

Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board

November 11, 2021, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 PM Meeting called to order

Supervisor Darrell Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of gratitude for our veterans

Supervisor Wilson spoke a few words of gratitude for our veterans. Town Clerk Darlene Kerr thanked Supervisor Wilson for his service as well.

Roll Call

Members present:	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), David Hayes (PVFD President, Resident, 560 Gull Bay Road), Leslie Bain (Resident, 22 Cummings Road), Joyce Cooper (Town of Ticonderoga), Randy Rapple (Resident, 2346 Black Point Road).

Present via ZOOM: Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road) Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22), Richard Stonitsch (President of Ticonderoga EMS), John Breitenbach (Town Attorney, 23 Father Jogues Pl. Ticonderoga, NY 12883)

Resolution # 96

Accept the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting

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

Resolution #97 Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of October 2021

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

Resolution # 98

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of October 2021

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

Resolution # 99

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of October 2021

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

Resolution #100

Pay bills as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 283-307	\$11,729.06
Highway Fund	# 115-125	\$16,799.94
Black Point Sewer District	# 17	\$19,584.86
Meadow Knoll	# 4-5	\$ 5,780.00

Correspondence

Supervisor Wilson acknowledged correspondence from Todd and Nancy Roccoberton that was directed primarily to the Planning Board expressing their opinion/concern about a subdivision, property line, and cutting of trees near their property. The Roccoberton’s email also expressed how pleased they are with the Planning Board and their professionalism.

A second correspondence from Richard Schumaker was discussed. Mr. Schumaker is asking for proposed building lot. Supervisor Wilson stated either he or the Planning Board Chair will get Mr. Schumaker what he needs, his lot is indeed entitled to hook into the sewer district.

Courtesy of the floor (7:20)

Supervisor Wilson introduced Joyce Cooper - Board member for the Town of Ticonderoga, and a member of the Ticonderoga Youth Commission. Ms. Cooper addressed the Board describing inappropriate behavior by patrons, and vandalism, of the Ticonderoga Beach which is located inside the Town of Putnam in Black Point. Because of jurisdictional issues, the Ticonderoga Police Department cannot respond to complaints at the Ticonderoga Town Beach as it’s located inside the Town of Putnam. Ms. Cooper is proposing an IMA (Inter-Municipal Agreement) between the Towns allowing the Ticonderoga Police Department to police the Ticonderoga Beach for a safer beach. Supervisor Wilson indicated he has spoken with the Washington County Sheriff a few times over the past summer, and patrol did increase in Black Point. Supervisor Wilson continued that ultimately the Washington County Sheriff is the entity with jurisdiction. Supervisor Wilson advised he would have another conversation with the Washington County Sheriff about the Ticonderoga Beach and Black Point area. Mr. Rapple, a resident of Black Point reiterated Ms. Cooper’s points. He also indicated he has observed the State Police, and a Washington County Sheriff patrolling Black Point he appreciates that; however, the issue is a timely response when law enforcement is needed. Mr. Rapple continued saying that in the past few years there has been a marked increase in year-round residents, and extended seasonal stays in Black Point, then in pre-COVID years. Washington County response takes a long time as they’re coming from as far away as Ft. Edward, an hour away. As a Putnam resident, Mr. Rapple encourages an IMA between Ticonderoga and Putnam for the policing of Black Point and the Ticonderoga Beach for the safety of residents and beach goers alike. Ms. Cooper indicated that Matt Fuller is the Ticonderoga Town Attorney. John Breitenbach the Putnam Town Attorney acknowledged he knows Mr. Fuller, and he looks forward to working with him. Supervisor Wilson advised he will continue working toward a mutually beneficial solution. Supervisor Wilson thanked Ms. Cooper, and Mr. Rapple for attending.

Highway report (7:30)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the paving on Schwerdtfeger Road has been completed. HS Treadway offered compliments to Peckham's saying that they did a really nice job paving Schwerdtfeger, which is difficult terrain to work on. Schwerdtfeger needs to be shouldered. Peckham's has a shoulder machine that can be rented, this would save many man hours in cost. HS Treadway is expecting an estimate on the shoulder machine. HS Treadway reported the roadside mower has arrived. The crew will do a training demo by a company representative. Winter prep has begun. Councilman Shiell asked about the sign on Backus Lane that had been knocked down, HS Treadway said it had been fixed. A speculative discussion about increasing prices and how it will potentially impact the coming year's paving took place.

Councilman Bain asked about the sink area on County Route 2. Supervisor Wilson replied that he had spoken with the County, the County advised that they'll investigate it to see what can be done to address the issue.

Planning Board report (7:40)

Planning Board Chairman Galen Seerup reported the evening prior the PB held a public hearing for Kevin Petersen. Mr. Petersen has a Site Plan Application to construct a log home at 500 Liddle-Harris Road. There was a letter from neighbors Todd and Nancy Roccoberton with concerns about the project. The Site Plan was approved. He further reported a pre-conference meeting for a subdivision located on 337 Peterson Road. PBC Seerup also reported he signed two LRCC1's and one LRCC2. PBC Seerup relayed a situation with Richard Schumaker (see above in Correspondence) Mr. Schumaker needs to verify he has access to a public sewage disposal. PBC Seerup indicated that the Town of Ticonderoga sewer operations are going to give Mr. Schumaker a letter acknowledging his entitlement to connect to the public system.

Fire Department report (7:45)

Fire Department President David Hayes reported in the month of October the FD had a total of five call outs, bringing the total of 2021 thus far to 65. Of the five calls one was for a capsized boat on Lake Champlain, three were EMS calls related to in home falls, and one was a power line down on Gull Bay Road. The installation of the truck bay doors is finished and paid for, \$18,200. The new heating system is in, functioning and paid for, \$19,800. There was \$6,400 in Routine annual maintenance on the vehicles; \$4,500 for a planned upgrade to a pump system on a vehicle; and \$25,600 in unplanned repairs. The remaining operating funds (from the Town contract) is \$29,800 which will carry the FD to March 2022 when the next payment from the Town for the contract is made.

Old business (7:50)

Supervisor Wilson attended an online meeting hosted by Josh Bagnato and CHPE/TDI. Supervisor Wilson reported that he asserted Putnam's expectations at the meeting. The disturbed areas have full restoration with at or improved levels of condition from the prior condition must be replaced not patched. Minimum disruption and use local resources as much as possible. There is no road agreement yet, but there are verbal assurances. CHPE/TDI are in the final stages of various approvals from New York State for permitting. Work is anticipated to begin in June of 2022.

Trailer parking in Gull Bay

A situation has developed over time at the old dump site off from Gull Bay Road where boat trailer parking has been allowed during summer months. Trailers should be removed during the winter months as prescribed by the sign at the site. It was noted that there is a trailer there that has a tree growing through the frame, evidence of how long it has been left behind. Other trailers have no registration tags or plates making finding an owner difficult. During the season there can be as many as 30 trailers parked there, 14 trailers are currently parked there, most without tags. The Town will give legal notice in the paper, then the trailers will be removed. How to dispose of the trailers will be researched prior.

New business (8:15)

End of year & organizational meeting- time and date set for Thursday December 30th at 5PM at the Putnam Town Hall.

Cannabis opt out- A discussion about the Town of Putnam opting out of allowing permits for adult use retail dispensaries, or on site consumption licenses within the Town limits was had. The Town Attorney and the Board reviewed the process to opt out and it was determined that there is not enough time before the State deadline to opt out. Passing a local law is required by the State, and the deadline is December 31, 2021. There is not sufficient time to draft and enact a local law.

Councilman Larry Shiell advised the Board a resident had approached him about the Town building a fence on an adjoining property. After a brief discussion the Board agreed it was not the Town's responsibility to build a fence.

Resolution #101 (8:40)

Move to Executive Session

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

Resolution #102 (9:25)

Leave Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell; all in favor, Resolution adopted.

NO ACTION taken in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next meeting date December 9th, 2021, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon _____ Councilman

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman