

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, June 5th, 2014

The meeting was opened and began by auditing the bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report. The meeting was started with Supervisor John LaPointe leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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

Others present:

Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent), Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Darlene Kerr, Darlene Kerr, Robert Murray (of Shelter Planning), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chairman), Nancy Williams and John Campbell.

Resolution #69

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Randall the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #70

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2014

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #71

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2014

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Hart the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #72

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Randall the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 131 - 164	\$ 13,347.90
Highway Account	# 96 - 107	\$140,959.36
C/P Cummings Park	# 4 - 7	\$512,625.75

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor LaPointe received a letter of resignation from Darlene Kerr, Putnam Town Court Clerk. Darlene is willing to assist in the maintenance of the records until her replacement is found. Darlene will not be attending any court sessions after May 20th 2014. Supervisor LaPointe states that "it is with regret that we will accept the resignation, "you will be hard to replace." (See attached)

Timbering Activity on Gull Bay Road

Supervisor LaPointe is concerned about some sub-dividing going on at the Gull Bay Road. "There is a lot of equipment there." The Supervisor contacted the Hudson Falls Realty Co.. A letter was received from William Nickas telling the Supervisor what they were allowed to do or not to do. At this point the equipment was removed with the exception of the skidder. Supervisor LaPointe was never told that there was going to be a sub-division. Planning Board Chairman Galen Seerup at this time informed Supervisor LaPointe of the possibility of a sub-division. (See attached)

Board of Assessment Review

Cee McKenzie presented the results of the review of grievances, which was held on May 28th. There were a total of 17 grievances with no assessor stipulation. (See attached)

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Nancy Williams - Nature Conservancy Director

Nancy reports that she has been on a mission to connect Anthony's Nose with public access so they could sell it to the state. They are looking for a place that would be suitable for a natural habitat for birds. They are not promoting any certain kind of bird. A lengthy discussion followed about plans that are in place at this time.

Bob Rudt

Mr. Rudt would like to make people aware that drowning is a silent killer, "their minds shut down and arms are down." He would like to get this information to the Life Guards. They need to be constantly watching.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Chairman Galen Seerup reports that in May they were working on two cell towers and that both seem to be moving along. Verizon in Gull Bay are doing anything we ask for. AT&T on Peterson Hill is also moving along.

White Sub-division

Galen reports that they had received copies of Engineers reports with Chazen. The reports showed that there are 6 items that will need approval. Galen read a motion made by Larry Kissco at the Planning Board meeting. The motion made was to recommend to the Town Board to approve an open development area for the gull Bay extension, subject to the completion of the White's Repairs and Maintenance Plan and the 6 recommendations made by the Chazen Group. We further recommend the Town Board to consider the formation of a special district to be used to maintain the roads, and to verify conditions and slope stability. The Chazen Group fully recommend that the Town Board conduct periodic inspections. A lengthy discussion followed with Councilman Kevin Hart stating that as a Town Board member committing to all the people and tax payers in town, there is no way that he will approve until he is forced to do it and "the judge says you own it". The judge has to make a determination one way or another. Galen explained that according to the attorney, the judge will make a determination whether or not anybody other than the people who live on the road at the present, can use the road. The determination that the judge will use according to Mr. Breitenbach is whether or not Ms. White can give her restricted rights to other people. It is in Ms. White's deed that she can use the road at any time. The question is can she give these rights to other people? It was suggested that the Town Board and the Planning Board have a meeting to discuss further details.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the paving is done and the men are now working on the dirt roads. The roadside mowing for the town has been started as well. The Highway Superintendent informed the Board that the White Goods would be picked up on the 9th and 10th of July.

Resolution #73

ROADSIDE MOWING CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does agree to contract with Washington County to mow the roadside in the Town of Putnam.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Pavilion Bids

Supervisor LaPointe reports that there was a bid opening on the Park Pavilion. Three of the bidders had bid security and met all criteria. The town consulting engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

Resolution #74

BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK PAVILION

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED by Roll Call;

Councilman Greg Harris	AYE
Councilwoman Shirley Randall	AYE
Councilman Kevin Hart	AYE
Councilwoman Cathie Burke	AYE
Supervisor John LaPointe	AYE

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the bids submitted for the construction of a Pavilion within the Lake Champlain Town Park on lands owned by the town, and

WHEREAS, the Town consulting engineer has reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, which was determined by the engineer to be AJ Catalfamo Construction Inc; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the bid of AJ Catalfamo in the amount of \$114,750.00 as the lowest responsible bidder, and awards the contract to AJ Catalfamo and further authorizes the Supervisor to execute a construction contract for that amount as prepared by the Town Engineers, and as approved, if necessary by the Town Attorney, and further authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all other documents as recommended by the Town Engineer to proceed with the construction of the Pavilion.

Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the brush on both sides of the road has been cleaned out and gravel for the trenches are done. They need the deed for the easement. Power is needed on both sides of the track. Bob Murray will ask Andy for a price for the base of the slab for the pavilion. Mr. Murray believes when the Pavilion gets done "we are on our way and can hope to wrap up by the end of 2014."

Boat Launch

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the boat launch was opened on May 17th. There will be three 5 hour shifts every day. He points out that "everyone seems to enjoy it and overall

very few problems.” On July 4th weekend, the hours will be extended until midnight from July 3rd to Sunday July 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Annual report has been completed and submitted to the State.

Litigation

Supervisor LaPointe reports that “we are going to court on the Christian-Shawn property at the camp on Warrick Road. “We requested an income statement from them to find out their income.” The supervisor is asking for a confidential agreement with the Town Board.

Resolution #75

LITIGATION

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Hart, the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does allow Supervisor LaPointe to sign a confidentiality clause from the Board that this agreement is not for public knowledge.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted _____ Patricia Wilson,
Town Clerk.

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman