

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

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD  
JANUARY 11, 2018  
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.

## **7:00Meeting called to order**

Councilman Darrell Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

<b>Members present:</b>	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Greg Harris
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	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), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Susan Johnson (Town Justice, 10719 State Route 22), Dan Tucker (Fire Chief Putnam Volunteer Fire Department, 35 County Route 2), Mike Wallace (President Putnam Volunteer Fire Department, 19 Clemons Lane), Leslie L. Bain, (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Charlie Bain (Boat Launch attendant, 17 Bain Lane)

## **Resolution # 35**

### **Accept the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting**

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

## **Resolution # 36**

### **Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of December 2017**

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

**Resolution # 37**

**Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of December 2017**

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

**Resolution # 38**

**Pay bill as audited**

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

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

General Fund	# 1-14	\$21,143.18
Highway Fund	# 1-6	\$6,148.73

**Correspondence**

None

**Courtesy of the floor (7:03)**

Wayne Busby inquired about the status of the Site Plan Review update. Councilman Kevin Hart replied that another meeting needs to be scheduled with the Town attorney John Breitenbach, along with an additional joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Town Board to finalize the document before it's put before the public for hearing. Mr. Busby changed topic to the Gull Bay Beach. Mr. Busby raised a concern that the beach has a sign in place stating the beach was for "town use only", however, he observed on many occasions that the Doc Doctors, a commercial business, was using the beach as a staging area for their for profit business at no benefit to the town. Councilman Hart replied to Mr. Busby's concerns saying that there would need to be a discussion about that type of use at the boat launch. Mr. Busby argued the point that he pays taxes to the Town, while the Doc Doctors use the launch for nothing. Mr. Busby then went on to give his monthly request for blacktop on Peterson Road. He continued moving to the topic of Cummings Park, asking what the future plans were for the parks development. Councilman Hart replied that a grand opening had been discussed, and whom might be invited for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Busby asked if any improvements to the boat launch were in the plans, he stated there is not enough room to turn a vehicle around there. Councilman Hart replied it would be evaluated.

May Drinkwine-Shiell spoke next, asking if the new Dog Control Officer has begun the dog census in Putnam. Councilman Wilson replied the dog census would begin in January but was unsure if Mr. Treadway has physically started, but the intent was to begin the census in January. Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell continued asking if a letter to residents had been composed yet addressing animals in the roads in Putnam. Councilman Wilson replied he did not know. Continuing Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell asked if the Cummings Park was available to rent this summer. Town Clerk Darlene Kerr replied there was no charge for the park usage; however a reservation through the Town Clerk's office is needed. Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell inquired if there are any regulations about alcohol use at the park. Councilman Harris responded the park is fairly new and things are still being worked out. Councilman Harris also stated that the board would need to consult the Town's attorney about various issues at the park, including alcohol use. Councilman Hart then stated regulations should be in place by warm weather.

Dan Tucker the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) Chief introduced the new President of the PVFD Mike Wallace. He went on to give an update. Last year's call volume included 49 EMS calls, 31 fire calls, for a total of 80 calls and increase of 20 from the prior year. The department has 2 new EMT's and one Junior member who just completed exterior fire fighter training, with plans to do interior training in the spring.

Mike Wallace the new President of the PVFD spoke next giving a rundown on the list of officers elected in the department for 2018. Current Chief is Dan Tucker, First Assistant Chief is Mike Alteri, Captain is Sue Tucker, First Lieutenant is Mike Wallace, Second Lieutenant Medical is Ryan Wendell, President is Mike Wallace, and Vice President is Cory Granger.

Chief Tucker added that the fire department building recently suffered a water break in the bathrooms, destroying the walls in the bathrooms and leaking into the truck bays. He reported the insurance adjuster has been to the firehouse to assess the damage. The adjuster has given the insurance agency a report, and the fire department is waiting to hear what the adjustment will be. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of installing a handicap accessible bathroom during the restore. Chief Tucker stated they wanted to form a committee to discuss doing the bathroom the right way in the restore. He wasn't sure how much the insurance would cover, but he felt it should be done now as long as a restore has to be done. Chief Tucker discussed forming a committee that consisted of representation from the town board and from the lake community, as had been done previously. Councilman Hart agreed. The men agreed that the following month a meeting would be scheduled. Chief Tucker changed topic saying the department did receive a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant for the second year for \$56,000. A compressor to fill the department's air cylinders was purchased. He stated the department received \$78,000 the prior year. The Chief reported department has hired a grant writer whose performing at 98%.

Courtesy of the floor closed at 7:24.

#### **Highway Report** (7:24)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the crew has had a busy season. The stock pile is holding up well, and the equipment is performing well except for the pickup that in the garage. He hopes to get that truck back in the coming week. HS Treadway also reported the new boiler at the town shed is performing well with consistent temperatures in the building, as opposed to the fluctuations with the prior system.

#### **Planning Board Report** (7:26)

Bob Rudt reported January's meeting had occurred the prior evening. There was one applicant came to the Planning Board, a pre-planning session was done with the applicant. The applicant plans to construct a garage next to an adjacent home. Mr. Rudt reported the Planning Board spent 45 minutes "schooling" the applicant in the process that needed to be completed. Mr. Rudt asked who code enforcement is now. Councilman Hart replied that it's Washington County. Mr. Rudt explained that Chair of the Planning Board had pre-emptively called Washington County the month before, and was told "we don't know anything about it". Town Clerk Darlene Kerr joined stating that at the organizational meeting January 2, 2018, there was a resolution making Washington County and more specifically, James Buxton, Putnam's Code Enforcement entity. Any time prior to the appointment it wouldn't have been appropriate for the County to assume that roll or discuss that potential role. It was also explained that Mr. Buxton would most likely not handle projects personally, but instead would dispatch the appropriate person from his department.

#### **Old Business** (7:34)

Dog enumeration is beginning in January.

#### **New Business** (7:35)

Josh Bagnato of Transmission Developers Inc. will be attending February's meeting. Mr. Bagnato will be discussing the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. The project proposed will run a DC power line from Canada to New York City. A portion of that line will be buried in Lake Champlain, and possibly come ashore in Putnam to avoid a shallow area of the lake. The cable would then return to the water somewhere south of Putnam. Putnam would benefit from this in the form of revenue to the Town. These discussions are in the preliminary stages, details are yet to be discussed.

**Free Rabies Clinic Scheduled**

The annual free rabies clinic has been scheduled for April 21, 2018 from 8 A.M. – 9 A.M. The clinic is free to Putnam residents. Dogs must be licensed to receive the vaccination. A license can be purchased at the clinic, \$6 for altered dogs, \$16 for unaltered dogs.

**Resolution #39**

**Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris, all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Meeting closed at 8:43**

The next regular meeting is February 8, 2018 at 7 P.M. at Putnam Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

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

Darrell Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

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

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

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