

PUTNAM PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Putnam Planning Board met on December 13th. at the Putnam Town Hall. The following board members were present: Chairman Bill Brown, Jim Hock, Galen Seerup, Mark Karlson, Art Sheeley, Wayne Busby & Richard Malaney. Chris Navitsky, Larry & May Drinkwine Shiell, and Jim Kloiber were also present as guests. Zoom attendees were Scott Waite & Karl Ohly.

Resolution #81– A motion was made by Wayne Busby to approve November’s minutes. Seconded by Mark Karlson and passed unanimously.

Scott Waite – Scott presented a proposal to extend his existing deck to make a wraparound deck. There is an additional 300 sq. ft. This is located at 448 Gull Bay Road. The neighbors were notified and no response. He paid the Town Clerk the \$50 fee. Both the LGPC and the APA determined the project non-jurisdictional.

Resolution #82– A motion was made by Galen Seerup that the Scott Waite proposal falls under the threshold for our site plan review, Bill to sign his LRCC1. Seconded by Richard Malaney and passed unanimously.

Robert Agree – Stephanie Wagner emailed the APA, the LGPC, the LG Waterkeeper, and the Town of Putnam Supervisor expressing her concerns of the site plan violations taken place at her neighbors Robert Agree’s property. This letter was shared with the board and is in the Agree file. The set backs are not met. Chairman Bill Brown sent a letter to Joe Thouin of the LGPC and Emily O’Mahony of the APA asking where they stand with the violations. He never heard back from the APA. He did hear from Joe stating that the commission is aware and the stormwater controls will be installed onsite in the upcoming construction season by July. Bill expressed our frustration with the blatant violations and no recourse. Why do we have regulations that are not enforced? Jim; Stephanie’s husband expressed his gratitude to the Planning Board for the work we have put into trying to rectify this issue. They are awaiting a date for their property survey. There is an obvious set back issue. Chairman Bill will be attending the Town Board meeting tomorrow night and he will let them know what is going on. There has been many hours spent working on this by board members, the clerk and the Chairman. Bill will ask the town board how we should proceed.

Enforcement: Chairman Bill and Supervisor Darrell met and came up with a Standard Operating Procedure guideline to follow for potential violations. We reviewed the rough draft.

Resolution #83– A motion was made by Galen Seerup to modify the Site Plan and Subdivision applications. Add “By signing this application you provide approval for the board members to come look at your property with prior notice.” Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously.

Re-Cap of 2023 Planning Board Too Date

17 Site Plan approvals
22 Signed LRCC1
9 Signed LRCC2
6 Violations Letters – This is 35% of our actual approvals
1 Lot Line Adjustment

This month Chairman Bill signed the following:

Seerup – LRCC1 & LRCC2 – Generator
Coffman – Demo permit & LRCC1 Garage
Ruben – LRCC1 – Generator
Duffy – LRCC2 - Generator
Waite – LRCC1 – Interior work
Ruger for LaRock – Demo Permit LRCC1

Resolution #84 A motion was made by Galen to have the Chairman contact Danielle, code enforcement to report a camper trailer over the bank on the Cummings Road. This trailer is abandoned and presents a health and safety hazard to the children in the area. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously.

May Drinkwine Shiell approached the Planning Board. She stated: An accusation was made by their neighbor Lani Ohly that she has on recording Town Councilman, Larry Sheill and Planning Board Chairman Bill Brown were negotiating about a strategy to hire an engineer for the town. Bill Brown stated this is only a rumor and is not true.

Resolution #85 A motion was made by Wayne Busby to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Planning Board. Seconded by Richard Malaney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wilson
Planning Board Clerk

Next Planning Board meeting is December 10, 2024 at the Putnam Town Hall – Minutes subject to approval