

Regular Meeting Of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2018
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

The meeting opened with the auditing of bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Greg Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall
	Councilman	Greg Harris

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Charlie Bain (Resident, 17 Bain Lane), Leslie L. Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22), Larry Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3).

Resolution # 102

Accept the minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 103

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of November, 2018

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 104

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of November, 2018

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 105

Pay bill as audited

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 373-427	\$51,434.08
Highway Fund	# 136-151	\$191,370.34

Correspondence (7:02)

None

Courtesy of the Floor (7:03)

Wayne Busby addressed the Board first asking if there are any plans to widen the turnaround at the top of the hill leading to the water at Cummings Park. Superintendent Gary Treadway replied there are future plans for improvement in that area. Mr. Busby transitioned to a separate issue by complimenting the current Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Busby then continued stating a plan for a new house with fifteen hundred or fewer square feet does not require an architect's or engineer's stamp, however, building an addition that will cost more than ten thousand dollars that involves a structural element will need an architectural or an engineer's stamp potentially adding thousands of dollars to the cost of a project. Mr. Busby asserted that this may be a "grey area" that's being enforced. Supervisor LaPointe asked if Mr. Busby had run into problems with this grey area. Mr. Busby replied he anticipates "several coming up". Mr. Busby went on to say that he currently has a project that has plans from a Vermont architect that are not being accepted because they're not New York State plans. Supervisor LaPointe indicated clarification will be sought from Mr. Buxton.

Leslie Bain addressed the board saying that all the new regulations make it appear that future building in Putnam is being discouraged because no one will be able to afford it. She stated she felt the laws need to suit the Town and the needs of the Town.

Highway report (7:11)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that there were problems with the rear end in one of the trucks. The crew did the work on the rear end which was a big money saver. He continued reporting that the salt brine system is almost set up. The hoses and the plumbing still need work. The tanks are set up with brine and an additive that prevents freezing. HS Treadway explained there is a three hundred gallon tank that will be placed on a pickup truck with a spray bar that is attached to the trailer hitch. One tank is expected to cover 12 to 13 miles. Councilman Kevin Hart asked if there had been any additional information on the live plow. HS Treadway replied that it is being used in Hague, Bolton and Lake George. In the coming year it is supposed to be available with a grant with the Town paying about five thousand dollars the rest being covered with a grant. The cost of the plow is approximately twenty thousand dollars. HS Treadway conveyed he had spoken with drivers who have used the new live edge plow, and has heard a lot of good things. (Later in the meeting HS Treadway reported that the dredging at the boat launch was complete. He continued that in the spring some of the stones left in the water at the launch may need to be spread around. 40 yards of material was removed, overall.)

Planning Board report (7:16)

Planning Board Chair (PBC) Galen Seerup addressed the Board; he began with the John DellaRada public hearing. Mr. DellaRada has a property in Royal Anchorage. Mr. DellaRada wants to move the road, but in order to do that he must also move the community sewer line. There was some discussion about if that can be done or not. The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) as well as Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will have some input on the sewer issue. Approval was not granted, more

information is needed for a decision. Another issue presented to the Planning Board was a preliminary application for a solar farm, 20 Acres of property on Route 22 owned by Sid and Bonnie Barnhart. The solar panels will be non-rotating. More information is needed from the APA and other agencies. Supervisor LaPointe stated he'd check into it. Leslie Bain added all possibilities should be considered, as well as the impact on the tax base. (Later in the meeting, Galen Seerup raised the issue of a property that was possibly sub-divided illegally. He was made aware of the lot separation via a letter from Laura Chadwick from the Real Property office at Washington County. Steps will be taken, if needed, to clarify the division)

Old business (7:26)

Supervisor LaPointe revisited the septic inspection upon property transfer law proposed to the Town through correspondence from the Lake George Association (LGA) last month. Supervisor LaPointe expressed he'd like to invite Walt Lender, the Executive Director of the LGA, to a meeting to explain the proposed law, its use and purpose.

New business (7:40)

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the efforts to get dogs licensed in Putnam have resulted in 140 dogs being licensed. He continued that there are still problems that are being addressed.

Supervisor LaPointe also reported he spoke with Josh Bagnato, the representative from the Champlain Hudson Express power project. Mr. Bagnato stated currently his company is in negotiations with customers in the New York City area of the project, and that customers have not yet been secured. Until customers are secured no other negotiations regarding the actual power line will proceed.

The end of year meeting was scheduled for December 29th, at 10am at the Putnam Town Hall.

Resolution #106

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 7:55 P. M.

Next meeting: End of year meeting, December 29, 2018 at 10A.M.

Next regular meeting: January 10th, 2019 at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman