

Public Hearing
Local Law #2 of 2024 To exceed the tax cap
&
Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board

September 12, 2024, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Public Hearing called to order

Supervisor Wilson called the public hearing of Local Law #2 of 2024 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c to order at 7:01 PM.

Supervisor Wilson called three times for comments from the public in attendance, none were heard.

Public Hearing closed at 7:02

Open the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board at 7:02

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	Darrell Wilson
	Councilwoman	Carole Schneider
	Councilwoman	Kayla Bennett
	Councilman	Larry Shiell
	Councilman	Charles Bain

Others present: Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Wayne Busby (Planning Board Member, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Mark Karlson (Planning Board Member, 2388 Black Point Way), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Dave Hayes (PVFD, 560 Gull Bay Road), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Paula Wilson (Planning Board Clerk, 15 Count Route 3), Cynthia Floor (Resident, 293 Lake Road), Michael Fitzgerald (Resident, 16523 State Route 22), Stephanie Wagoner (Resident, 2198 Black Point Road), James Kloiber (Resident, 2198 Black Point Road)

Present via ZOOM: Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road)

Resolution #81

Accept the minutes of the August 8, 2024, Regular meeting with correction

Correction: Budget Officer Cee McKenzie was in attendance at the August meeting but was inadvertently left off the list of attendees.

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #82

Accept the Financial reports for the month of August 2024

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

Resolution #83

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of August 2024

On motion of Councilwoman Kayla Bennett, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #84

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of August 2024

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

Resolution #85

Pay bills as audited

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.
Resolved, the bills on the following are paid as audited.

General Fund	# 203-228	\$10,519.82
Highway Fund	# 87-96	\$33,313.51
Black Point Sewer District	#6	\$62,462.13

Correspondence

Residents Todd & Nancy Roccoberton- Neighbor dispute (See attached)

Courtesy of the Floor

Cynthia Floor of Lake Road raised the topic of a culvert by her barn that is concerning to her. She stated there was a drop off with no warning at that location. Superintendent Gary Treadway responded he would look at the location to see what could be done.

Wayne Busby of the Planning Board inquired about the status of a code enforcement officer. Supervisor Wilson advised that is a discussion for the budget, but there has been no decision to hire anyone for that position. Mr. Busby expressed his disappointment.

Supervisor Wilson called for further comments three times but there were none.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway advised that the second roadside mowing has been completed. HS Treadway reported that the new roadside mower purchased a few years ago has worked out well and does a nice job. HS Treadway revisited a Resolution to sell the old Ford and advised he's prepared to move on that in the spring of 2025. HS Treadway re-visited the new garbage truck discussion saying a new truck would cost \$185,000 plus. HS Treadway mentioned a discussion he had with resident Leslie Bain from Peterson Road. Ms. Bain would like the end of Peterson Road that connects to Rupp Lane to be permanently closed. HS Treadway advised he would need to review the history of the road to determine the exact status. Ms. Bain contends that she believes the road is abandoned. Councilwoman Carole Schneider advised she was contacted by a state representative, Matthew Krug, Environmental Conservation Officer, Region 5 HQ, who suggested the paperwork he had been presented by Ms. Bain indicated the road was abandoned to vehicle traffic and was appropriate for foot traffic only. Councilwoman Schneider also stated Officer Krug indicated he would be issuing tickets to anyone riding four wheelers through the abandoned section. Further discussion will take place after the status of the road has been verified.

Planning Board Report

Mark Karlson gave the Planning Board report. Two boat houses were approved. A large addition in Gull Bay is still in process. A small house was approved. A new lot line adjustment has been brought to the PB. A group of landowners has purchased property in Glenburnie and plan to sell it to the Lake George Land Conservancy. A public hearing will be held at the October Planning Board meeting.

Fire Department report

None

Budget officer asked if any budget requests have come from the FD yet. Supervisor Wilson replied no.

Old Business

Town Attorney Rob Winn revisited the topic of a referendum on abolishing the Planning Board, which he found was not the appropriate avenue for dissolution of the planning board. Mr. Winn advised in lieu of a referendum a public survey would be appropriate but could not be part of the election process or be in the same room as the polls, however the vestibule would be ok for a poll in his opinion.

New Business

Supervisor Wilson advised that Larry Kissko's seat on the Board of Assessment Review will expire on September 30, 2024. Mr. Kissko is willing to serve on the BAR again. There have been no other applicants.

Resolution #86

Re-appoint Larry Kissko to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term expiring 9/30/2029

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider; all in favor.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Budget Officer Report

Supervisor Wilson reviewed key documents with the Board indicating possible large increases for utilities. A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Thursday October 3, 2024, at 5:02PM. Budget Officer Cee McKenzie reviewed known cost increases in this budget as well as historic spending. BO McKenzie indicated that the Board would need to review the budget line by line to see where we've been and where we are headed in terms of the budget.

Resolution #87

Adopt Local Law #2 of 2024 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell:

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Carole Schneider	Yes
Councilwoman Kayla Bennett	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilman Charlie Bain Sr.	Yes
Supervisor Wilson	Yes

Resolution unanimously passed.

Councilwoman Kayla Bennett has donated dog waste bag dispensers for Cummings Park. HS Treadway will place them at the park.

Resolution #88

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10th, 2024, at 7PM at the Putnam Town Hall and ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Kayla Bennett _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman

Clerk copy

TODD & NANCY ROCCOBERTON
476 LIDDLE-HARRIS ROAD
PUTNAM STATION, NY 12861
TAX ID 8.-2-4.10

06.26.24

TOWN BOARD OF PUTNAM NY

Board;

Attached is a copy of a letter we unfortunately had to send to our neighbors as they are again encroaching on our property and defying Town Law.

After many years of the Petersen's refusing to accurately define our common property line, we finally had a survey performed ourselves in 2023.

They have a strong desire to cut trees in our woodlot and do everything right on and over our common line.

The property is set up as a campground. There is machinery running day and night, well after dark. What is happening with any waste produced is unknown. We could have purchased more property much less expensively if we decided we could tolerate a campground next door. We won't.

The survey did reveal that our well is within about 80 feet of their proposed septic field. This is also unacceptable.

It is truly unfortunate that we cannot employ a full time Code Enforcer.

This letter is for Your information.

Regards



Todd & Nancy Roccoberon

ROCCOBERTON
476 LIDDLE-HARRIS ROAD
PUTNAM STATION NY 12861
TAX ID 8.-2-4.10
June 26th, 2024

PETERSEN
259 MIDDLELINE RD
BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020
LANDOWNER TAX ID 8.-2-4.11

Petersen's

Let this letter stand as formal notice that you or anyone in your company or on your property with or without you or your knowledge are prohibited from entering our property which abuts the Southern line of your property at 500 Liddle-Harris Road, Putnam Station NY 12861 (TAX ID 8.-2-4.11) for any reason AT ALL.

The property line was defined at great personal expense by a professional Surveyor the Spring of 2023 (Van Dusen & Steves, Queensbury, NY – copy enclosed), as you were trying to claim part of our property and refused to help in defining it. If necessary, the same Surveyor and DEC Officers will be involved in redefining the line and assessing damage to our property and trees again, this time at your expense.

It appears you removed the stakes we paid for and our surveyor placed, and have staked out a "property line" that is once again on our property. Remove it. Every stake our Surveyor placed was photographed and measured from existing structures and natural features. Replace them.

There is also an issue with the Town Ordinance stating people may camp on their own property for 2 DAYS MAXIMUM. There were people camping there from about June 13th, 2024 to June 20th, 2024. Please see this does not happen again.

FROM THE NYS DEC:

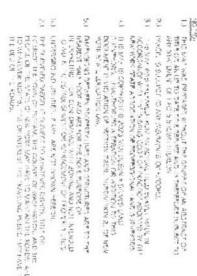
Trespassing

Trespassing is illegal even on unposted property. Instead of posting, a landowner or other authorized person may issue written notice to another individual informing them that they are prohibited from entering the property. The notice must contain a description of the property, what restrictions apply (hunting, fishing, trapping) and the person or persons prohibited from entry. It should be delivered by certified mail or other processes (ex: legal notice in newspaper) to prove that the person was served. At any time, anyone asked by the landowner, occupant, or other authorized person to leave the premises (posted or not), must do so immediately.

This is your notice. Appropriate Authorities in the Town, County and State have been copied.

The Roccoberton's


1860s. 



Legend

CIRF = Capped Iron Rod Found
CIRS = Capped Iron Rod Set
IRF = Iron Rod Found
U.P. = Utility Pole
Overhead Utility Wire
—□— = Wood Fence

8.24.2

100' x 70' x 50' x 100' 100' x 100' x 100' x 100'	S-1 SHEET 1 OF 1	CHS PART 27 (202) 1964 1-1-62	Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors		1600 Haviland Road (518) 792-5474	Queensbury, New York 12804 New York Lic. No. 50135		Map of a Survey made for Todd & Nancy Roccoberton Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York	NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
			1	10/1/01					Survey of 100' x 70' x 50' x 100' plot		