

**Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board**

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
APRIL 12, 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), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3) Sherry J. Kuhl (Resident, 7 Darling Hill), Bonnie Maiolo (Resident, 211 County Route 3) Joe Hoel (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Leslie L. Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Charlie Bain (Boat Launch attendant, 17 Bain Lane)

Resolution # 54

Accept the minutes of the March 8th, 2018 meeting

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

Resolution # 55

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of March 2018

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

Resolution # 56

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2018

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

Resolution #57

Pay bill as audited

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

CORRESPONDENCE (7:03)

Supervisor LaPointe read aloud a letter he received from Bonnie and Art Sheeley complimenting the Town Clerk's performance in office. Supervisor LaPointe asked that the letter be attached to the record.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (7:04)

May Drinkwine-Sheill addressed the Board stating she first came to the Board in September of 2017 asking for help with animal/dog control in Putnam. She thanked the Board for the actions they have since taken in the form of letters sent to residents. She expressed her hopes the letters will yield results. Mrs. Drinkwine-Sheill went on to discuss farm animals that wander in the roads of Putnam, she felt these animals have the potential to cause accidents, damage private properties, as well as be injured themselves. She asked what else can be done to control farm animals. Supervisor LaPointe replied that the Town does not have farm animal control, only dog control and wild animal control. Supervisor LaPointe also stated he could contact animal owners who allow farm animals to roam freely. Councilman Greg Harris added that contacting the Sheriff's office to see if they can have a conversation with animal owners whose farm animals are problematic.

Bonnie Maiolo spoke next. Mrs. Maiolo stated she understands Mrs. Drinkwine-Sheill's frustrations. She stated that when people keep their property nice and the neighbors animals frequent the property it's frustrating.

Charlie Bain Sr. inquired about the dredging that was to take place at the boat launch. He stated he was at the boat launch a few days prior to the meeting and it appeared no work had been done. Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway replied that he had spoken with Randy Rath (Lake George Association's Project Manager/GIS Specialist), at this time Mr. Rath has applied for permits from the APA (Adirondack Park Association), the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), and also the Army Corps. Mr. Rath is waiting to hear from those agencies. HS Treadway stated the dredging itself will take only a few days to complete. Mr. Bain went on to ask what the determination was on allowing the Doc Doctors to use the Putnam boat launch for business. He went on to say that the concern is that the Doc Doctors are making a lot of money and are not necessarily serving the people in Putnam when they launch there. He stated they could use the State launch in Ticonderoga. He also stated he, personally, has never had a problem with them, that they are considerate of others using the launch; however the launch is supposed to be for residents use, not commercial purposes for non-residents. Councilman Greg Harris added it wouldn't hurt to contact the Doc Doctors and let them know the town has received complaints. He also added if they're working on docks for the people of Putnam there is no problem, however if they're launching in Putnam to do work for people all over the lake that's a problem. They shouldn't be using parking space intended for the residents of Putnam. A brief discussion took place; Charlie Bain reiterated he'd like an answer before the launch opens. Councilwoman Shirley Randall stated they're not residents from town they shouldn't use the launch "that's how I feel". Supervisor LaPointe closed the conversation saying he would check around to see what other "launches" are doing, then contact "Doc Doctors" and have a discussion. Leslie Bain and Cee McKenzie both expressed Putnam residents already pay for the launch and a fee would be passed on to the residents that hire the Doc Doctors, neither were in favor of charging a fee. Councilman Hart suggested waiving any possible fee if the Doc Doctors showed a work order for a Putnam resident. Supervisor LaPointe said he'd check into the possible resolutions.

Bonnie Maiolo raised the issue of residents dumping on their properties, stating she noticed several areas with inappropriate dumping. She asked if there is an ordinance against that type of problem. Supervisor LaPointe replied there is currently no ordinance; however that is a growing problem in the community, noting several areas in the town that need to be addressed. He continued it will be put on a near future agenda for discussion. Charlie Bain added to the discussion saying an empty lot near his residence was

recently used to dump an old toilet, sink, insulation and piping. He said he cleaned it up and disposed of it properly. A comical conversation took place about swabbing the toilet for DNA to discover who left it there. Supervisor LaPointe said he check into finding a model ordinance to see what can be done.

Highway report (7:30)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the crew has been working on grooming the roads, between the unseasonable snow storms, on Notch Hill and Clemmons Road. He went on to report a few lawn mowers and trailers were being prepared for the warm weather season. HS Treadway reported the new truck is scheduled to arrive toward the end of April, and the auction closed on the 2007 F350 Ford bringing \$1250.00.

Resolution #58

Accept the winning bid of \$1250.00 on the 2007 F350 Ford placed at auction

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

HS Treadway continued saying the work done at the beach in the fall seems to be holding up well, however there is one area by the lifeguard chair where water pools. He believes that can be fixed with a few repairs to redirect the water flow to the catch basins. HS Treadway reported the crew will be working on replacing the boardwalk, and that will be finished by the 2018 beach season. Councilman Hart raised the issue of the area mentioned in the prior month's meeting, on the other side of the road, where the ditch area was filled in creating trouble in that area with water. Supervisor LaPointe replied Randy Rath (Lake George Association's Project Manager/GIS Specialist), would be consulted on the best way to handle that area.

Planning Board report (7:35)

Bob Rudt was unable to attend the meeting. Cee McKenzie gave the report. It was reported the first issue on the Planning Board agenda was a driveway for Tom Kirkpatrick on Gull Bay Road. There were concerns about how much land will be cleared and the height of the driveway. The engineer was asked to supply a cross section of the proposed driveway, an elevation of the driveway from the lake view, a vegetation plan for the embankments, and to make a consideration on the silt fence. The second issue discussed at the meeting was construction of a new home on Crow Point Way by William Becchina. Mr. Becchina reviewed the plans for storm water management, and asked the Planning Board to start his petition. The third issue before the Planning Board was proposed improvements at 1512 Five Camps Way owned by Donald Fuchs. Walk ways and a patio are proposed. The planning board asked that an existing shower on the deck be removed.

Old business (7:40)

Supervisor LaPointe gave a reminder that the rabies clinic would be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 21st between 8am-9am. Supervisor LaPointe also stated he contacted the Glens Falls Animal Hospital located at 66 Glenwood Avenue, Glens Falls, NY 12804, and we now have a contract with them to house animals collected by the Dog Warden. There is no fee involved unless their services are utilized, then a fee schedule will be followed. Boarding fees are \$16 per day; other services are on a scale depending on the size of the animal.

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the delinquent dog letters have begun to be sent out, there are approximately 75 letters to be sent in all. (See attached)

New business (7:41)

Councilman Darrell Wilson gave a report on the Fire Company Committee meeting. Councilman Wilson reported there was no set agenda and the discussion focused on reviewing the budget. Councilman Wilson stated they are working on understanding expenses and also developing a budget year for 2019. They are

targeting submission to the Town Council in August for review. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 14, 2018 at 7pm. (See attached report)

Supervisor LaPointe stated, regarding the Site Plan Review, he has spoken with the town attorney, who is still working on it. Supervisor LaPointe went on to report that the State Land PILOT that the Board had passed a Resolution in opposition to the prior month has been withdrawn from the State budget. Supervisor LaPointe joked he was sure it was “our resolution that generated the withdrawal” to which everyone laughed.

Supervisor LaPointe brought the proposed resolution regarding the Emmi/Kolman litigation to reduce their assessment on empty lots they purchased. Supervisor LaPointe read the resolution aloud as follows;

SUBJECT: PETER EMMI AND MARTA KOLMAN LITIGATION

WHEREAS, Peter Emmi and Marta Kolman commenced litigation pursuant to RPTL Article 7 challenging their assessments for tax years 2016 and 2017 for property located at 11.8-5-19 and 11.8-5-20 (the “Subject Properties”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined it to be in its best interest to enter into a Stipulation of Settlement and Order; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam hereby approves the settlement of the Real Property Tax Law Article 7 proceedings entitled *Peter Emmi and Marta Kolman v. Town of Putnam, William McCarty, Assessor for the Town of Putnam and the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Putnam* by reducing the assessed value of the Subject Properties as follows

Tax Map Number	Assessed Value 2016	New Assessed Value
11.8-5-19	358,400 (2016)	160,000 (2016)
11.8-5-19	350,000 (2017)	160,000 (2017)
11.8-5-20	419,000 (2016)	150,000 (2016)
11.8-5-20	350,000 (2017)	140,000 (2017)

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the payment of refunds from the proper account; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes, P.C., Karla Williams Buettner, Esq., Special Counsel to the Town, to sign the appropriate Stipulation of Settlement and Order resolving these matters.

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call:

I hereby certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam at a regular meeting of the Town Board conducted on April 12, 2018.

By: _____
Darlene Kerr, Town Clerk
Town of Putnam

Resolution # 59

Town Board of the Town of Putnam hereby approves the settlement of the Real Property Tax Law Article 7 proceedings entitled *Peter Emmi and Marta Kolman v. Town of Putnam, William McCarty, Assessor for the Town of Putnam and the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Putnam by reducing the assessed value of the Subject Properties*

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson

Roll Call:	Greg Harris	Aye
	Shirley Randall	Aye
	Kevin Hart	Aye
	Darrell Wilson	Aye
	John LaPointe	Aye

All in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #60

Vote in favor of the Mega Corporation slate to appoint Board of Directors

On motion of Supervisor John LaPointe, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Supervisor LaPointe advised that he has a scheduling conflict for the May meeting and will not be able to attend the May meeting. Supervisor LaPointe asked the Board to have the Deputy Supervisor Darrell Wilson run the May meeting. All agreed.

Resolution #61

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 8:03

April 12, 2018 Regular meeting minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Notes from Monthly Meeting with Putnam Fire House Leadership

9 April 2018

No set agenda.

Discussions focused on review of budget:

- Reviewed set up of spreadsheet and content
- Discussed what to enhance for the budget submission
- Discussed details of dollar amounts and the subcategories for each budgeted area
- Discussed electronic and paper submission for budget year and future years. Enhances continuity
- Discussed use of building for events. Guidelines to be developed for review. Need simple contract
- Cost of propane is still an issue. Discussed options – Avery vs Main Care
- Discussed how to present budget to Town Council and Public Hearing. Rehearsal planned for 4 June

Fire House leadership agreed to establish agenda for next meeting.

Next meeting set of Monday, 14 May at 7PM.

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Date:

Dear

As of August 24, 1988, under Local Law No. 2 of 1988, the Town of Putnam requires licensing of dog(s) harbored within the Putnam Town lines. This includes dog(s) that are owned by the property owner/renter and dog(s) that are owned by someone other than the property owner but are being **harbored at a property in the Town of Putnam for (1) one week or more.** If the owner of the dog(s) is under 18 years of age, the head of the household where the minor resides will be deemed to have custody and control of said dog(s).

Some of the conditions of Local Law No. 2 of 1988 are as follows:

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY OWNER OF ANY DOG(S) TO ALLOW:

- The dog(s) to run at large.
- Engage in habitual loud howling, barking, crying or whining that unreasonably disturbs any person other than the owner.
- Habitually chase motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles or pedestrians while on a public street, highway or place, or on private property without consent and approval of the owner of said property.

SEIZURE OF DOGS

- The Dog Control Officer shall seize any unlicensed dog(s) whether on or off the owners premises.
- The Dog Control Officer shall seize any dog(s) found in violation of Law No.2 of 1988

The Dog Control Officer having reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated this local law shall issue and serve upon such person an appearance ticket for such violation. Additionally, any person who observes dog(s) in violation of the local law may file a complaint under oath with the Town Justice. Such complaint may serve as the basis for enforcing the provisions of this local law.

PENALTIES

- \$25 first offense, \$50 second offense, \$75 or imprisonment for not more than (15) fifteen days, or both for each subsequent violation.
- The owner of seized dogs will be responsible for the costs associated with the care and boarding of a seized dog(s) BEFORE the dog(s) will be released to the owner.

- **UNREDEEMED SEIZED DOGS MAY BE ADOPTED OR EUTHANIZED.**

TO OBTAIN A LICENSE YOU WILL NEED:

- A current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian with the maker and lot # of the serum used, along with the date of the vaccination and the tag number issued at the time of vaccination.
- A certificate of neuter/spay if you would like to receive the discount on the license.

WHERE TO GET A LICENSE AND THE COST:

- You may obtain a license at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours of operation.
- The cost is \$6 (six dollars) for a dog(s) with proof of spay/neuter.
- The cost is \$15 (fifteen dollars) for a dog(s) that is unaltered.
- The license tag issued at the time of purchase is good for the life of the dog(s) however; the license **must be renewed annually.** The renewal fees are the same as stated above.

Non-compliance with Local Law #2 of 1988, DOG CONTROL LAW OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM within 30 days of the date of this notice will result in corrective action.

A complete copy of the law can be obtained at no charge at the Town Clerk's office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions you may contact the Town Clerk during regular office hours @ 518-547-8317.