYS Department of State confirmation of the filing of Local Law #1 of 2022, The Regulation of Solar Energy Collectors in the Town of Putnam.

**Courtesy of the floor**

Supervisor Wilson asked if anyone had anything for courtesy of the floor three times, there were none.

**Highway Report** (7:08)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Treadway reported that the crew has been preparing Hutton Square Road for paving in late October. Black Point Road was shimmed in cooperation with the Town of Ticonderoga. Roadside mowing continues as well as winter preparations on the dirt roads. The new tractor got a new rim. The Road Agreement with CHPE was briefly discussed along with adjustments for culverts that the Town would like to add. The Town would provide the culverts to be replaced. HS Treadway thought about 10 culverts would need to be replaced along the CHPE work route.

**Resolution #88**

**Authorize the Highway Superintendent to pre-purchase culverts**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Planning Board Report** (7:18)

Planning Board Chairman Bill Brown reported that the PB will have their monthly meeting in the coming week. There will be a public hearing for the Travis Whitford project on Peterson Road. Adirondack Camp needs to resolve an issue before their public hearing. Darrell Wilson's project is also awaiting approval from the APA. Chairman Brown recapped last month's meeting. With the passing of the Solar Law, The Solar Checklist has been posted to the Planning Board page on the Town website for resident use.

**Fire Department report** (7:22)

None

**Old Business** (7:22)

**Intermunicipal Agreement** with the Town of Ticonderoga for law enforcement at the Ticonderoga Beach which is technically located within the borders of the Town of Putnam. The agreement would expedite law enforcement response at the Ticonderoga Beach. Various details are being investigated and worked out, set up for the 2023 season is the focus.

**CHPE Road Agreement**- The bond amount is to be determined. Escrow will be \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) The escrow is the same amount for all towns on the route. Supervisor Wilson is seeking assurances in the form of a bond from CHPE that the Town will be able to repair or replace any disturbance left by CHPE.

**Resolution #89**

**Authorize Supervisor Wilson to enter a Road Agreement with CHPE**

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor.  
Resolution adopted. (Supervisor Wilson abstained)

**Resolution #90**

**Authorize Highway Superintendent Treadway to pre-purchase culverts for CHPE project**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**New Business**

PRIDE of Ticonderoga is seeking an endorsement from the Town of Putnam for use in applications for various grants to support the program.

**Resolution #91**

**Authorize Supervisor Wilson to endorse PRIDE of Ticonderoga**

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

The Board of Assessment Review has a vacancy. The successful candidate will finish out a term that has been vacated; the term will expire 9/30/2025. Candidates who have applied in the past along with new candidates are being reviewed. An appointment is expected at the October meeting. Training will take place in April prior to the 2023 Grievance Day at the end of May. Supervisor Wilson will reach out to candidates and ask them to attend the October meeting.

**Old Business revisited (7:50)**

**Budget-** A gap in revenue has occurred, with the expiration of a grant in 2021 that New York State provided to the Town for the boat launch attendant's wages since the inspection program began. That gap is \$27,500 or 2.4% of the budget. In addition to wages paid to the boat launch attendants, the Town also pays unemployment wages in the winter months through New York State Unemployment. The Town is self-insured and is billed by New York State for 100% of the unemployment wages paid out through the State. The additional costs for unemployment are being tallied and are expected to be an additional \$10,000 + annually to the boat launch operating costs. Contingency funds were used last year to cover the shortfall after the Town learned that the grant money would no longer be available, however that is not a sustainable source of funding. A few options were examined, including breaking the tax cap and taxing residents to cover 100% of the current costs, reducing hours and days of operation during the "off" months of May, June, September, October when the usage is limited and full operation during July and August when the vast majority of the usage occurs, a fee to launch by either a seasonal permit or day permit. All options are being investigated to keep the launch open and sustain it economically if at all possible. Putnam and Hague are the only town launches on Lake George, all other launches are State operated and are funded by the State.

**Resolution #92**

**Accept the 2023 Tentative Budget**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #93**

**Schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2022 A Local Law to Exceed the New York State 2% tax cap in the 2023 Budget for 6:45 PM October 13<sup>th</sup>,2022**

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Supervisor Wilson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilman Mallon</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilwoman Schneider</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Councilman Shiell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilman Bain</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Resolution adopted.

A second budget workshop is scheduled for September 27 at 5PM. The public is welcome to view only at the workshop. Questions and comments will be welcomed at the Budget Public Hearing.

**Resolution #94**

**Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Budget Workshop Tuesday September 27, 2022, at 5PM**

**Public Hearing Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:45 PM**

**Next Meeting Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, immediately following the public hearing.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson_____	Supervisor
Christopher Mallon_____	Councilman
Carole Schneider_____	Councilwoman
Larry Shiell_____	Councilman
Charles Bain Sr._____	Councilman