

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

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD  
MAY 12, 2016  
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**

Councilwoman Shirley Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

**Members present:** Supervisor John LaPointe  
Councilwoman Cathie Burke  
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

**Members absent:** Councilman Greg Harris  
Councilman Kevin Hart

**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), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road) Bill Brown (Assistant Fire Chief of the Putnam Vol. Fire Dept., 17 Charter Brook Lane), Charles Bain Sr. (Resident, Bain Lane), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Peter Leyh (Resident, 5560 Evergreen Shores Way)

## **Resolution #54**

### **Accept the minutes of April 14, 2016 regular meeting**

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

## **Resolution #55**

### **Accept Supervisor's monthly report for April 2016**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

## **Resolution #56**

### **Accept Town Clerk's report for April 2016**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

**Resolution #57**

**Pay bills as audited**

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

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

General Fund	#116-153	\$17,911.59
Highway Fund	#65-77	\$ 9,129.26
Black Point Sewer District	#3	\$17,415.51
Cummings Park	#1	\$ 3,560.08

**Correspondence**

**None**

**Courtesy of the floor 7:06pm** (4 minute time limit)

Bill Brown (Assistant Fire Chief of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department) Mr. Brown reported the Fire Department had 5 calls for the month, 2 where fire, 1 was a mutual aid fire in Ticonderoga on Newton Street, a house fire; the other was a forest fire on Gull Bay. Mr. Brown reported Charles Bain Sr. and Corey Granger assisted the Fire Department in finding the fire. The fire department will be sending out thank you notes to those who assisted them. Assistant Chief Brown reported the Forest Rangers took over the scene May 3rd for approximately two and one half days then brought in prisoners to assist in their efforts for an additional three days. Mr. Brown said roughly 8 to 9 acres burned. The Fire Department also had 3 medical calls in the month of April. Total man hours for the month 101.5 broken down as follows; Fires 85 hours, EMS 16.5 hours. Also reported, there were 4 training events for the month totaling 66 man hours. Assistant Chief Brown gave the results of a survey the Fire Department sent to residents. Of 60 responses, 50 said yes they'd pay more in taxes to assist the Fire Department, 10 said no. 10 responses said that 1 year to implement the increase would be appropriate, 22 said 2 years, 11 said 3 years and the remaining gave no time frame. Assistant Chief Brown also reported on behalf of Susan Johnson (Fire Department secretary) that Jr. member Riley O'Hara would be graduating Fire Fighter 1 on May 13, 2016. He has completed 100 hours of training. It was stated that the Jr. Firefighter program currently has 8 active Jr. Members. Mr. Brown said the Jr. Members' are required to participate in school and maintain a passing grade to remain active. Jr. Members are asked to provide Dennis Johnson (Jr. Program coordinator) with their report cards. Other business for the month; The BBQ Pit is being refurbished with fund raising monies; Wayne Busby is working on it. Also, there is one new member application by Corey Granger. The Department is awaiting a clearance check to be completed by the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Cee McKenzie added in a past meeting the Town Board had previously discussed getting a plaque made for Jr. Firefighters that graduated, and thought that now would be a good time to start by getting a plaque for Riley O'Hara. Supervisor LaPointe asked Bill Brown if he could put the wording together that should be engraved on the plaque. Mr. Brown replied "sure". Charlie Bain Sr. added there was a place in Hudson Falls that made plaques called The Trophy Den. Supervisor LaPointe asked Mr. Brown to Email the information to him along with the name of the trophy dealer. Supervisor LaPointe gave his Email address; putsup1138@gmail.com and also his cell phone # 518-222-9073.

Peter Leyh of the LCP (Lake Communities of Putnam) reported that members of the LCP and other members of the Putnam Community met with the Putnam Central School Board on Tuesday night (May 12, 2016). Among many things that were discussed at the meeting, one issue specifically was, giving the school budget more detail. Mr. Leyh stated the school board was trying to work with the community members present to assist in giving a clearer understanding of the items in the budget. Mr. Leyh said he

understands the School and Town are separate entities, but asserted his desire for the Town and the School to open communications between them in an effort to help the community resolve recent issues with the school budget. Supervisor LaPointe responded saying he'd contact the Putnam Central School Superintendent Matthew Boucher.

Bob Rudt raised concerns about the boat launch. He stated he had observed the chain being down on the launch and boats launching while it was unattended. Mr. Rudt was unsure of the dates he observed this, but wished to make the Board aware of a potential problem. Supervisor LaPointe replied that the launch was not required to be manned until May 1, 2016, and would only be manned on weekends until Memorial Day Weekend, and then it would be open 7 days a week, adding the chain should be up anytime the launch is unattended after May 1, 2016. Supervisor LaPointe said he'd check on the situation.

### **7:24 Floor closed**

### **Highway Department Report**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reported the crew spent the last couple of weeks preparing Lake Road for paving. They replaced a culvert and dug ditching. The plan is to replace almost a mile of pavement from Route 22 into Lake Road. Also, the crew plans to work on shimming Jen Liddle Road (Liddle/Harris Road), from Gull Bay Road to the top of the hill on Jen Liddle Road, where they left off last year. The total will be around \$90,000 for the Lake Road and about \$25,000 for Jen Liddle Road. Supervisor LaPointe added the Town has around \$97,000 in CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) money, and \$170,000 was budgeted for the work. Supervisor LaPointe mentioned he noticed a few smaller pot holes on Sagamore Road. Gary Treadway responded they are not deep enough to patch, but he'd keep an eye on them. Bob Rudt asked Gary Treadway if the Gradall was operational yet. Gary Treadway responded it is not. He went on to say that He's had two people look at it, but hasn't been able to figure out what's wrong with it. He stated he needs to contact the company to get assistance in figuring out the injector pump. Gary Treadway also stated it's an old machine; the machine is a "91 with 11,000 hours on it". The crew is currently using the backhoe for ditching. Gary Treadway also reported they've hauled item 4 for the dirt roads and have about 3-4 hundred yards of that stockpiled so they can work on the dirt roads in the next couple of weeks. Gary Treadway also reiterated that the white goods pick up is set for July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Superintendent is still working on getting the trucks, mentioned last month, to auction. The auction company's policy is to take bids two weeks prior to a Town Board meeting, so that they can get approval for the bid in a reasonable amount of time.

Bob Rudt asked if electronics would be picked up along with the white goods. Supervisor LaPointe responded he is still looking for an E-cycling service.

### **Planning Board Report**

Bob Rudt reported a site plan review was passed for Steve Peters Jr. who will be building a log home kit on the corner of Pulpit Point and State Route 22. The old house will be demolished after the new home is completed. They are now awaiting William Ball's (Code Enforcement Officer) signature for the building permit. The second item brought forward; Independent Towers came to the planning board with a modification to their request for a cell tower site on Leslie Bain's property on Peterson Road. The APA (Adirondack Park Agency) told them that a one hundred foot tower was too tall. The plan was modified to consist of two eighty foot towers in place of a single one hundred foot tower. One tower would operate ATT's network while the other would operate Verizon's network. The two towers are expected to serve the Route 22 corridor. Peter Leyh asked of the towers will be visible from the lake (Lake George); he also

asked if the towers would be disguised. Bob Rudt answered no they would not be visible from the lake as they'll be below the tree line, and yes they'll be disguised as "Frankenpines" (Pine trees). Independent Towers had previously been granted a permit (site plan review); this is a modification to that existing permit. There will be a second public hearing regarding this change in the site plan. The next item; The Land Conservancy has purchased another piece of property, from Tom Bain, that will link the heron rookery to the Warrick Road Property. They are seeking a subdivision on the property, the subdivision is currently pending. The last item; Charles Bain Jr. has resigned from the planning board, effective immediately, due to personal reasons. Supervisor LaPointe added another member of the board has informed him they do not intend to seek re-appointment when their term ends at the end of 2016.

### **Old Business**

#### **Speed Reduction on County Route 2**

Supervisor LaPointe reported he contacted the Washington County Highway Superintendent about Rebecca Moore's request for a speed reduction on County Route 2. Supervisor LaPointe was give direction on the proper procedure. The first step is a resolution from the Putnam Town Board to request a speed reduction on the county road.

#### **Resolution #58**

##### **Reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on County Route 2**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

#### **Railroad Crossing Progress**

Supervisor LaPointe reported everything is installed and now we are waiting for electricity to be connected at the crossing. Supervisor LaPointe has spoken with Cuomo from National Grid and she informed him the usual time frame for what's needed for completion is 4 weeks.

#### **Lake George Association (LGA)**

Walt Lender (LGA Executive Director) applied for a DEC grant and was approved; Mr. Lender contacted Supervisor LaPointe to inform him the towns of Putnam and Hague will share an awarded \$80,000 to be used toward the costs incurred in the operation of their boat launches. Detailed information will come at a later date.

While on topic of the boat launch, Charlie Bain Sr. raised the point that the boat launch needs the shallow deepened because some boats were having a difficult time getting over the sandbar caused by the boat motors pushing sand up at the end of the launch. Peter Leyh suggested contacting Dave Decker (Program manager/ Lake George Watershed Coalition) or Randy Rath (LGA project manager/Geographic Information Systems Specialist) about getting it dredged out. Supervisor LaPointe added he'd give Randy Rath a call.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual Report Submitted to the Comptroller's Office**

Putnam's annual report of everything that was spent and collected by the Town last year has been submitted to the New York State Comptroller's Office. The report is available for viewing at the Putnam Town Clerk's office during the Clerk's office hours for anyone wishing to view the document.

#### **Sales Tax Resolution**

Supervisor LaPointe explained that the Town of Putnam gets a share of the County sales tax. Some towns leave the money with the County to reduce the county tax, but Putnam historically has collected the money from the County to reduce the town tax. To continue to receive the money from the County a

resolution is needed stating the Town wishes to continue to receive the money instead of the County retaining it.

**Resolution #59**

**Continue to receive Putnam’s share of Washington County Sales Tax**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

**Town Hall Porch Repair**

Supervisor LaPointe explained it was brought to his attention last month by Councilwoman Shirley Randall and Councilman Greg Harris that the porch on the front of the Town Hall was in need of repair as it presented a safety issue. Supervisor LaPointe contacted a contractor, Wayne Busby, who assessed the porch. Many of the areas are rotted and will need replacement. The estimated cost of repair is \$9862.00. The cost includes, bracing the roof, removal and disposal of the decking, purchase of treated timber, installation of yellow pine decking, new rails and steps, lower posts back on deck, scrape and repair posts, remove rotted fascia, install new fascia and paint, repaint ceiling and rails, stain the deck, Town’s choice of colors. If any rot on the building other than what can be seen needs to be repaired there will be an additional charge for such repair.

**Resolution #60**

**Hire Wayne Busby for repair of the porch on the front of the Putnam Town Hall**

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution adopted. Ayes 3, Nays 0

**Painter for Town Hall**

Supervisor LaPointe said he was searching for a painter to paint Putnam Town Hall. There is one painter who had expressed interest. Supervisor LaPointe will attempt to make contact with him again. Peter Leyh suggested the Town consider hiring college students in the area for the summer. Supervisor LaPointe agreed that might be a consideration for painters.

**7:54 Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall;

Meeting closed at 7:54 P.M.

Next meeting June 9, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Greg Harris \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Shirley Randall \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman