

Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
AUGUST 9, 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.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Supervisor John LaPointe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall
	Councilman	Greg Harris

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), Charlie Bain Sr. (Boat launch attendant, Resident, 17 Bain Lane), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Bert Windle (Resident, 5211 Sagamore Road), Joe Hoell (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

Resolution # 79

Accept the minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting

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

Resolution # 80

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of July, 2018

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 81

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of July, 2018

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

Resolution # 82

Pay bill as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 219-258	\$14,678.42
Highway Fund	# 89-100	\$14,742.14

Correspondence (7:04)

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:04)

Charlie Bain addressed the board first, stating the light on top of the flag pole at the boat launch is not working. Gary Treadway said he'd get the light fixed. Mr. Bain's second address pertained to Councilman Greg Harris. Mr. Bain stated he believed Councilman Harris should get individual accolades at the dedication of Cummings Park for his determination and persistence at the inception of the park project. Mr. Bain said he believed if Councilman Harris hadn't pushed so hard in the beginning the park would have "never happened". Supervisor LaPointe replied he had plans to thank Councilman Harris at the park dedication. Councilman Harris thanked Mr. Bain for the acknowledgement, modestly saying "it was a team effort".

May Drinkwine-Sheill spoke next. Ms. Drinkwine-Sheill began by thanking the town clerk for organizing the town wide garage sale that had taken place the first weekend in August. She went on to say she participated this year and she had a lot of fun. She stated she hoped next year more people will participate. Ms. Drinkwine-Sheill went on to ask for a follow-up on a property that had been issued an order to remove debris from the property. Supervisor LaPointe replied that Jim Buxton the town Code Enforcement Officer had visited the property and issued an order giving the owner thirty days to remove debris from the property. As of yet, nothing has been done on the property and efforts will continue to have the property cleaned up. Supervisor LaPointe indicated if there are other properties of concern to give him a list and the properties will be visited by the Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Drinkwine-Sheill agreed.

Joe Hoell addresses the board next, asking about the status of the Champlain Hudson Power Express line. Supervisor LaPointe replied indicating there is still a town that hasn't submitted a resolution to the Champlain Power Express representative Josh Bagnato. The resolutions, in support of the project, from the towns that the project will travel through are needed before an application to amend the currently approved route can be filed with the State. The proposed plans to go ashore have not been permitted by the State, and are a development concept only. No negotiations will take place unless/until the State amends the approved permit allowing the project to go ashore.

Bert Windle spoke next. Mr. Windle revisited an issue from the prior month on Sagamore Road. A ditch had washed out and was purging into the road. Mr. Windle complimented Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway for taking action and repairing the road, saying it "looked very nice and everybody is very happy with it". Mr. Windle went on to ask about the Time Warner cable that had been taken into Royal Anchorage then terminated. He stated he had read in the paper that Governor Cuomo had terminated the contract with Time Warner/Spectrum in New York State and had ordered the cable supplier out of the state. He inquired where that left Putnam in regards to the cable. Supervisor LaPointe replied he had tried to contact Time Warner/Spectrum to no avail. They are guarding any information they have and refused to divulge any information unless a letter of confidentiality was signed. The letter never arrived. Mr. Windle then moved on to the topic of the Champlain Hudson Power Express project, asking what is the benefit the Town of Putnam would receive if they were to move through our town. Supervisor LaPointe responded that a ball park figure for a PILOT (Payment In Lue Of Taxes) was given at the initial meeting;

however he couldn't state the exact figure without looking back. Mr. Windle stated there should be a benefit to the town, and he also stated the town should use a professional negotiator when the time comes. Councilman Greg Harris also replied when they had approached the town they were not 100% positive if they would or could move ahead with the plan to go ashore with the cable. Councilman Darrell Wilson joined saying he agreed with Mr. Windle there should be a benefit to the town, however they (Champlain Hudson Power Express) would like to stay in the water all the way to New York City. Mr. Windle moved on to the issues of trailers in Putnam. He gave Supervisor LaPointe a list of 24 trailers in Putnam, of different sizes, that need to be addressed. Mr. Windle stated the trailer that inspired the interest of the LCP (Lake Communities of Putnam) is in Royal Anchorage where there was a dispute over a trailer going in. The trailer was supposed to be there for a brief time, however it has been there "three years plus". Mr. Windle asked if taxes were being paid on the trailer. Mr. Windle stated it's getting harder and harder to do anything with property in Putnam so people are pulling in trailers that never move. He stated when trailers stay "3,4, 5, 6, 7, 10 years at least they should be paying taxes" Bob Rudt joined saying some of the trailer owners have moved trailers in, in defiance. The Planning Board advised people to come before the Planning Board. Some did not and moved trailers in anyway. Mr. Windle continued saying Mr. Buxton (Code Enforcement Officer) advised him there is a size requirement for him to have any authority. Camper trailers do not fall into that size threshold. Mr. Windle went on to say the LCP feels if the Code Enforcement Officer can't do anything "the responsibility falls back on the Town Supervisor". Mr. Windle produced a list of trailers in Putnam and gave it to Supervisor LaPointe. Supervisor LaPointe agreed to look into the trailers on the list.

Highway report (7:26)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the second round of roadside mowing has begun on the Town roads, the County roads will be started on the 15th per the roadside mowing agreement with Washington County. HS Treadway reported the equipment is running well. HS Treadway also reported that the APA (Adirondack Park Agency) permit came, it was the last permit needed. Work on the boat launch is expected to begin when the boating season slows in September or October, so access isn't interrupted during the busy summer boating season. HS Treadway also reported he will need to inquire about how the check dams are coming for the drainage areas in Gull Bay. He stated that "regular business" has been keeping the crew busy with mowing, garbage, recycling and Cummings Park. Supervisor LaPointe added the crew has been busy doing a lot of work on the park in preparation for the Dedication scheduled for August 11, 2018.

Planning Board report (7:30)

Bob Rudt reported the Planning Board conducted a public hearing on the Don and Teresa Devlin project located at 2520 Indian Point Way. The hearing was open for one hour. Concerns were expressed by neighbors about the extensive blasting that is going to be required. The plan is for a 2 story 3 bedroom house, the blasting will be done to create a rain garden to catch run off from the house. The proposed septic will be a pure flow peat system. The Devils have APA (Adirondack Park Agency) approval, LGPC (Lake George Park Commission) approval, and blasting permits. An attorney for a neighboring property questioned the validity of shorefront line measurement and whether it meets the one hundred feet requirement for building. Mr. Rudt reported that the Town Attorney suggested the project be tabled by the Planning Board until the APA responds regarding the shoreline measurement. The next issue before the Planning Board was the proposed closing of a private road that runs through Tim Johnson's property. Mr. Johnson would like to construct a new house partly over where the road sits. The APA had given prior approval of Mr. Johnson's proposed project and continues to stand by the approval to construct a dwelling on the location. The majority of the land owners who responded were in favor of closing the road. The Planning Board has asked the town attorney for an opinion regarding liability, if any, if the closing is allowed. The next issue addressed at the meeting was the David Rayno property located at 2324 Black Point Road. The Planning Board had summoned Mr. Rayno, who was represented by Stephen Adler at the meeting; Mr. Adler had built a retaining wall and boat launch on his property without going before the

Planning Board. The DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) did give approval of the project. Mr. Adler appeared not in response to the summons, but with a proposal to demolish an existing camp and construct a single family unit. The Planning Board asked Mr. Adler to discuss the prior issue with his client then return at a later meeting. The next project before the board was a three lot subdivision off of Gull Bay Road, and Liddle-Harris Road. The property owner, George Story also known as Fat Bag LLC. is being represented by Shane Porter. The Planning Board asked for a Herpetology (snake) study. In another issue before the board, Patricia Maletta represented by Doren Rockhill, has proposed a boundary line adjustment. The Lake George Land Conservancy has agreed to give the sliver of land to the Malettas. The last proposal before the Planning Board was the construction of a single family dwelling on 6609 Royal Anchorage Way. A visual impact study was requested by the Planning Board. A variance will be needed for the well set back, as the regulations require 10 feet from the property line and 25 feet from a driving surface.

Old business (7:45)

Bob and Betty Cummings Park Dedication will take place August 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. Supervisor LaPointe reported all of the preparations are complete. He thanked Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway for all of the work that has been done at the park. He went on to report two retired Colonels who live in Putnam will be raising the flag at the dedication, COL Darrell Wilson, U.S. Army, retired and Col Christopher B. Edwards, USMC, retired. Tara Diskin-Orr will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America, Kyra Gee Washington County Oratorical Winner 2017, 2018 will be the guest speaker, and her subject is entitled, Seeds of equality, women's rights and the Constitution. The dedication of the park in memory of Robert and Elizabeth Cummings will take place followed by the Pavilion dedication in honor of James P. King. Refreshments will follow. The beef will be supplied by Lillie Valley Farm located on Route 22 in Putnam.

A resident recreational survey has been compiled and will be available at the dedication for residents.

New business (8:53)

A meeting for the 2019 budget workshop was set for Monday August 20, 2018 at 4p.m. at the town hall.

Due to the Democrat Primary, September's regular meeting of the Town Board will be moved to Monday September 10, 2018 at 7p.m.

Resolution #83

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Next meeting: Monday September 10, 2018 at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

August 9th, 2018 Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board minutes

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman