

Regular Meeting Of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 10, 2016
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

Supervisor John LaPointe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Greg Harris
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilwoman	Cathie Burke
	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall

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), Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Susan Johnson (Town Justice, 17019 State Route 22)

2017 Budget Public Hearing (7:02)

Supervisor LaPointe before opening the public hearing presented the Washington County Equalization Table. (See attached) Supervisor LaPointe explained how the table was utilized by Washington County to equalize taxes paid by each town based on their assessed value. After the assessed values are equalized the % the towns pay in County tax is calculated.

Supervisor LaPointe went on to present Putnam budget numbers briefly, saying there was a slight reduction in this year's budget. The Putnam Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) was raised to \$92,000.00 of which \$5000.00 and change, will be applied toward paying back a loan of \$50,000.00 made to the PVFD a few years ago. PVFD will receive a check for \$92,000.00 minus the \$5,000.00 and change. There are no major changes in the budget. The Highway Department will get their contracted raise of approximately 3%. Highway Superintendent Treadway will receive the same 3% as the highway workers. The Town Clerk also will receive an approximate 3% increase; everything else is flat for 2017. (The budget can be found on the town's website or a copy may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during office hours)

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED (7:08)

Bob Rudt congratulated Supervisor LaPointe on the reduction in the budget. He inquired as to how that was accomplished with the increases in wages. Supervisor LaPointe responded that there was a slight increase in the value of the town. Supervisor LaPointe went on to explain when new homes are built in Putnam the value of the town increases. Mr. Rudt also stated he was pleased to see the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department being supported. Supervisor LaPointe responded the PVFD had received a \$10,000.00 dollar raise in funds this year, a larger increase than they had received in previous years.

Supervisor LaPointe asked if there were any further comments or questions from the audience or board, none came forward.

(7:10) PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Resolution # 91

Accept the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 92

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of October, 2016

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

Resolution # 93

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of October, 2016

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 94

Pay bill as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 334-379	\$49,547.98
Highway Fund	# 159-175	\$29,608.78
Black Point Sewer District	# 8	\$17,415.51

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:11)

Susan Johnson Town Justice presented her records and financial statements, from 2015, for audit. The records were reviewed and accepted by the town board.

Resolution # 95

Accept Town Court's 2015 records as audited

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Justice Johnson also turned over the court's deposit for the month of October, 2016.

Susan Johnson also gave a report for the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD), she reported the PVFD received the AFG grant (Assistance for firefighter Grants) for air packs in the amount of \$78,000.00. The air packs were ordered and should arrive in four to six weeks. All interior fire fighters will have a new air pack with two air bottles. A second grant was recently submitted through AFG for a Cascade system, used to refill air bottles. A third grant application was submitted to International Paper for an all-terrain vehicle, in the amount of \$16,000.00. The Fire Department hired a grant writer out of Texas, to assist in the grant writing for the AFG grants. The cost of the grant writer is \$600.00.

Wayne Busby planning board member, requested a light be put up at the end of the old shed that sits on the north side of the town hall. Supervisor LaPointe responded he'd ask Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway to look into it. HS Treadway said he'd look into having an LED light installed. Mr. Busby also asked if more chairs could be supplied, stating the planning board did not have enough chairs at the meeting the night before. A discussion spurred from this about the current chairs being refurbished rather than buying new chairs, as they're antiques and suit the building. Sue Johnson suggested contacting Jim Marshall, the Tech. teacher at the Ticonderoga School, to see if he has students who'd be interested in working on the chairs as a community service project. Supervisor LaPointe responded he'd look into it. Councilman Hart reported Mr. Marshall's phone number as 518-586-0022. Supervisor LaPointe also said he has a contact with B.O.C.E.S that may be able to point him to an appropriate contact there.

Susan Johnson also asked to have signs placed on Route 22 for the town hall. She stated people have complained they have difficulty finding the town hall. Councilman Greg Harris inquired about right to farm life law signs that are missing from route 22. Supervisor LaPointe replied he believed the right to farm life signs came from the County. HS Treadway added being a state road they may have come from the State DOT.

Highway Report (7:25)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the winter equipment is ready for winter and the plow season; the new pickup will be ready in early December. The crew has been working at Cummings Park building a parking lot. The road to the lake needs a little more work at the bottom. The wood boiler at the town garage had an issue with a crack in the water jacket, a welder came from Crown Pointe and repaired the crack, and then others appeared. HS Treadway reported the issues were patched for now, however the boiler will probably need to be replaced next year. Supervisor LaPointe added the boiler system was older and reaching the end of the life expectancy. HS Treadway estimated that four to five hundred cord of wood had been through the boiler. Supervisor LaPointe joked he had met the welder and shook his hand; "he had an awful grip" Supervisor LaPointe went on to suggest if you meet the welder to "just say hi". Laughter followed.

Planning Board Report (7:28)

Bob Rudt reported there were three issues before the planning board this month. The planning board held three public hearings held at this month's meeting. The first public hearing was held for Linda & Robin Rapaport. Their plan is to build a single family 3 bedroom home on their lot on 6516 Royal Anchorage Way. The APA (Adirondack Park Agency) approval is pending. The Putnam Planning Board approved the Rapaport project conditional upon the APA approval. The second public hearing pertained to the Earle & Gleisner proposal to construct two 9x11' structures on their property on Gull Bay Road. Approval has been obtained from the APA (Adirondack Park Agency), LGPC (Lake George Park Commission), and the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) as the structure sizes fall below the agencies thresholds. The lot since 1989 has been classified as 'unbuildable'. The LGPC has granted a dock permit. Neighbors to the property, Lauren Schanard and David Smalley, presented an extensive written objection to the project, with several points of objection. The Planning Board denied the application based on the fact it was deemed an unbuildable lot, and there are no sanitary services on the lot. The third and final public hearing addressed the Alan Michalowski 2 lot subdivision located on Gull Bay Road. Currently the

property consists of 700 total acres, one lot being 100 acres, the second lot being 600 acres. The proposal was to adjust the parcels so that there would be two parcels proportionately sized, one being 300 acres and the second being 400 acres, with no current plans of development. The Planning Board approved the 2 lot subdivision.

Also at the Planning Board meeting, a letter generated by the planning board clerk, as a result of the workshop held November 3rd, 2016, regarding the Sheila White subdivision, was approved and will be sent to the Sheila White team.

Old Business (7:43)

2017 Budget Supervisor LaPointe asked if anyone had any further questions or comments. None came forward.

Resolution #96

Accept the 2017 budget

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart, Roll call, all in favor, 2017 budget unanimously passed and accepted by the Town Board.

BAR (Board of Assessment Review) vacancy, there are two applicants. The applicants will be contacted and interviews scheduled.

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Comment from the floor

Susan Johnson commented that Life Net is building a landing pad in Ticonderoga for a medical helicopter. The pad is located at Treadway's old speed shop behind the car wash, located off Route 9. **Wayne Busby** added it will be staffed 24/7 with 3 staff per shift.

Resolution #97

Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted

Meeting closed at 7:52pm

Next meeting is December 8th, 2016 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Final
Washington County Equalization Table
2016 Equalization Table for the 2017 Taxes

Town	Total Assessed RS 1,3,5,6, & Taxable Value RS 7	Final Equalization Rate	Equalized Full Value	% Town is to pay of County tax	County Taxable Value
Argyle	272,597,201	100.00%	272,597,201	0.05382	255,037,696
Cambridge	197,162,894	100.00%	197,162,894	0.03892	175,762,367
Dresden	132,688,986	46.00%	288,454,317	0.05695	130,739,394
Easton	5,797,366	2.12%	273,460,660	0.05399	5,413,243
Fort Ann	644,181,412	100.00%	644,181,412	0.12718	622,704,867
Fort Edward	327,322,133	87.00%	376,232,337	0.07428	309,647,449
Granville	356,640,819	100.00%	356,640,819	0.07041	333,912,316
Greenwich	426,016,201	100.00%	426,016,201	0.08411	390,628,444
Hampton	68,591,709	100.00%	68,591,709	0.01354	65,207,993
Hartford	154,807,242	100.00%	154,807,242	0.03056	136,978,180
Hebron	180,169,741	100.00%	180,169,741	0.03557	158,095,607
Jackson	66,443,368	35.00%	189,838,194	0.03748	61,039,142
Kingsbury	701,262,629	100.00%	701,262,629	0.13844	657,856,740
Putnam	287,244,909	100.00%	287,244,909	0.05671	284,215,844
Salem	126,562,693	57.00%	222,039,812	0.04384	115,128,454
White Creek	143,797,509	64.37%	223,392,122	0.04410	129,765,857
Whitehall	203,114,828	100.00%	203,114,828	0.04010	187,862,133
Totals	4,294,401,640		5,065,207,027	1.000000	4,019,995,726

Prepared by Wash Co Real Property Tax Serv.
Dated: 11/8/16 sjd