

**Regular Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**Putnam Town Board**

August 10, 2023, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

**7:00 Meeting called to order**

Councilman Larry Shiell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

<b>Members present:</b>	Supervisor	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Christopher Mallon
	Councilman	Larry Shiell
	Councilwoman	Carole Schneider
	Councilman	Charles Bain

**Others present:** Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Rd), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kayla Bennett (Resident, 526 Liddle-Harris Road), Sue Tucker (Fire Department)

**Present via ZOOM:** Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

**Resolution #66**

**Accept the minutes of the July 13, 2023, Regular meeting**

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution # 67**

**Accept the minutes of the July 25, 2023, Town Board/Planning Board meeting**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schnieder; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #68**

**Accept the Financial reports for the month of July 2023**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schnieder, seconded by Councilwoman Larry Shiell; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution # 69**

**Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of July 2023**

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution # 70**

**Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of July 2023**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Resolution #71**

**Pay bills as audited**

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

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

General Fund	# 179-200	\$9,177.38
Highway Fund	# 69-80	\$14416.83

**Correspondence**

Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board- Annual renewal letter.  
Planning Board Clerk Paula Wilson- Request for a raise in the 2024 budget.  
Donna Mossey-Fiffe- Roof over existing structure.  
Karla Buettner- Proposal for legal services.

**Courtesy of the floor**

Cynthia Floor of 293 & 491 Lake Road addressed the board with concerns about the CHPE project. Ms. Floor advised that she is being adversely impacted by the power line project. She stated she could no longer access her properties, or her animals without driving a 10-mile round trip, it used to be one mile. Ms. Floor also asserted that the noise levels are constant, going on for 12 or more hours a day, five days a week. She has lost access to her hay and her driveway at her home. She asserted that her privacy has also been diminished. Ms. Floor spoke about “snake” fences that the DEC required of the project. Ms. Floor advised that the fences are also disrupting wildlife that can’t pass through the fences and then and get trapped on either side of the fences.

Leslie Bain addressed the Board next. Mrs. Bain asked if the meeting room arrangement would be changed since “covid is over”? She also asked when the rough draft of the Site Plan Review changes discussed would be available to the Public. Supervisor Wilson advised that it will be available to the public prior to any changes to the law.

**Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the crew has been concentrating on repairing damage caused by heavy rains this summer. HS Treadway reported that the white goods pick up in July was successful again this year and continues to be a valuable service to the town residents. HS Treadway touched on the roadside mowing saying that the new tractor and over the rail mower is working well and is saving on labor hours. Cynthia Floor asked about the condition of her road and if it will be repaired by winter. HS Treadway explained that Peckham Materials has the paving contract. In the fall Peckham will put binder pavement in the trench, then the road will be allowed to settle through a freeze thaw cycle then paved to New York DOT standards. Peter Leyh addressed HS Treadway about the re-pave of Sagamore Road asking if an apron would be put on each driveway. Mr. Leyh is concerned about washouts after the new pavement. Mr. Leyh complimented HS Treadway on the nice job he and the crew do maintaining the roads. Supervisor Wilson briefly discussed a new blasting plan for the CHPE project. They are still waiting for approval to proceed. Councilwoman Schneider asked if the damage being done to Best Road by the CHPE project is going to be addressed with CHPE. Supervisor Wilson advised that it will be addressed.

**Planning Board Report**

Planning Board Chair Bill Brown reported that the Planning Board had three items on their agenda, two being solar projects. The first project is located at 761 Gull Bay Road for solar panels on a garage. The

second solar project was for 6007 Donat Turnpike. They are proposing rooftop solar panels. The third proposal to the Planning Board was for a roof over an existing deck and a roof over an existing porch. Chairman Brown thanked the Town Board for their participation in the workshop the month prior.

**Fire Department report**

Supervisor Wilson thanked Sue Tucker from the Fire Department for the newsletter. Sue was attending to answer questions on the budget the Fire Department submitted. Sue indicated that the number of calls in the past two years has increased. Sue reported that the Fire Department is looking for a generator because the new bay doors need power to operate. During a power outage it would take three people to open the doors manually.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Draft Employee Handbooks were distributed to the Board. In the coming months several policies will need to be reviewed and adopted by the Board. In September the Board will review and prepare to adopt an Ethics and Disclosure Policy and the Policy against Discrimination and Harassment.

**2024 Budget Review**

Budget Officer Cee McKenzie reviewed the Tentative Budget with the Board, going line by line. A possible increase in legal representation was discussed. Councilwoman Carole Schneider will call potential attorneys. A discussion about Ti EMS, their valuable service, as well as their requested increase took place. Sue Tucker from the Fire Department explained the fire department's needs and their budgeting process with costs increasing steadily.

**Resolution #72 (9:10)**

**Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7PM at the Putnam Town Hall and ZOOM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Carole Schneider \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Larry Shiell \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman