

**Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board**

March 13, 2025, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilwoman Carole Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Bill Brown (Planning Board Chair, 17 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), Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14)

Present via ZOOM: Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street Granville, NY 12832), Galen Seerup (Planning Board member, State Route 22)

Resolution #20

Accept the Annual Report to New York State

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett: all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #21

Accept the minutes of February 13, 2025, Regular meeting

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

Resolution #22

Accept the Financial reports for the month of February 2025

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

Resolution #23

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2025

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

Resolution #24

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of February 2025

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

Resolution #25

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	# 46-72	\$207,686.03
Highway Fund	# 27-35	\$11,149.54
Royal Anchorage Sewer District #2	#1	\$25,000.00

Correspondence

New York State Department of Transportation- Route 22 passing zone. (See attached)
Paula Wilson- Resignation from Planning Board Clerk position effective April 1, 2025.

Courtesy of the Floor

May Drinkwine-Shiell asked if there had been a follow up on the painted farm equipment on Route 22 and if the town attorney had sent. Attorney Winn advised that he did not send a letter to the landowner as he did not have the appropriate information about the landowner. Supervisor Wilson advised that the wagon presents a new situation than the previous signs.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway was absent. Supervisor Wilson relayed that the highway crew has posted the roads for the spring thaw. There is a concern that the powerline construction will begin to early and break up the roads with construction vehicles.

Planning Board Report

Bill Brown, the Planning Board Chair, reported that the prior evening's meeting had three projects presented. The first of the three was a 12'x 24' barn at 231 Lake George Way. The second agenda item was located at 36 Gull Bay Road, where four lots have been combined so that a home can be built on the lot. The final agenda item was on Mosswood Way for a new cabin and a driveway. A final item that was not on the agenda was a shed project.

Fire Department report (7:27)

Dave Hayes gave the FD report. Mr. Hayes reported that the prior month had been a light month for the FD with only three calls, one EMS call, a fire in Chilson, and a standby for an ice rescue in the Southern end of Lake George. Mr. Hayes also reported that several members of the FD attended training at the Whitehall FD pertaining to battery and electrical fires. The prior Saturday the FD had an ice rescue drill. Putnam FD will be hosting a training course on vehicle extraction consisting of four classes.

Old Business

Health Officer- Supervisor Wilson advised that a health officer has not been appointed. Supervisor Wilson moved to hire James Gabler who also acts at the Health Officer in Ticonderoga.

Resolution #26

Appoint James Gabler the Health Officer for the Town of Putnam

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

New Business

Resolution #27

Accept Paula Wilson’s resignation as Planning Board Clerk

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider,

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Carole Schneider	Yes
Councilwoman Kayla Bennett	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	No
Councilman Charlie Bain	No
Supervisor Wilson	Yes

Resolution passed by majority

Supervisor Wilson advised that Washington County is a Purple Heart County, and signs will be erected on roads entering the county. The Military Order of the Purple Heart has a program to establish Purple Heart entities which include counties and cities.

Supervisor Wilson advised that the signs at the state rest area are still being pushed for through various offices including Assemblyman Matt Simpson’s office.

Supervisor Wilson advised that the new garbage truck has been ordered.

Resolution #28 (7:35)

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 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



**Department of
Transportation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ
Commissioner

MICHAEL G. ARTHUR, P.E.
Regional Director

February 7, 2025

Case # 1250023

Deb Donohue
County Municipal Center
Building A
383 Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828

**RE: PASSING ZONE REVIEW
ROUTE 22
TOWN OF PUTNAM
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Dear Deb Donohue:

This is in response to your letter on November 14, 2022, to our Region 1 Traffic Safety and Mobility office regarding a review of the passing zone at the intersection of Route 22 and County Route 1 in the Town of Putnam. We apologize for the extended delay in our response.

The purpose of passing zones on our highways is to inform motorists that there is sufficient sight distance to safely complete a passing maneuver, provided there are no vehicles that could conflict with the passing vehicle. This includes oncoming vehicles or vehicles entering or exiting the roadway. Measurements of this passing zone have shown that the sight distance is within the standards to allow safe passing maneuvers. We also observed traffic within this corridor and did not notice any unsafe passing maneuvers during the time of our investigation.

The crash history for this section of highway was also reviewed. During the five-year period reviewed from June 1, 2019, to May 31, 2024, there were two reported crashes involving a passing maneuver. One involved erratic and unsafe passing by a motorcycle. The other crash involved a vehicle attempting to pass an electric bike, where the electric bike drifted into the path of the passing vehicle. Based on the available sight distance and safety history, we do not propose elimination or modification of the passing zone at this time.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Scott Gannon of this office at 518-457-5283.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Fenley, PE
Regional Traffic Engineer

cc: Tim Knill, Washington County Residency