

**Regular Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Putnam Town Board**

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD  
JULY 14, 2016  
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

**7:00 Meeting called to order**

Councilwoman Shirley Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**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) Bill Brown (Assistant Fire Chief of the Putnam Vol. Fire Dept., 17 Charter Brook Lane), Charles Bain Sr. (Resident, Bain Lane), Wayne Busby (Resident, 11 Charter Brook Lane) Bert Windle (Resident, 5209 Sagamore Road) Al Coulter (Resident, address unknown), Karen Edwards (Resident, Link Way) Susan Johnson (Town Justice, 17019 St. Rte. 22), Riley O'Hara (Resident, 17019 St. Rte. 22)

**Public Hearing** (7:01)

A public hearing was opened to the floor for comments regarding the repeal of Local Law #1 of 2001. Putnam's sole assessor in 2001 worked for two towns, to alleviate a conflict in scheduling. Putnam changed the Putnam Grievance Day date from the fourth Tuesday in May to the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday. There is no longer a conflict with scheduling, hence reverting local law #1 of 2001. Putnam's Grievance Day date will revert to the fourth Tuesday in May to accommodate Section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law.  
(No comments from the floor)  
Public Hearing Closed (7:02)

**Resolution #69**

**Accept the minutes of June 9, 2016 regular meeting**

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

**Resolution #70**

**Accept Supervisor's monthly report for June 2016**

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

**Resolution #71**

**Accept Town Clerk's report for June 2016**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Gregg Harris; Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #72**

**Pay bills as audited**

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	#187-218	\$ 28,743.50
Highway Fund	#88-98	\$ 10,215.79

**Plaque Presentation** (7:05)

Supervisor LaPointe presented a plaque, on behalf of the Town, to Jr. Fire Fighter Riley O'Hara for completing Fire Fighter 1. Firefighter O'Hara thanked the Town, his parents, friends and the Fire Department for their support during the 8 month training.

**Correspondence 7:06** (None)

**Privilege of The Floor Parameters**

Supervisor LaPointe brought attention to the handouts outlining parameters of the floor to assist order and efficiency of Putnam's public meetings.

**Courtesy of the floor** (7:07pm) (4 minute time limit)

Bill Brown (Assistant Fire Chief of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department or AFC) Mr. Brown reported the Fire Department in the Month of June. The FD had 2 calls during the month of June totaling 2 man hours. They also had 2 EMS calls, also totaling 2 man hours. The FD had 5 training events totaling 74.5 man hours. The FD is working on their annual Chicken BBQ that will be held Saturday July 16, 2016 beginning at 2pm. AFC Brown recognized Councilwoman Shirley Randall as one of the volunteers for upcoming BBQ. On other business AFC Brown reported that the fire siren is out of service. The FD is looking for a replacement. The age of the current system makes rewiring necessary for a replacement system. AFC Brown also said the FD has one vehicle out of service, 435, the rescue truck. The truck "blew a brake line" and the FD is waiting for parts for the repair. The final topic brought by AFC Brown was the survey the FD sent out asking residents if they'd pay more in tax to benefit the Fire Department. Approximately 750 surveys were sent out 64 were returned. Of those returned 50 said yes, 14 said no. 14 respondents said they'd like to see the increase implemented in 1 year, twenty six said 2 years to implement, twelve said 3 years to implement the increase and twelve gave no time frame response.

Karen Edwards (7:09) (Representing the Turner Family on Link Way in Gull Bay) expressed concern about the house being built at the end of the Link Way. The concern primarily is about the damage that will be done to the private road during the construction of the new home. Supervisor LaPointe pointed her in the direction of the planning board to express her concerns. Bob Rudt responded if she was unable to attend the August meeting of the planning board he'd bring up her issue. Mr. Windle inquired about

bonding vehicles that would possibly do damage. Councilman Hart suggested to Ms. Edwards and concerned residents petition the contractor to try to reach an agreement about the condition of the road pre and post construction. Supervisor LaPointe said he'd contact the contractor to speak with him/her about possible damage.

Supervisor LaPointe complimented Charlie Bain Sr., Al Coulter, Henry Sears and the others who created and maintain the gardens at the Putnam Boat Launch saying he was "very impressed" with their work. The audience agreed.

Supervisor LaPointe solicited opinions regarding the meeting parameters set forth at the opening of the floor. He encouraged people to look it over and go to him with any comments or questions. Mr. Windle asked why it was necessary. Supervisor LaPointe pointed out that past meetings were not as civil as they need to be, and that a board meeting is not the appropriate place to "beat up" himself or the council. He suggested instead it would be more appropriate to approach them outside of a meeting for less constructive comments, however at the meetings it's not going to be allowed. Mr. Windle commented he'd been here 20 years and it's never been aloud. A brief light hearted exchange took place following Mr. Windle's comment.

### 7:20 Floor closed

#### Highway Department Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the shimming and paving on Lake Road was finished. 4700' was paved. HS Treadway said he's in contact with Dresden to schedule a time to shoulder Lake Road. In other Highway business, HS Treadway reported the two trucks at auction did well. The F550 brought \$10,000 and the 97 brought \$5600 at auction.

#### Resolution #73

##### Accept bids on the trucks at auction

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

Also HS Treadway reported the white goods pick up was finished; only a few items were picked up. HS Treadway updated the board on the condition of the Gradall; He said he had contacted Cummins of Albany. Cummins sent a maintenance person who said the engine is 'shot'. The cost of engine replacement, along with other maintenance that needs to be done, the estimated cost would be around \$20,000. Councilman Greg Harris commented the Town paid less than that for the Gradall 15 years ago. HS Treadway said he'd been researching machines online, specifically Auctions International. Auctions International auctions previously owned machines. HS Treadway estimated a machine meeting the Town's need would cost \$30K to \$40K. Also reported, the first cycle of roadside mowing was completed. The second will begin August 15.

#### Planning Board Report (7:25)

Bob Rudt reported the July 13, 2016 meeting of the Planning Board began with a public hearing on the Vincent Beatty property on Link Way. Mr. Rudt said there was some concern expressed about the void left on the land scape after the house move. The Planning Board is looking for a re-forestation plan so the area isn't decimated. The house will fit behind the trees on both sides for minimal visual impact. A peat moss septic system is planned for the site. A lot of effort is being put into storm water management for the finished site. Other business at the Planning Board meeting, discussion of the potential purchase by the Lake George Land Conservancy of the beaver pond area, on 22, from Thomas Eliopoulos. 3 attorneys attended the meeting, one representing Eliopoulos, one representing the Conservancy and one representing the Town. All 3 attorneys agreed that the 1907 subdivision was valid. The Planning Board

does not need to make any more subdivisions with the property. Other business included contractor Steve Mildon who is working in Glenburnie building a car port for Mike McGrath. Mr. Mildon did not get a permit prior to building. The contractor retroactively applied for the permit along with a permit for a future project, another car port, for Peter Pallis. Both permits were approved. A question about a dock was posed at the meeting. A boat house, every year the ice moves in and it gets narrower. It's built parallel to the shore and the outer wall continues to move in, now the boat doesn't fit. The contractor inquired about whom has jurisdiction over such a project. Mr. Rudt stated the Planning Board doesn't. The Planning Board only has jurisdiction over the use of the land attached to the boat house, but not the boat house. Approaching other matters, Mr. Rudt mentioned the Planning Board was still down 1 member. Supervisor LaPointe responded that later in the meeting that was going to be discussed. Supervisor LaPointe also asked Mr. Rudt that the Code Enforcement Officer gets copies of any plans that come before the Planning Board.

### **Old Business** (7:39)

#### **Town Hall Maintenance and Improvements**

Supervisor LaPointe reported the Town Hall exterior has been painted and new floor tiles have been installed in the bathrooms and the back hall. New floor tiles will be installed in the Clerk's office and the entry hall in the coming week. The entry porch on the exterior of the building hasn't been painted, but will be when the new floor to the porch is finished. Work on the entry porch is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Also, the building's roof will be evaluated in the coming weeks.

#### **Cummings Park**

Supervisor LaPointe reported that half of the wiring is in from the main road to the railroad crossing but, due to bad weather (Moriah didn't have power) National Grid crews were unable to finish the job that day. They are scheduled to complete it on Friday, July 15, 2016.

#### **Shared Service Agreement**

Supervisor LaPointe revisited a request from New York State Department of Transportation, which asks if the Town of Putnam would like to enter into a shared service agreement for services and materials that are valued for less than \$10,000. New York State Comptroller rules allow NYSDOT to "trade" services under a simple one page agreement. A SSA (Shared Service Agreement) facilitates actions more quickly, and will ensure that there are no procedural obstacles to sharing resources if and when the need arises. The Putnam Board received copies of the agreement to study at the June meeting.

#### **Resolution #74**

##### **Enter Shared Service Agreement with NYSDOT**

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

### **New Business**(7:50)

#### **E-cycling**

Per a suggestion made by Mr. Windle at June's meeting Supervisor LaPointe contacted Wal-Mart to inquire about E-cycling through the retailer. Supervisor LaPointe spoke with the local Wal-Mart manager Janet Trombley, who informed him Wal-Mart does not have an e-cycling program, nor do they take part in any such program. Bob Rudt added he's made some inquiries as to how other towns handle their E-cycling; his conclusion was that in other places it's handled primarily on the county level. Supervisor LaPointe responded he has approached the subject at the County level and will continue to work on it.

**Planning Board Vacancy**

Supervisor LaPointe confirmed there have been two applicants for the Planning Board Vacancy. Wayne Busby and Cynthia Floor have both expressed interest, in writing. Supervisor LaPointe also reported that a second vacancy will be opening in December 2016. Janet Mallon has expressed that she will not seek re-appointment. A meeting time for interviews will be arranged.

**Miscellaneous Business (7:57)**

**Gull Bay Beach**

Mary Jane Dedrick raised an issue with the beach. Recently there has been a dispute with neighboring landowners about who owns the end of the beach and where the property lines are. Cee McKenzie located the Towns parcel on the Washington County website GIS map, clearly showing the Town owns the entirety of the beach. Maps will be printed and left at the beach for any further confrontations about the property line, should they occur.

**Town Clerk**

Mr. Windle complimented the new Town Clerk and her performance in office, to the agreement of others. (Thank you everyone)

**Trailer Ordinance**

Mr. Windle asked about trailers in town, specifically Royal Anchorage. Supervisor LaPointe said he believed the trailer in question was temporary and would be used while construction took place. The Code Enforcement Officer has been out there, but hasn't reported on it yet. The trailer on Glenburnie has been cited by the code enforcement officer. The trailer ordinance review was raised again during the discussion. A date of August 9, 2016 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, for the Planning Board, Town Board and the Code Enforcement Officer to meet and review the current ordinance was scheduled.

**8:10 Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart;  
Meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

Next Meeting August 11, 2016 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Greg Harris \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Shirley Randall \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman