

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

November 9, 2023, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

## **7:00 Meeting called to order**

Councilwoman Carole Schneider 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:** 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), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Stephanie Wagoner (Resident, 2198 Black Point Road), James Kloiber (Resident, Black Point), Leslie Bain (Resident, 337 Peterson Road), Mark Karlson (Planning Board Member, 2388 Black Point Way).

**Present via ZOOM:** John Breitenbach (Town Attorney, 2749 Main Street Crown Point, NY 12928) Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road).

## **Resolution # 94**

### **Accept the minutes of the October 12th, 2023, Regular meeting and 2024 Budget Public Hearing**

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

## **Resolution #95**

### **Accept the Financial reports for the month of October 2023**

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

## **Resolution #96**

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

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

## **Resolution #97**

### **Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of October 2023**

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

**Resolution #98**

**Pay bills as audited**

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 253-280	\$10,501.24
Highway Fund	# 103-113	\$11,642.80

<b>Transfers</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
	1990.4	1220.4	\$4,000
	1990.4	1420.4	\$2,000
	1990.4	1620.4	\$5,000
	1990.4	1670.4	\$2,000
	1990.4	1910.1	\$50
	3510.1	3510.4	\$700
	1990.4	3610.4	\$100
	1990.4	6510.4	\$400
	1990.4	6772.4	\$500
	1990.4	7310.4	\$4,700
	1990.4	7550.4	\$50

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from resident Bert Windle. Mr. Windle complimented boat launch attendant Leslie Bain for her swift action when a kayaker was lost on Lake George. (See attached)

**Courtesy of the floor**

Stephanie Wagoner addressed the Board first. Ms. Wagoner lodged a complaint about an unregulated build currently active in Black Point. She advised there are also several issues along the property line regarding setbacks.

May Drinkwine-Shiell addressed the Board agreeing with Ms. Wagoner's statements, arguing in favor of a Compliance Officer.

Leslie Bain addressed the Board countering Ms. Wagoner and Mrs. Drinkwine-Shiell's assertions that a Compliance Officer is needed. Mrs. Bain relayed an event that took place on her property the prior year. She advised there was a trailer on her property that was still on wheels. Mrs. Bain conveyed that her property was trespassed on by someone on the Planning Board. There were footprints going all around the trailer on her property. She is not in favor of a Compliance Officer as she feels the authority will be abused.

Mark Karlson, a Planning Board Member, addressed the Board next. Mr. Karlson explained the difficulty the Planning Board faces when there are infractions to the Site Plan Review Law, or when the law is blatantly ignored.

**Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the Sagamore Road was slated to be shimmed the Monday following the meeting, it's expected to take one day.

HS Treadway also advised that shoulders are needed for safety and plowing. That is also expected to take a day. HS Treadway also reported that one of the doors had a failure of the motor unit, it had to be replaced. While the vendor was there fixing the door HS Treadway had other doors in the shed evaluated. HS Treadway suggested a maintenance schedule of every 3-4 years for the doors. HS Treadway moved on to the topic of erosion on the bank at Cummings Park. He has contacted Beth Gillis who has successfully helped the Town acquire grant monies in the past for the rain gardens and the trees at the park. Ms. Gillis has agreed to help. If a grant is successfully applied for the money would not be expected until 2025. Ms. Gillis also advised HS Treadway that if the Town is proactive with the project, it makes it easier to get the grant money.

### **Planning Board Report**

Planning Board Member Mark Karlson gave the Planning Board Report in the absence of Bill Brown and at the encouragement of Supervisor Wilson. Mr. Karlson advised there were three issues before the Planning Board at the previous night's meeting. Camp Adirondack was the first project before the Planning Board, however the Adirondack Park Agency denied permission, they withdrew their application. The second was on Gull Bay where two sheds, one of mentionable size, were placed on a parcel without going to the Planning Board and the permitting process. The landowner was addressed. The landowner agreed to stop building. The Third was an alleged illegal build active in Black Point. The Adirondack Park Agency and Lake George Park Commission have both said the landowner is in violation of their regulations.

### **Fire Department report**

No report.

### **Old Business** (7:25)

Policies- An employee handbook is being developed. This month the policies on the slate are Payday, Recording Time Worked, Hours, Anniversary Date, New Employment Orientation.

### **Resolution #99**

#### **Accept policies: Payday, Recording Time Worked, Hours, Anniversary Date, New Employment Orientation**

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain.

2024 Budget- Budget Officer Cee McKenzie reviewed the 2024 budget and amendments that need to be made. The changes will not have an impact on the overall levy.

### **New Business**

End of Year & Organizational Meetings- set for Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

### **Resolution #100** (8:19)

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

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

**Next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2023, at 7PM at the Putnam Town Hall and ZOOM.  
End of Year & Organizational meetings, Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM 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



Darlene Kerr <townclerk@townofputnamny.com>

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**LESLIE BAIN**

1 message

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**wnd330@aol.com** <wnd330@aol.com>

Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 3:36 PM

Reply-To: wnd330@aol.com

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Supervisor Wilson and the Town Board,

I would like to recognize and commend Leslie for the following acts as per the story below. It was a chilly wet cold evening on 10 21 23 about 8 PM when I received a call from Leslie advising of an adult female kayak-er that was missing after an planned kayak excursion. Leslie was in touch with her son and she was 2 plus hours overdue in returning to the Gull Bay Boat launch. She had gone out heading to wards Ti and planning to return before dark. As the wind picked up Leslie was very concerned and asked for my help in locating this woman, my boat was in dry dock for the winter season, so I advised I would turn on all my exterior lights along the water front and went out and called or yelled as loud as I could for anyone in trouble let me hear something, no response but I repeated this a number of times and called Leslie back to advise that I did not believe she was in dark bay. I then called the few other other people I knew we in residence at this time and asked they do the same with lights and call out, to no avail.

At this point Leslie had been in touch with the State Police and they were sending a team with a boat via trailer to Gull bay, Leslie called others she knew to be in residence and requested their help as well as some people in Hague that Leslie knew as there were lights on and she took a long shot thinking if this Kayaker saw the lights she might have crossed over to Hague. She keep in touch with the son and police.

In short she gave her all and we in Putnam should recognize her commitment demonstrating the character of our Town and the people who live here, Kudos to Leslie!

Leslie called me the following morning and had good news,the women had paddled down to Hewletts and saw a light on and was able to get on shore and make her way to the home with light on. At that point she was transported to the Hewletts Fire Dept where her son picked her up. There are a lot of lessons to be learned from this story, number one is don't just sit there be proactive do something and Leslie did!

Bert Windle  
Dark Bay  
Putnam