

Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Councilman Greg Harris 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: Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Bert Windle (Resident, 5211 Sagamore Road), Bonnie Maiolo (Resident, 211 County Route 3), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

Resolution # 84

Accept the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting

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

Resolution # 85

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

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

Resolution # 86

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

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

Resolution # 87

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	# 259-300	\$15,524
Highway Fund	# 101-109	\$10,208.52
Black Point Sewer District	# 9	\$14,113.53

Correspondence (7:02)

Supervisor LaPointe read the body of a letter aloud from Peter R. Gray, MD., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.

Peter R. Gray, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.
Indian Point Way
Putnam Station, NY 12861

August 29, 2018

John R. Lapointe
Putnam Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 85
Putnam Station, NY 12861

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently I had been notified that a structure is going in an area at Indian Point that is smaller than regulations of building. Not only that I have been notified that blasting with dynamite was being planned in that area where there are ledges with all structures on those ledges.

Not only do I vehemently object to not only blasting but building a structure in an area that is too small by the guidelines of building structures, but I find it appalling that someone would even dream of using dynamite along these ledges where at least three or four structures are built on top of them.

Thank you for your time and please note that I am definitely opposed to this action. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in the future.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Gray, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.

Courtesy of the floor (7:04)

Bob Rudt of the Planning Board commented on the letter read by Supervisor LaPointe. Mr. Rudt stated the letter was pertaining to the Devlin project. The Devlin project is being “hotly contested” by neighbors on either side of the property. It’s been questioned if it is a buildable lot, or not. The original deed dimensions were 84 feet, making it not buildable, and a new survey suggests the lot is 99 feet. The APA (Adirondack Park Agency) has granted approval based on the latter survey. Storm water management will require blasting on the lot. LGPC (Lake George Park Commission) has also granted approval. Bert Windle commented on the storm water plan for the lot. He asserted he’s all in favor of protecting the lake however sometimes the storm water regulations don’t make sense. In this particular case a basin would be blasted from rock to catch the water, the water will sit in the basin and deteriorate then spill over into the lake once the basin is full, during heavy rain falls.

Bonnie Maiolo addressed the Board next. She stated the dogs she had formerly complained about were contained for a short while but they are loose once again. She wanted to know what was “going on with that”. Supervisor LaPointe replied that the Town Clerk had compiled a list for the DCO (Dog Control Officer) of people who had licensed their dogs. The DCO will be re-visiting those who are not in compliance.

May Drinkwine-Shiell addressed the Board next following up on what Mrs. Maiolo said, adding that a dog at the address being discussed had grabbed her shorts recently as she walked past the residence. She said she called the DCO and will call him again. Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell also stated she felt the DCO is responsive to her calls and is doing a good job.

Highway report (7:26)

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway could not be in attendance, his report was read aloud by Supervisor LaPointe. It was reported that the Cummings Road paving is scheduled for October, Cole Mars has resigned his position on the Highway Department, and his position has been filled by Cory Granger. The roadside mowing will be finished the week ending September 13, 2018. The crew has been working on hauling sand for the sand pile for the winter. The boat launch dredging will be done in October or November an exact date has not been established. The phone line at the beach, that was to be moved to the boat launch attendant shack has been moved and is functioning. Supervisor LaPointe added that the Town has been waiting since early spring to have the phone line moved by Verizon.

Planning Board report (7:28)

Bob Rudt reported that the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday September 12th. Mr. Rudt gave a brief description as to what the agenda will look like at September’s meeting. He reported there will be 10 projects on the agenda. He reported of the 10 on the agenda six are for single family homes.

Old business (7:35)

A budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 17th, 2018 at 5p.m. at the town hall. Supervisor LaPointe read a progression of action for code enforcement of properties not in compliance with New York State property maintenance codes. First the property owner will receive a notice from the Code Enforcement Officer and a time frame (30 days) to fix the violations on the property. If there is a failure to comply an appearance ticket will be issued to appear before the Town Justice and the ADA (Assistant District Attorney). Failure to appear for the appearance ticket will result in a bench warrant being issued. The ADA handles enforcement from this point forward.

New business (7:37)

Supervisor LaPointe notified the board that Cecilia McKenzie’s term as Chair on the Board of Assessment Review will expire on September 30th, 2018. Ms. McKenzie has agreed to serve another term should the Board wish to re-appoint her.

Resolution # 88

**Appoint Cecilia McKenzie as Chair of the Board of Assessment Review
for a five year term ending September 30th, 2023**

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

2019 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the next Town Board meeting October 11th at 7p.m. A preliminary budget is will be available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office beginning September 24th, 2018. Bert Windle expressed that he'd like to see salaries combined on the budget to so that the budget could be read more clearly by laymen. Bob Rudt inquired as to whether or not properties that have had improvements or new construction have been re-assessed, given the poor communications of the prior Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Rudt listed properties that had been before the Planning Board that may have not been reassessed since the construction was finished. The Town Clerk will look into the properties mentioned.

Planning Board liability Supervisor LaPointe addressed concerns from the Planning Board members about being sued and coverage by the town should a law suit occur. Supervisor LaPointe spoke about the coverage with insurance representative. It was stated that, as long as Planning Board members follow the law in place and comply with the rules in decision making there shouldn't be a problem. If something illegal is done, or there is a blatant misrepresentation, then there is a risk of being sued. Ryan Custer of Wright Risk Management will be attending the November Planning Board meeting specifically to discuss exposures Planning Board members have, as well as Town Board members, and the insurances the Town has to protect members.

Bert Windle spoke before the meeting close saying the Cummings Park dedication went well. The feedback has been very positive. He added his observation is that many thanks go to the people that are always involved in the town from the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and his crew, the Town Board, the Town Supervisor. All the same faces that makes the town work. Supervisor LaPointe replied that he appreciated Mr. Windle's comment, and appreciated everyone that attended. He also stated that the park has been very well received and is quickly becoming a popular spot for weddings and gatherings noting a reservation for a wedding in October of 2019.

Bob Rudt asked how the communications were going with the fire company regarding the budget. Supervisor LaPointe replied that the Town Board and Fire Department will be meeting to discuss the department's needs in the upcoming budget. He went on to say that the Town Board has agreed to assist in funding the new roof needed on the fire house. A workshop with the fire department will be scheduled for further discussion prior to the budget public hearing and approval.

Resolution # 89

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board (8:03)

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

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

Next meeting: October 11th, 2018 at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

September 10th, 2018 Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board minutes

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman