

Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
MARCH 12TH, 2020
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Christopher Mallon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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| Members present: | Supervisor | Darrell Wilson |
| | Councilman | Christopher Mallon |
| | Councilman | Larry Shiell |
| | Councilman | Charles Bain |
| | Councilman | Greg Harris |

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy 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), Leslie L. Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road, Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), John Breitenbach (Town Attorney, 23 Father Jogues Place, Ticonderoga, NY 12883)

Resolution # 48

Accept the minutes of the February 13th, 2020 meeting

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

Resolution #49

Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of February 2020

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

Resolution # 50

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2020

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

Resolution # 51

Pay bill as audited

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

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

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| General Fund | # 64-93 | \$10893.11 |
| Highway Fund | # 21-33 | \$11,116.13 |
| Black Point Sewer District | # 2 | \$13373.50 |

Correspondence (7:05)

Supervisor Wilson read an email from Bert Windle of the LCP (Lake Communities of Putnam).

Subject: [External] : State Grant for revitalizing Putnam

Putnam Town Board,

Re - Revitalization Grant

Do you believe Stephen Hunt, regional director of Empire State Development, might be able to help Putnam in its revitalization initiative regarding the Town Hall which would include parking and clean up or the previous Town Maintenance Garage and the upgrading or replacement of the Volunteer Fire Department Buildings, Upgrading of the existing Town Parks ? Even if Putnam is unsuccessful in this effort your action could act as a foundation for applying for other grants with the assistance of Mr. Hunt and his office.

The LCP

A brief discussion took place headed by Bob Rudt about who Stephen Hunt is, who's place he might have taken, as it's a new name to everyone.

Courtesy of the floor (7:06)

Wayne Busby addressed the board first. Mr. Busby stated he like to see a "little bit" of Peterson road paved if possible. Mr. Busby asserted that parts of the road washes out repeatedly. He felt have the hills paved would alleviate some of the difficulty in maintaining the road. Leslie Bain addressed the Board next. Ms. Bain stated she didn't want Peterson paved and she believes it would cause more traffic on the road. Ms. Bain also stated she had spoken with neighbors whom she believes feel the same way but was careful to say she had not spoken with all of the neighbors. HS Treadway responded that Mr. Busby has asked for paving for a few years. Last year there was an intent to pave some areas of the road to use excess materials from a paving project on Lillie Lane. It was later determined that the preparation needed for the road was too extensive to complete in the timeframe allotted. HS Treadway said it would take a lot of work to fix the crown on Peterson Road. Councilman Christopher Mallon asked if there were any plans to pave Peterson at this time, HS Treadway replied not at this time. He continued that Liddle-Harris Road will need attention soon.

Leslie Bain addressed the Board a second time regarding a section of Peterson Road between Peterson Road and Rupp Lane that had been abandoned in 1928. Ms. Bain stated that "about 15 years ago" she and other landowners had petitioned the Town to return the land to the landowners as it was not in use. She went on to state there was a motion and Resolution made to return it to landowners but that a few weeks later she received a letter from the Town Attorney that the Resolution may not be legal. Ms. Bain stated she'd like to have that topic addressed again soon, and have the property returned to landowners.

Councilman Larry Shiell addressed the Supervisor and the Board about the Putnam sign at the South end of Putnam. Councilman Shiell stated that the sign has a post that's warped and will eventually ruin the sign, He expressed that the sign needs repair in the near future.

Highway report (7:18)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the roads have been posted with the six ton weight limit for the spring thaw. HS Treadway stated he's not aware of any logging currently going on in Putnam. HS Treadway continued saying the new tandem truck had arrived at the dealer's lot and that it will be retrofitted with equipment before it's delivered to the Town. Some of the equipment hasn't arrived yet, the truck is expected to be ready in 6-8 weeks. HS Treadway reported the crew has been out cutting and they would begin sweeping the roads in the next few weeks. Supervisor Wilson asked HS Treadway to describe the lifeguard chair project to the board. HS Treadway reported that the new lifeguard chairs would be made of composite instead of wood and are expected to last longer, he also stated there is a business in Whitehall where they would be getting a canopy for each chair. HS Treadway thought the chairs would be done in a month, in total the cost of the chair replacement would be around one thousand dollars per chair with a lifetime warranty on the chairs and a 10 warranty on the canopies.

Resolution #52

Approve purchase for the lifeguard chairs and canopies as described

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

Planning Board report (7:20)

Bob Rudt reported the Planning Board had met the prior evening. The Planning Board addressed 5 items. The first was a subdivision for Peggy Ives. The APA (Adirondack Park Agency) has not replied to Mrs. Ives postponing her decision.

Frank Emmi went in front of the Planning Board with a site plan for a house on 6003 Donat Turnpike Road, Mr. Emmi brought engineer drawings and septic plans and well location plans.

John Hurson who has a lot in Royal Anchorage, received approval for his site plan about a month ago, the Planning Board had given him a variance to drill the well closer to the road. The well driller said the place designated was not conducive to setting up a driller so the location of the well would need to be changed. Mr. Hurson would now like to place the well on the south side of the property, which the neighbor objects to. The well will be 30' from the neighbor's property line meeting requirements, however the well will be 10' off the road. A fourth applicant was on the agenda but didn't attend the meeting because they're still awaiting to hear from the Park Commission. Bob Rudt expressed frustration about the Planning Board not being able to meet quorum status at times. Sarge Condit went before the Planning Board with a proposal for a project he's working on. At the project site there is a walking path to the lake where they'd like to put down stone to create a covered path. The Planning Board asked for a jurisdictional/non-jurisdictional letter from the Adirondack Park Commission.

Fire Department report (7:38)

Supervisor Wilson re-capped a discussion about the service doors on the firehouse as well as the snow/ice falling from the roof onto the pavement in front of the service doors, impeding the truck's exit due to lack of clearance. The Supervisor suggested these issues should be addressed before next winter.

Old Business (7:45)

Supervisor Wilson began a discussion about beginning work on commercial/residential solar applications, and potential regulatory guidelines for Putnam. A moratorium was part of the discussion, to gain time to work on the Site Plan Review Solar section. The APA (Adirondack Park Agency) appears to have no regulations at this time and are working on a case by case basis. Town Attorney John Breitenbach suggested that the Board begin the discussion and gain expert opinions prior imposing a moratorium.

New Business (7:55)

Supervisor Wilson visited the topic of forming a Parks & Recreation Committee. The Committee would help form direction for Putnam’s parks and recreation areas. The committee members do not have to be on the Town Board, and residents are encouraged to apply to the committee.

Resolution #53

Form a Putnam Parks & Recreation Committee

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

Executive Session- Personnel (8:10)

Resolution #54

Move to Executive session

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

Executive session- a personnel issue discussion took place. No actions were taken by the Board.

Resolution #55

Move to leave Executive session

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

Resolution #56

Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020 at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell T. Wilson _____ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon _____ Councilman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Charles Bain _____ Councilman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman