

**Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board**

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
JULY 13, 2017
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

Councilman Kevin Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), Wayne Busby (Planning Board, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Charlie Bain (Resident, 17 Bain Lane), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

Resolution # 70

Accept the minutes of the June 8th, 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 71

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of June, 2017

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

Resolution # 72

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of June, 2017

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 73

Pay bill as audited

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 220-265	\$28,260.74
Highway Fund	# 101-112	\$11,755.86
Black Point Sewer District	# 10-11	\$17,417.12

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:04)

Wayne Busby inquired about fixing a washout on Peterson Road. The recent heavy rains caused damage to the road. Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway responded that there are many areas around Putnam that need to be fixed after the recent unusually heavy rains, Peterson being one. Mr. Busby brought up his monthly request for pavement on Peterson Road (group laughter). Bob Rudt asked HS Treadway if the washout in Gull Bay, near the Wilson's had been reported to him. HS Treadway responded yes he was aware, but the crew hasn't gotten there yet. Mr. Rudt asked Supervisor LaPointe about the outcome of the Link Way culvert he had raised issue with the prior month, Mr. Rudt produced photographs of flooding that had recently taken place in the area. Supervisor LaPointe responded he had looked at the culvert with the Code Enforcement Officer. It's understood that the specific area in question is privately owned. The Town has no jurisdiction or authority to fix it; it is not a town road. Supervisor LaPointe stated he has spoken with the Lake George Land Conservancy, who owns the property, they said they would take a look at it. *(After the meeting Supervisor LaPointe contacted the Lake George Land Conservancy again and spoke with Warren Rosenthal, Conservation Manager for the LGLC, who stated they were sending a contractor (Doug Wholey) to look at the area in the coming week). Joe Fisher joined the conversation asking who has the authority and jurisdiction to push the LGLC to fix the road. Councilman Kevin Hart responded that "John's already had a conversation with them; it's their ball, their property". Mr. Fisher then asked if the run off is going into the lake, who else would have jurisdiction to get the LGLC to fix the road? Mr. Rudt stated that he needs a date it will be fixed. Supervisor LaPointe responded that is an answer he can't give, and again reiterated the property is privately owned and the owner is the party responsible for the repair.

Highway Report (7:20)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the first round of the roadside mowing has been completed. The second round for the County will begin August 15th. HS Treadway reported that on the recent rainy days the crew has been hauling the stock pile. HS Treadway went on to report that white goods pick up has taken place for 2017, he reported about a half dozen pickups, and felt it was still a valuable service for the community. HS Treadway reported the crew is starting the parking lot at Cummings Park, by the pavilion. Supervisor LaPointe asked if there had been any rain damage at the park. HS Treadway responded there was some damage to the road leading to the lake. Wayne Busby joined the conversation asking when the well will be drilled. Supervisor LaPointe answered that a date has not been set yet. Mr. Busby stated he'd like the well dug before he digs, to begin construction, to avoid any possible water damage from the well drilling activity.

Planning Board Report (7:25)

Bob Rudi reported that the Planning Board had no agenda. Four members of the board attended the meeting. The proposed changes to the Site Plan Review were not discussed by the Planning Board. A joint meeting of the Putnam Town Board and the Planning Board was scheduled for August 16, at 7p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the changes and make final corrections in preparation for a public hearing.

Old Business (7:40)

Christine Shawn Associates, Inc. Litigation

Christine Shawn Associates, Inc. challenged its assessment for the tax years 2013,2014,2015,2016 for the property located at 8.-2-1, pursuant to RPTL Article 7. Also, Christine Shawn Associates, Inc. challenged its assessment for tax year 2016 for property located at 8.-2-1.1 and 8.-2-2.1. The Town has determined it to be in its best interest to enter into a Stipulation Order and Judgement with Christine Shawn Associates Inc. and to approve a settlement of the RPTL Article 7 proceeding. Parcel 8.-2-1 prior assessed value between the years 2013-2016 was \$2,624,783 with a reduction of \$724,783 in assessed value. Current assessed value per the Court's decision \$1,900,000. The assessed value of 8.-2-1 will remain at \$1,900,000 for the tax years 2017-2021. Parcel 8.-2-2.1 assessed value will be set at \$63,000 for tax years 2017-2021. Parcel 8.-2-1.1 assessed value will be set at \$750,000 for the tax years 2017-2021. The Putnam Town Board agrees to refund prior years from the appropriate account. Further, the Putnam Town Board agrees to authorize Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes, P.C., Karla Williams Buettner, Esq. Special Council to the Town, to sign the appropriate Stipulation of Settlement and Order resolving these matters.

Resolution #74

Agree to the terms of the Christine Shaw Associates, Inc. litigation settlement

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Roll call unanimous. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Baxter Mountain Properties, Inc. Litigation

Baxter Mountain Properties, Inc. challenged its assessment for tax year 2015 for property located at 11.8-5-12. The petitioner said the assessment was too high because the house on the property was not finished. The petitioner did not challenge the 2016 assessment. The assessment for 2015 was set at \$420,000; it was reduced to \$206,000. The Putnam Town Board agrees to refund 2015 from the appropriate account. Further, the Putnam Town Board agrees to authorize Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes, P.C., Karla Williams Buettner, Esq. Special Council to the Town, to sign the appropriate Stipulation of Settlement and Order resolving these matters.

Resolution #75

Agree to the terms of the Baxter Mountain Properties, Inc. Litigation

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Greg Harris; Roll Call: Greg Harris, Aye, Shirley Randall-Aye, Kevin Hart-Opposed, Cathie Burke-Aye, John LaPointe- Aye. Resolution adopted.

*During the discussion the tax rate was discussed in terms of how much the refunds will be. Supervisor LaPointe did conclude later the rate is \$15.13 per thousand and not \$24 as stated during the meeting.

Resolution #76

Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.

Next regular meeting is August 10th, 2017. Inter-Lakes President John Remillard will be attending to speak about the changes at Inter-Lakes Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman