

Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board

December 9, 2021, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

Audit of the bills and financial reports

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Charlie Bain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	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), David Hayes (PVFD President, Resident, 560 Gull Bay Road)
Present via ZOOM: John Breitenbach (Town Attorney, 23 Father Jogues Pl. Ticonderoga, NY 12883) Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road) Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22)

Resolution # 103

Accept the minutes of the November 11, 2021, meeting

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

Resolution #104

Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of November 2021

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

Resolution # 105

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of November 2021

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

Resolution #106

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of November 2021

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

Resolution #107

Pay bills as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 308-346	\$50,927.34
Highway Fund	# 126-140	\$252,383.30

Correspondence

Supervisor Wilson presented correspondence from the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (See attached)

The second correspondence recognized is a notice of Public Review, from Washington County, for parcels requesting inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts. Putnam Parcel# 13.-3-24.1, 143.6 Acres owned by Lakeside Farm Properties., LLC has applied for inclusion. (See attached)

Courtesy of the floor (7:07)

Councilman Bain offered compliments to the County crew for fixing the sink area in County Route 2/Lower Road, saying they “did a good job, it looks nice”. He continued saying that the work on Schwerdtfeger also looks very nice.

Highway report (7:09)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that Schwerdtfeger has been shouldered using a hired machine from Peckham’s. This was the first time the machine was hired. HS Treadway’s assessment was that the machine was quite efficient and saved man hours, getting the job finished in one day. HS Treadway continued that plow season has begun; all the equipment is working well. One of the crew has been training on the new tractor.

Planning Board report (7:12)

Planning Board Chair Galen Seerup reported that the PB had one applicant for a Site Plan in front of them at the last meeting. The Site Plan was for a 12’ x 30’ Amish shed @ 467 Liddle Harris Road to be used for storage. PBC also indicated there was a short discussion about solar before the meeting ended.

Fire Department report (7:14)

FD President David Hayes reported that the FD had four 911 calls in November. Previous high call year totaled 66 calls, the FD has already answered 68 calls this year for a record number of calls, and a month still to go in the year. The FD had officer elections at their December business meeting. Doug Thatcher will continue as Chief, Mike Alteri and Scott Cook will continue as Assistant Chiefs, David Hayes will continue as President, Mike Bruce will continue as Treasurer. The balance in the operating budget was a “hair” over \$24,000, that will last until March. President Hayes also mentioned that it was time to renew the FD’s contract with the Town. Town Attorney John Breitenbach replied that he was working on the contract, and it will be available soon. He needs the new budget amounts to complete the contract.

Old business (7:16)

End of Year/Organizational Meeting-Supervisor Wilson gave a friendly reminder that the End of Year/Organizational meeting or 2022 is scheduled for December 30, 2021, at 5pm at the Town Hall and on ZOOM. The link for the meeting will be on the front page of the Town website at

www.townofputnamny.com.

Solar- Supervisor Wilson reviewed the Solar Law and the newly established timeline. Supervisor Wilson explained that even though there was a public hearing a year ago on the law that it would be prudent, and

in the interest of transparency, to have a second public hearing prior to enacting the law. Supervisor Wilson reviewed the topic(s) for January's meeting according to the timeline - Setbacks, Lot Percentages & array heights.

Ticonderoga Beach- Councilman Shiell asked about the status of police patrol in Black Point. Supervisor Wilson indicated that he had emailed the Sheriff and will touch base with him again. Supervisor Wilson also advised the Board that it had been communicated to him by Black Point residents who feel they do not want additional patrolling of the area as they believe it's not necessary and intrusive, beach security should be the priority.

New business (7:20)

Appoint Delegates for the 2022 AOT Annual meeting & Training School in New York City February 20-23

Resolution #108

Appoint Darrell Wilson Delegate, and Darlene Kerr as Alternate for the AOT meeting in February 2022

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

Establish Standard Workday for NYSLRS (State retirement system)

The following have been established by the Putnam Town Board as the Standard Workday for the purposes of the retirement system benefits formula.

<u>Title</u>	<u>SWD Hours</u>
Supervisor	6
Highway Superintendent	8
Town Clerk	8
Town Board	6
Town Justice	6
Accounts Clerk	6
Assessor	8
Town Attorney	6
Budget Officer	6
Board of Assessment Review	8
Board of Assessment Review Chair	8
Clerk to the Supervisor	6
Deputy Town Clerk	6
Deputy Highway Superintendent	6
Deputy Supervisor	6
Dog Control Officer	6
Historian	6
Wild Animal Control Officer	6
Health Officer	6
Planning Board Member	6
Planning Board Chair	8
Planning Board Clerk	8
Head of Public Works	8
Registrar	8
Records Management Officer (RMO)	8
Tax Collector	8
Boat Launch Attendant	8
Lifeguard	8

Highway (Union) 8
Highway (Non-union) 8

Resolution #108

Accept Established Standard Workday Hours

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel discussion/Planning Board
NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution #109

Motion to move to Executive Session

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

Resolution #110

Motion to leave Executive Session

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

Resolution #111

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

End of Year/2022 Organizational Meetings scheduled for December 30, 2021, at 5 pm at the Putnam Town Hall & ZOOM.

Next Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board, January 13th, 2022, at 7pm at the Putnam Town Hall & ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon _____ Councilman

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman



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December 1, 2021

Dear DARRELL T WILSON, TOWN SUPERVISOR
PUTNAM STATION, NY 12861

Enclosed, please find a contract for fiscal year 2022. If you choose to support the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, it is appreciated.

The Adirondack Park Agency chose to cut our budget again this year, by \$16,000 as they did last year. I did not receive notice of this cut until the second week of July. Immediately after a debate on the calculations of snowmobile trail miles and Road miles. It certainly appears to be an attempt to silence the voice of Local Government. The APA for lack of a better term is a pass-through Agency. We report our spending to the Agency, they then do the required paperwork, and funds are released to us from the Comptroller. Your continued support is important. Thank you.

The debate around snowmobile milage, is the interpretation of the State Land Master Plan. The APA staff believes they know the exact number of snowmobile miles from 1972 on State Forest Preserve. The APA believes it to be Approximately 750 miles. They have also stated that they have graciously allowed for 15% increase of those miles to 848.88 due to the lands acquired after 1972. The debate stems from a press release from then Governor Nelson Rockefeller that stated the actual milage of snowmobile trails in 1972 to be 950 miles. I believe a press release from a sitting Governor, addressing a issue like the snowmobile miles, to calm that user group, at the time of APA implementation, should have considerable weight. The APA disagrees. They seem to think press releases from Governors have little value. Currently there are about 750 miles of snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks, with the other 98 miles in reserve,

Other areas to watch in the coming year are a quarry near White Lake in Oneida County. This is getting a lot of opposition from the surrounding landowners.

A large subdivision in the Town of Jay, Essex County which is partially in the Hamlet of AuSable Forks, which is in both Essex and Clinton County. This could be another Adirondack Club and resort, as opposition from Environmental groups is already being heard ..

A permit to extend the life of a mine in Warren County has also attracted the attention from Environmentalists. The Owner Barton Mines is a valued employer in Towns of 3 Counties. Hamilton, Essex, and Warren.

We are also prioritizing Unit Management Plans that have languished undone. These Units cannot benefit our communities from tourism if there are no uses adopted. These Planless Units break the promise made with every purchase for the Forest Preserve. The Land will be a benefit to Communities, by increased tourism traffic to the Units. One of the Units without a Plan adopted was purchased in 1979. It is time for the State of NY to be the Steward they promised they would be.

Please feel free to reach out to us. We have the statutory requirement to be the Voice of Local Government. We need to know when there are issues in your Town or County, and what your government position is.

Sincerely,

Gerald Delaney, Executive Director

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made _____, 2022 between the **TOWN OF PUTNAM**, hereinafter referred to as the **TOWN**, and the **ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD**, a Board duly organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of §803-a of the Executive Law of the State of New York, acting by and through its duly appointed members, hereinafter referred to as the **REVIEW BOARD**.

WHEREAS, the Review Board was created by the Legislature of the State of New York and is composed of representatives appointed by the county legislatures of the counties lying in whole or in part within the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has provided only partial funding for the **REVIEW BOARD** to perform its statutory functions as outlined in Executive Law §803-a; and

WHEREAS, the **TOWN** has authorized an appropriation in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) in support of the work of the **REVIEW BOARD** in representing the interests of the local governments of the Adirondacks; and

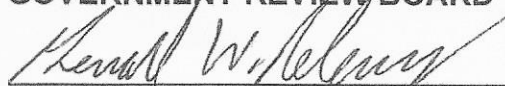
NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The **TOWN** agrees to pay to the **REVIEW BOARD** the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the services of the **REVIEW BOARD** in representing the **TOWN** in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.
2. The **REVIEW BOARD** agrees to provide to the **TOWN** the benefit of its services, including but not limited to, attendance at all meetings of the Adirondack Park Agency, attendance and participation at public hearings conducted by the Adirondack Park Agency on projects under review by said Agency, periodic reports on the activities of the Adirondack Park Agency to the Supervisor of the **TOWN**, especially as such activities affect the residents of the **TOWN** and generally to report on the administration and enforcement of the Land Use and Development Plan set forth in the Executive Law of the State of New York.

THE TOWN OF PUTNAM

By Supervisor

**THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL
GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD**



By **Gerald W. Delaney**
Executive Director



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John W. Rozell

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TO: Darlene Kerr, Putnam Town Clerk

FROM: Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 29, 2021

RE: Public Hearing Legal Notice on Parcels Requesting
Inclusion In Certified Agricultural Districts Pursuant
to Chapter 523 of the Laws of 2003

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of Resolution No. 229 adopted by the Washington County Board of Supervisors on November 19, 2021 setting a time and place for a public hearing on Parcels Requesting Inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts Pursuant to Chapter 523 of the Laws of 2003. The public hearing legal notice is also enclosed.

The landowner has also been sent a copy of the public hearing legal notice.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Posted FB 12/4/21

Posted on Clerk Board 12/4/21

Resolution No. 229 November 19, 2021
By Supervisors Fedler, Campbell, Hicks, Shaw, Skellie, Griffith

TITLE: Set Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Parcels Requesting Inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts

WHEREAS, Chapter 523 of the Laws of 2003 amended NYS Agriculture and Markets Law to provide that any county containing a certified agricultural district shall designate an annual thirty day period within which a landowner may submit to such body a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district prior to the established review period, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 318 of 2003, the Washington County Board of Supervisors designated the period of December 1 to December 30 of each year as the amend period for certified agricultural districts in Washington County, and

WHEREAS, one or more requests for inclusion of predominately viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district have been filed with the County Legislative body pursuant to subdivision three of section 303-b, and

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the following landowners for inclusion in certified agricultural districts:

Landowner	Parcel ID#	# of Acres	Town	CAD#
Lakeside Farm Properties., LLC	13.-3-24.1	143.6	Putnam	2
Richard Dempsey	264.-1-8.1	1.3	White Creek	5
Richard Stallmer	231.1-1-18.1	.13	Jackson	5

, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed the requests for inclusion in the certified ag districts and made recommendations to the Washington County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, such requests also require a public hearing with notice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held at 10:05 AM on December 17, 2021 to consider the requests for inclusion of land within a certified agricultural district prior to the established review period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proper legal notice be published at least five (5) days prior to said hearing in the legal papers of Washington County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of said public hearing be mailed to those landowners requesting inclusion, those municipalities whose territory encompasses the land which is proposed to be included in an agricultural district and to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Costs for advertising contained in the budget.