

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Of the
Putnam Town Board

April 10, 2025, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Public Hearing called to order

Local Law #1 of 2025 Establishing a date for Grievance Day in the Town of Putnam.
The proposed date for Grievance Day is the second Thursday after the fourth Tuesday of May.
The reason for the proposed change is a conflict in scheduling for the new assessor.

Supervisor Wilson asked for public comment three times, there was none.

7:02 Public Hearing Closed

Regular meeting if the Putnam Town Board called to order.

Councilwoman Kayla Bennett 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: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 606 Ticonderoga, NY 12883), Nancy Treadway (Assistant Deputy Clerk, Wright Ferry Road), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Bill Brown (Planning Board Chair, 17 Charter Brook Lane), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Danny Tucker (PVFD, 104 County Route 2), Sue Tucker (PVFD, 104 County Route 2), Gavin Tucker (PVFD, 104 County Route 2)

Present via ZOOM: Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3), Corey Granger (Highway Department, 139 Craig Road), Cee McKenzie, (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board member, 17360 State Route 22)

Resolution #29

Amend March 13, 2025, meeting minutes to add to “Others present”

Present: Danny Tucker (PVFD, 104 County Route 2), Sue Tucker (PVFD, 104 County Route 2)
On motion of Councilwoman Kayla Bennett, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #30

Accept the minutes of the Regular meeting March 13th, 2025, with amendment to attendees

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

Resolution #31

Accept the Financial reports for the month of March 2025

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

Resolution #32

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

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

Resolution #33

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of March 2025

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

Resolution #34

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	# 73-96	\$10,705.75
Highway Fund	# 36-47	\$10,961.44
Black Point Sewer District	#3	\$21,628.14
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	#2-3	\$11,335.64

Correspondence

Pinsky Law Group- Fort Ann Rescue Squad Expansion of Services (see attached)

Resolution #35

Authorize the Supervisor Wilson to write a Letter of Support for the Fort Ann Rescue Squad

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

Lakes to Locks Passage- Kiosk donation to Putnam (see attached)

Resolution #36

Accept Lakes to Locks Passage 3-panel Kiosk for Cummings Park

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Supervisor Darrell Wilson; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

James Hebert- Verbal notice of Resignation

Resolution #37

Accept the Resignation of James Hebert Animal Control Officer

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

Resolution #38

Appoint Rusty Moore as Animal Control Officer

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Karl Ohly commented first, saying he wanted to address two issues. Mr. Ohly continued the first topic he would like to revisit is the topic of the Health Officer. Mr. Ohly asserted in the prior month's meeting that there were two candidates for Health Officer, however only one was mentioned by name in the meeting, none of the qualifications of the second candidate were discussed or compared openly. He continued the second candidate was himself and he would like to openly discuss his qualifications. Mr. Ohly has completed degrees in biology, microbiology, biochemistry, graduated medical school, graduated top five pediatric residency, has extensive public health experience in south-east Ohio, holds New York, Vermont and Ohio medical licenses and he lives in Putnam and participates in Putnam. Mr. Ohly commented he is disappointed in the decision as his qualifications seem above the other candidate's and also, he has offered to hold the position for free (the position has a budget line of \$200 (two hundred, annually). The second issue he would like to address is his farm was cited by the Planning Board for illegal buildings, he asserted that was never resolved. Mr. Ohly would like to reapproach that. He stated he felt when a person/business is cited incorrectly that it is an issue that needs to be corrected in writing, specifically by the Planning Board Chairman Bill Brown, and that he would appreciate it if that were to happen sometime in the next month.

There were no other comments from the floor.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway presented the annual contract for roadside mowing with Washington County for \$351 center line mile for 10.64 miles totaling \$3734.64. for two mowings, one in June, one after August 1.

Resolution #39

Authorized Highway Superintendent to enter a mowing contract with Washington County for 2025

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

HS Treadway moved to the topic of paving for the 2025 season reiterating that Black Point Road is slated for paving this year. HS Treadway would like to complete the smaller paving projects needed while Best Road and Lake Road are being repaved, to save on mobilization fees for the smaller projects by having them done when the paving company and equipment are already working in town. HS Treadway advised that the smaller projects would go over budget, but the Town will be reimbursed by the State, through the CHIPS program (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) in the coming year. HS Treadway also noted that a portion of the funds from CHIPS have been rolled over for the last three years, making the extra funds available for additional paving. HS Treadway changed topics to the electrical assessment at Cummings Park. The electrician suggested expanding the panel. HS Treadway presented a Estimate from Price Electric LLC for \$2,868.00. Supervisor Wilson reminded everyone that the town has orange bags for community clean-up. The bags are free at the town hall and require no sticker to be picked up on garbage day. Supervisor Wilson also advised of an issue with hazardous materials on the roadsides. Shake N Bake meth labs being found on roadsides. If anyone should see a bottle with white crystal-like substances on the roadside, leave it alone and report it as there is a risk of explosion and or exposure to the contents.

Supervisor Wilson also reported that the county is currently looking at salt purveyors. There was a problem last year with the quality of the salt purchased.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Chairman Bill Brown reported that the Planning Board had met the evening prior. The project before the Planning Board consisted of the Picotte project, proposing a new cabin on Rochelle Way/Mosswood Way. The second project was a subdivision for the Berube family’s property, adding 10 acres from an abutting parcel also owned by the family. Kerri LaMarche on Route 22 presented plans for a 10X28 Shed with no plumbing or electrical. The final project was a subdivision for Richard Milne who proposed to merge five acres from a neighboring parcel. Chairman Brown also raised the issue of roadside signs that have appeared around town advertising a new lawn care business. The Planning Board would like them removed.

Fire Department report

Danny Tucker gave the Fire Department Report. (See attached) Mr. Tucker made a plea to the Town Board to increase the Fire Department’s budget in the coming year, as they haven’t had an increase in a few years while inflation has increased costs. The department is “trying to stay ahead of the game”.

Old Business

Cemetery Regulations- The Board reviewed proposed cemetery regulations that are intended to ensure the safety of the highway crew and equipment and give guidance to residents who have ownership of plots or have family members already buried in Putnam. A portion addressing markers and headstone installation was edited.

Resolution #40

Accept Cemetery Regulations, as edited, for the Town of Putnam

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and Councilman Shiell; all in favor.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

New Business

Planning Board Clerk Salary- A discussion took place about the salary for the new Planning Board Clerk.

Resolution #41

Establish the Planning Board Clerk salary of \$4,600 annually

On motion of Councilman Shiell, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider; all in favor.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Supervisor Wilson advised that a new printer may need to be purchased for the accounts clerk. The Town Clerk has volunteered to switch printers and take the smaller printer for use in her office in lieu of purchasing a second large printer for \$500+. The current printer can service the entire building.

Resolution #42 (8:25)

Enter Executive Session

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #43 (8:50)

Leave Executive Session

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

Resolution #44

Appoint Sara Gallipo-Sammis Planning Board Clerk

On motion of Councilwoman Kayla Bennett, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell, all in favor.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #45

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, 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