

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, May 14th, 2015

The meeting was opened and began by auditing the bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report. The meeting was started with Supervisor John LaPointe leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor John LaPointe  
Councilman Greg Harris  
Councilman Kevin Hart  
Councilwoman Cathie Burke  
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present:

Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent), Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Susan Johnson (Town Justice), Sandy Granger, Wayne Busby, Charlie Bain, Nancy Wolf Fisher and Gary McCoola.

**Resolution #20**

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2015 TOWN BOARD MEETING

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Resolution #21**

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2015

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Resolution #22**

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2015

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Resolution #23**

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the following

resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 125 - 164	\$ 27,737.92
Highway Account	# 70 - 84	\$ 9,419.37
Cummings Park	# 4	\$ 2,270.00

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*None*

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (with a 4 minute time limit)**

Gary McCoola

Supervisor LaPointe introduced Gary McCoola (Architect) to the Board and residents. Gary came to the meeting to present sketches of what the building would look like after the renovations are complete. First of all he pointed out that there are some existing structures like the front porch, a one story building and a small basement. "The building is in good condition." The septic system will be sufficient for use. Many questions were asked and answered about the price and other items. The price for the building is estimated to be \$110,000.00 and an itemized cost of;

General construction	\$170,000.00
Plumbing	\$35,000.00
Site Work	\$30,000.00
Furniture	\$46,000.00
Soft Cost	\$35,000.00
<u>10% Contingency</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total Cost	\$340,000.00
Plus Purchase Cost	\$110,000.00
	\$450,000.00
<u>Roof</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
	\$468,000.00

Mr. Busby feels that the Board should reconsider. A lengthy discussion continued, no decision was given at this time.

Charlie Bain

Charlie is here to ask the Town Board if there is anything that can be done to let people know when the locks on Lake Champlain will be opened. Supervisor LaPointe believes that they open the locks at random when they need to let water out. He agrees that it is a

dangerous situation and will talk to the County Superintendent of Highways, to see if anything can be done. So far he is being told that there is no schedule.

Wayne Busby

Wayne has heard that the County wants to turn the County Highways over to the Town. Supervisor LaPointe points out that "it's not a rumor, it is something that was presented at the Highway meeting, in which Steve Hathins was hired and his first mission was to present a program that has two towns taking over the County roads and those two towns were Putnam and Dresden." Supervisor LaPointe's thoughts are that the whole County should be looked at, not just Putnam and Dresden. Wayne asks what thought has the County about jobs and guys taking over extra highway, extra employees and extra trucks. Discussions continued with everyone feeling that Putnam does a good job.

**PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports the following;

- 1: Public Hearing / Land Conservancy; The Lake George Park Commission approved the project. This road will give access to Anthony's Nose.
- 2: Public Hearing / Aaron Williams; Site Plan for Rupp Lane approved.
- 3: Site Plan - David Manchester; Approved by the APA.
- 4: Scott & Colleen Stevens / Doug & Nancy Willis sub-division passed.
- 5: Royal Anchorage & Peter DellaRotta; Presented SPR Proposed cabin on stilts.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the crew has been working in Gull Bay. They are scheduled to pave Monday and Tuesday. This will be a mile and a half. An estimate of \$135,000.00 was given. He reports that he would like to do the back side of Jen Little road with the cost all together being \$150,000.00. Councilman Hart asked if they will be doing the stripes on the Gull Bay Road. Gary points out that the game plan is to get a hold of Matt Austin when he comes up this way. The Superintendent also reports that the equipment is holding up pretty good.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Park Project

Supervisor LaPointe received a letter from the DEC explaining that the "State cannot give up any rights to a crossing they have, however if the Town is pursuing a park, they are

willing to shut that crossing down, which is shut down anyway.” They are willing to restrict their crossing 100% with no use except for someone from their own department. For 25 years they would renew that agreement 8 times in 5 year intervals. Supervisor LaPointe will give that proposal to the railroad to see if that will suffice. They will continue to talk to Dave Connors from Gillibrands office, who is doing everything he can to help. The next step will be to contact the Transportation Judge. Councilman harris feels that the Judge needs to make a decision. Supervisor LaPointe will discuss with the Town Attorney the best way to approach it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution # 24**

**MOWING CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED, that the Town of Putnam enter into agreement with Washington County to mow the roadsides in the Town of Putnam for the sum of \$2,606.80.

**Resolution # 25**

**OVERDRAWN ACCOUNT**

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED, that \$705.00 be transferred from the Contingency Fund A.1990.4 to the Supervisor A.1220.4.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Hart to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Wilson,  
Town Clerk.

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

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

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

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

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