

Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

May 8, 2025, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Larry Shiell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present: Supervisor Darrell Wilson
Councilman Larry Shiell
Councilman Charles Bain

Members absent: Councilwoman Carole Schneider
Councilwoman Kayla Bennett

Others present: Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane) Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, 41 Whitetail Way Ticonderoga) Nancy Treadway (2nd Deputy Clerk, 67 Wright Road), Bill Brown (Planning Board Chair, 17 Charter Brook Lane), Mark Karlson (Planning Board Member, 2388 Black Point Way), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Dave Hayes (PVFD, 560 Gull Bay Road), Cynthia Floor (Resident, 293 Lake Road), Leslie L. Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road)

Present via ZOOM: Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road)

Resolution #46

Accept the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Regular meeting with corrections

The prior month's meeting minutes incorrectly stated that Councilwoman Schneider voted yes in favor of hiring Sara Gallipo-Sammis. Councilwoman Schneider voted no.

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #47

Accept the Financial reports for the month of April 2025

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #48

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

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell all in favor.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #49

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of April 2025

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

Resolution #50

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	# 97-113	\$9,319.71
Highway Fund	# 48-53	\$5,606.93

Correspondence

Town of Newcomb- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Invitation

Phillis Lane- Letter of declination for per diem position

Department of Transportation- Putnam rest area, new signs for no overnight parking/camping

Alison Windle- Offering the Town first option to buy back a burial plot in Meadow Knoll

Courtesy of the Floor

Cynthia Floor asked when the paving of Lake Road would begin.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway began his report with a response to Cynthia Floor's inquiry about Lake Road saying there is still work to be done by the power line that would be detrimental to the condition of the road, so paving will be closer to the end of June. HS Treadway also reported that there is funding that may become available for storm water work in Black Point. HS Treadway has teamed up with the Lake George Park Commission and Washington County Water and Soil to resolve run-off issues. The grant monies are a reimbursement program, meaning the Town would have to pay initially then be reimbursed. There is \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) available. The work is tentatively scheduled for June. HS Treadway presented an estimate for improved power service at Cummings Park. The current estimate is to add two breakers to the box and to pull wires to the box for future expansion of the electrical service. This estimate is for the pavilion only. The Barbeque pit will be addressed later.

Resolution #51

Authorized the Highway Superintendent to proceed with electrical expansion at Cummings Park

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

Resolution #52

Authorized the Highway Superintendent proceed with the application for a grant for water remediation on Black Point Road

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

There was a brief discussion about a proposed increase in rental fees for Cummings Park. Costs to maintain the park have increased overtime, with improvements to the park and inflation. Rental fees no

longer cover the costs of routine maintenance after an event. The cost of a tank pump-out has increased about 30% since the fees were set. The discussion was tabled until next month.

A small group of residents, led by Calvin Granger, have built a barbeque pit at Cummings Park. It was suggested that the members of the group receive one free event at the park as a show of appreciation for their work and time dedicated to the barbeque pit project.

Resolution #53

Give volunteers who worked on the barbeque pit at Cummings Park one free event at the Park

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Councilman Bain commented that if the town had to pay for the same work, it would have cost the town a lot more. He expressed his appreciation for the folks who worked on the pit.

Councilman Shiell raised the issue of the pavilion maintenance. He stated that the pavilion needs to be cleaned and stained as it is drying out. Highway Superintendent Treadway agreed as it has been about 10+ years since the pavilion was built and it is due for maintenance. HS Treadway will look for a service that will clean and stain the pavilion and get an estimate.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board's May meeting has not taken place yet this month.

Fire Department report

Dave Hayes reported that in April the department had 11 calls, seven were EMS calls, three were smoke detector activations that turned out to be false alarms, and a standby call for a capsized boat in Warrensburg. The FD hosted an open house on April 27, 2025, that had good attendance. At the open house Doug Thatcher gave a presentation on ion lithium battery safety. A new member was accepted; the membership is now 16. The new members have experience and were formerly members of other fire departments. Doug Thatcher completed his level two instructor certification. Congratulations to Doug.

Old Business

Town Historian Eileen Greeley has created a pictorial history of Putnam. Mrs. Greeley has been communicating with a local publisher. Mrs. Greeley has an appointment with the publisher. Mrs. Greeley is seeking a budget amount from the Board. The publisher will prepare one copy for proof reading before publication. Mrs. Greeley's appointment is May 20th.

Resolution #54

Authorize the Supervisor to negotiate for publishing the pictorial history of Putnam with a cap of \$10,000

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #55

Change Grievance Day to the second Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in May

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

The 2025 Rabies clinic will be held Wednesday June 4 at 6PM at the Putnam Town Hall.
By appointment.

The New York State Retirement System has suspended the Town Clerk's pension. To correct the issue the Board must pass a standard workday resolution that then must be posted for 30 days before the Clerk's pension can be reinstated.

Resolution #56

Establish the Standard workday and reporting resolution as 8 hours

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

Supervisor Wilson handed out a packet with possible uses of the PILOT, and Host Benefit Package revenues expected from CHPE, the powerline company, for further discussion at next month's meeting.

Supervisor Wilson closed the meeting by advising he would not be seeking another term as Supervisor.

Town Attorney Winn advised he was asked to look at the stray dog law for the Town of Putnam. He'd like to re-work the local law for stray dogs, adding penalties.

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 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