

**Regular Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**Putnam Town Board**

October 10, 2024, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

**7:00 Meeting called to order**

Councilman Larry Shiell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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| <b>Members present:</b> | Supervisor   | Darrell Wilson   |
|                         | Councilwoman | Carole Schneider |
|                         | Councilwoman | Kayla Bennett    |
|                         | Councilman   | Larry Shiell     |
|                         | Councilman   | Charles Bain     |

**Others present:** 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), Eileen Greeley (Town Historian, 100 Gull Bay Road), Leslie Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Stephanie Wagoner (Resident 2198 Black Point Road), James Kloiber (Resident, 2198 Black Point Road), Dave Manchester (Resident 5177 Sagamore Road)

**Present via ZOOM:** Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Corey Granger (Highway Dept., 139 Craig Road), John Pinelli (Resident 5213 Sagamore Road), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Stephanie Bitter (Attorney for Robert Agree & Melissa Biren, One Washington Street Glens Falls NY 12801), Melissa Biren (Resident, 2191 Black Point Road), Robert Agree (Resident, 2191 Black Point Road).

**Resolution #89**

**Accept the minutes of September 12, 2024, Regular meeting & Public Hearing**

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

**Resolution #90**

**Accept the Financial reports for the month of September 2024**

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

**Resolution #91**

**Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of September 2024**

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

**Resolution #92**

**Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of September 2024**

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

**Resolution #93**

**Pay bills as audited**

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

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

|                                |           |             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| General Fund                   | # 229-252 | \$12,511.20 |
| Highway Fund                   | # 97-103  | \$7,482.46  |
| Black Point Sewer District     | #7        | \$21,123.14 |
| Royal Anchorage Sewer District | #1        | \$8,915.64  |

**Correspondence**

Stephanie Bitter Attorney for Robert Agree & Melissa Biren- concerning a neighbor dispute.

Stephanie Wagoner – Concerning a neighbor dispute.

Association of Towns- February’s Annual meeting at the Marriott in NYC.

**Courtesy of the Floor**

Stephanie Bitter, Attorney representing Robert Agree & Melissa Biren, Black Point residents, addressed the Board first. Ms. Bitter is seeking clarity on behalf of her clients from the Town Board, on the Planning Board’s jurisdiction over her client’s home upgrades/repairs.

Nancy Wolf-Fisher addressed the Board next, saying she also had correspondence she would like to have acknowledged. Supervisor Wilson asked Mrs. Wolf-Fisher to voice her opinion. Mrs. Wolf-Fisher addressed her concern that all taxpayers should be surveyed on the planning board issue, not just those who vote in Putnam.

Dave Manchester addressed the Board next, reiterating Mrs. Wolf-Fisher’s sentiments that all taxpayers be surveyed, not just voters in Putnam.

Supervisor Wilson asked three times if there were any further comments. There were none.

**Town Historian Report** (7:41)

Town Historian Eileen Greeley presented the Board with drafts of her book. Mrs. Greeley has worked diligently for over two years on a pictorial history of Putnam. The book is nearing completion and Mrs. Greeley is seeking the funds to publish the book from the Board. A brief discussion about possible ways to publish the book, hardbound, spiral, etcetera took place. Publishing options will be investigated. The Board thanked Mrs. Greeley for her hard work on the book project.

**Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway was unable to attend.

Supervisor Wilson reported that the Highway department has been working hard at prepping for the coming winter months. Best Road and Lake Road are of particular concern having been damaged badly by the work on the CHPE powerline project. Also, work on the BBQ pit at Cummings Park has started and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

**Budget Officer Report** (7:29)

Budget Officer Cee McKenzie reviewed the changes suggested at the budget workshop advising the budget is \$5,808 above the tax cap after the changes. The largest changes driving the increase are salaries, health insurance for the Town Clerk, an expected 20% increase in utility costs, and a significant cost increase in municipal insurance on the town grounds and buildings. BO McKenzie reviewed the lines that have been changed since the budget workshop and took questions from the board.

An IT discussion took place for consideration of possible costs in the 2026 budget. A possible County IT service is being considered at the county level.

**Resolution #94**

**Set the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget for November 14, 2024, at 7PM**

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

Supervisor Wilson opened a discussion about the Animal Control Officer. Currently Putnam is fortunate enough to have two qualified individuals for animal control. Supervisor Wilson would like to establish a structure in which Jim Hebert would be the control officer and Rusty Moore would be a per diem animal control officer at \$50 per call.

**Resolution #95**

**Appoint James Hebert as Animal Control Officer & Rusty Moore as Per Diem Animal Control Officer at the rate of \$50 per call.**

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

**Planning Board Report**

Chairman Bill Brown reported there were three items on their agenda the prior evening. Their meeting opened with a public hearing for a property in Glenburnie, the second was a site plan on Gull Bay Road for an addition on a house, the third was Wayne Busby for a lot line adjustment. Chairman Brown finished by saying Ms. Bitter and Stephanie Wagoner had both attended last night's meeting with the same discussion brought to tonight's meeting. Chairman Brown has reiterated that this is now a civil issue between neighbors. Rob Winn, the town attorney, asked for an executive session for more on this discussion.

Councilwoman Carole Schneider raised the issue of accusations from the community of Planning Board members illegally entering properties. Councilwoman Schneider would like to put forth a motion to reinforce the Town's position on such actions. A discussion took place about the resolution and its intent.

**Resolution #96**

**No member of the Planning Board shall enter or investigate any property including taking pictures, without the unanimous consent of the Town Board. Violators will be held personally liable for their action.**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain,  
Yes vote by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett  
No vote by Councilman Larry Shiell  
Yes vote by Supervisor Wilson with comment his vote is to affirm authority that already exists.

**Resolution adopted by majority vote.**

**Resolution #97 (8:15)**

**Move to Executive Session to discuss potential legal matters**

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

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Resolution #97 (8:47)**

**Exit Executive Session & adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell.

**Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024, 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