

Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
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	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), Bert Windle (LCP Tax Committee Chair, 5209 Sagamore Road), Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Larry Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Darrell Wilson (Resident, 88 County Route 3), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), David Smalley (Resident, 542 Gull Bay Road), Bonnie Maiolo (Resident, 211 County Route 3).

Resolution # 83

Accept the minutes of the August 10th, 2017 meeting

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

Resolution # 84

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of August, 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 85

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of August, 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 86

Pay bill as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 296-329	\$17,177.26
Highway Fund	# 125-138	\$40,731.25
Black Point Sewer District	# 12	\$69,445.18

Correspondence (7:02)

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:02)

Bob Rudt inquired if anyone knew what the workers driving the cars labeled "Osmost" were doing around Putnam. Joe Fisher replied that he spoke with one of the workers personally. The worker told him the crew was inspecting the integrity of the poles for National Grid and Time Warner.

May Drinkwine-Shiell spoke addressing resident's pets freely roaming in Putnam on private property and on public roadways. Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell raised the safety issues related to untethered animals roaming freely; also she raised the issue with destruction of private properties related to the pets that are allowed to roam. Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell stated she's had to clean the waste of chickens and dogs from her lawn and steps due to a neighbor's animals coming onto her property. She stated she'd like the Town Laws and Department of Agriculture Laws to be enforced, up to this point they have not. She stated she contacted the Town Dog Control Officer, who to date has not addressed the problems with dogs at large in Putnam. She stated she takes pride in her property, and she doesn't want animals on her lawn ruining what she's worked hard to keep clean and looking nice. Bonnie Maiolo spoke next saying she was attending the meeting for the same reason as Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell. Mrs. Maiolo continued saying she walks frequently and has been confronted many times by dogs at large on the public roads of Putnam. She has felt unsafe and threatened by the animals as they're allowed to roam freely. Mrs. Maiolo stated she's had dogs for 30 years and they've never been allowed to roam. She stated she feels if she controls her dogs it's not fair for other to allow their animals to be allowed to roam freely without consequence. Supervisor LaPointe responded to the complaints saying he would address the problems with the Dog Control Officer Steve Peters Jr. Supervisor LaPointe also said the Dog Control Officer should begin a census of dogs in Putnam. The Supervisor also said he'd speak with the owners of the farm animals that were un-penned, and make them aware the animals need to be confined to their property.

Wayne Busby made his monthly plea for "that stuff" on Peterson road. (Laughter).

Bert Windle spoke on behalf a neighbor, who's in his eighties. For the last decade the man has rented his camp and lived on a campsite so he could afford to keep his property on the lake. After having the property on the market for five years he recently he sold the property, at this point the Lake George Park Commission stepped in and said they had given the man a violation 30 years ago that he never fixed. The LGPC set a fine of \$5,000 and ordered he remove the cabana and dock from the property. Mr. Windle stated he has seen others get fines and negotiate the fines down to basically nothing and he felt this man is not in a position to do that for himself. He asked the Board to discuss it and have the Supervisor speak with the LGPC in an effort to assist the man in getting a more realistic conclusion to the issue. Supervisor LaPointe replied he'd speak with someone at the LGPC.

David Smalley returned this month with the issue of development activity on the neighboring property (Earl/Gleisner). He stated he'd like a determination what actions might be taken from an enforcement standpoint. Mr. Smalley produced copies of documents from the APA that were submitted to the Putnam Planning Board, and were subsequently not approved. He also produced copies of a wharf permit that includes staircases to the water, which Mr. Smalley believes they're not entitled to. Mr. Smalley contends that the Earl/Gleisner's have proceeded with development despite their plans not being approved by the Putnam Planning Board. Mr. Smalley stated "Bill was confused as to what was being built there" referring to the Putnam Code Enforcement Officer who had visited the property the prior to the August Town Board meeting." (Please refer to August minutes). Mr. Smalley also stated he believes this is "undesirable development activity. Supervisor LaPointe replied he would contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer, and the Town Attorney about the matter.

Highway Report (7:25)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the Gradall has been repaired and its back. The crew has been using it to ditch Cummings Road, Warrick Road, Notch Hill, and Moore Road. He also reported that Pulpit Point has been prepped for paving. HS Treadway said he called Peckham about paving; they'll be available around the middle of October. HS Treadway addressed the heating at the Town Garage. HS Treadway is seeking estimates on oil boilers to replace the current heating system. One estimate has arrived thus far. Bert Windle suggested looking into a propane boiler stating they don't need as much maintenance as oil burners. Mr. Windle also thought that propane fuel would be less expensive.

Planning Board Report (7:35)

Bob Rudt reported the Planning Board had one item on their agenda the previous evening at their monthly meeting. The issue discussed is located at 6680 Royal Anchorage Way. The plan proposes building a set of stairs from the house to the lake, also to replace an existing retaining wall and a possibly construct a new stone slab patio on a ledge knoll. Mr. Rudt reported the Planning Board spent an hour discussing jurisdictional issues. Bert Windle suggested that the Board consider zoning to ease the burden on the Planning Board, and to give the Planning Board something to work with on particular issues.

Old Business (7:44)

Cummings Park Supervisor LaPointe reported that a well has been dug at the Park. The well is getting ½ gallon a minute. The drillers will be coming in the next week to frack in an attempt to improve the production of the well. Engineers also visited the park to inspect the bank that the Town received a grant to fix. The bank is slowly sliding into the lake; the hope is to prevent further erosion of the bank. Bert Windle asked if there was a master plan for the park, Supervisor LaPointe replied there was not at this time. Mr. Windle suggested a master plan. Supervisor LaPointe agreed that is a good idea and would make sense. Councilman Greg Harris added that every year something should be added to the park to improve it and make it more functional to the public. Mr. Windle said with a master plan when grant monies become available the Town could apply with the plan. Supervisor LaPointe also added that the Rail Road is slow to bill the Town and that bill is needed to complete the grant money process. Bob Rudt inquired about an opening ceremony. Councilman Harris replied when the well and bathrooms are finished, Supervisor LaPointe added likely next summer there would be an official opening.

Beach Progress Supervisor LaPointe reported the Town has received a grant to fix the Gull Bay Beach. Randy Rath is coming and has some plans to rectify the problem with sand washing into the bay. Beth Gillis has gotten money to assist in the fix. There was a question about catch basins in the streams that run to the lake. Supervisor LaPointe said he'd speak with Randy Rath about that.

New Business (7:59)

Workshop 2018 Budget, a date of Monday, September 18th, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. has been set for the workshop. Supervisor LaPointe stated the budget is going to remain flat with no large increase.

Union Negotiations are scheduled for the Monday, September 18th, 2017 budget meeting. The budget meeting is open to the public; however, the Unions negotiations are not.

Cee McKenzie the BAR Chair asked if anyone has applied for the open seat on the BAR yet. Supervisor LaPointe replied no one has applied at this time, and added if she or anyone knew of someone who'd be interested they should send a letter of interest.

Resolution # 87

Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Meeting closed at 8:05 P. M.

Next regular meeting is October 12th, 2017 at 7P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman