

Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 8, 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.

7:12 Meeting called to order

Councilwoman Shirley Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), Charles Bain Sr. (Resident, 17 Bain Lane)

Resolution # 98

Accept the minutes of the November 10th, 2016 meeting

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 99

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of November, 2016

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

Resolution # 100

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of November, 2016

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 101

Pay bills as audited

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris; Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 380-412	\$12149.97
Highway Fund	# 176-193	\$7805.55
Cumming Park	# 5-9	\$5159.80

Correspondence (7:14)

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:15)

None came forward

Highway Report (7:16)

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway was unable to attend. No report.

Planning Board Report (7:17)

Bob Rudt commented that this month's meeting has not taken place yet. He went on to say that the Whites will be on this month's agenda. The Planning Board had sent a letter to the White's attorneys asking for updates on various issues, they have responded. Their response will be reviewed at the next meeting. The law firm Carter & Conboy, out of Albany, is challenging the White's subdivision. To Mr. Rudt's knowledge there has not been a hearing or decision by the courts. Mr. Rudt went on to say there is one or two other "routine" items on the agenda, however he couldn't remember specifics. Supervisor LaPointe jokingly said to note Mr. Rudt's case of "amnesia" to which everyone laughed.

Old Business (7:19)

Town Hall roof repairs

Supervisor LaPointe said the Roof Doctor, Dale Rafferty, has given an estimate of \$2700.00 to repair the slate roof on the town hall. Mr. Rafferty will begin repairs in mid-December. He went on to say this should complete needed repairs and maintenance of the building for this year.

Cummings Park Crossing

Councilman Greg Harris raised the item of crossing at Cummings Park. Supervisor LaPointe responded saying he had a call from our Road Commissioner saying that it was still locked and it is expected to be until the road on the east side of the tracks is complete. People can walk in but can't drive across the tracks right now. Councilman Harris raised the concern about the pads the rail road was supposed to put in to raise the road on either side of the tracks. Supervisor LaPointe said they have been ordered and will be installed when they come in. Councilman Harris expressed concern that the park wouldn't be accessible over the winter for people who wanted to fish. Supervisor LaPointe responded it would be accessible.

BAR appointee (Board of Assessment Review) (7:25)

Supervisor LaPointe said two applicants were interviewed on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016, Lisa Mars and Angela Brown. Both applicants interviewed well and both had qualifications. Supervisor LaPointe asked the board for comments or recommendations. Councilman Harris commented that normally one applicant will outshine another; however this was not the case with these two applicants. He said they were both energetic about serving the town, and both would be an asset to the town with their

backgrounds in real estate. Councilman Harris went on to say he was torn because he could only choose one. He additionally said he felt Mrs. Brown had a little more experience in real estate and that is how he made his decision. He expressed he was sorry that one had to be turned down. Councilwoman Shirley Randall commented she felt the same as Councilman Harris, that both were strong candidates, and she would support either woman as a BAR member. Supervisor LaPointe added that his hope is the remaining candidate would apply again when the next opportunity came, and that it was truly a tough decision. Supervisor LaPointe asked the board if there was anything further they'd like to add to the discussion, there was none.

Resolution # 102

Appoint Angela Brown to the BAR

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Planning Board appointee (7:33)

Supervisor LaPointe said there was one person interviewed for the chair opening on the planning board. James Hock from Cummings Road, gave a strong interview, and seemed to be excited to serve the town. Councilwoman Shirley Randall agreed Mr. Hock was a strong candidate Councilman Greg Harris also supported Mr. Hock and agreed he gave a strong interview. Supervisor LaPointe asked if there was anything further the board would like to add to the discussion, there was none.

Resolution # 103

Appoint James Hock to the Putnam Planning Board

On motion of Supervisor LaPointe, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Budget transfers (7:35)

Supervisor LaPointe had a few questions about the report he has received, he asked the board to defer this discussion until the end of the year meeting so he could clear up the questions, the board agreed.

Resolution # 104

Defer budget transfers until the end of year meeting

Deferment unanimously accepted by the board.

Year-End Meeting & Organizational Meeting (7:37)

The year-end meeting & organizational meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 29th, 2016 at 4pm at the Putnam Town Hall.

Resolution # 105

Year End Meeting & Organizational Meeting set for December 29, 2016, 4pm at Putnam Town Hall

Year-end & Organizational meeting date, and time, unanimously accepted by the board.

Miscellaneous Discussion (7:39)

Washington County services cut back

Councilman Greg Harris stated he had read in the paper that Washington County was planning to cut back services on some highways, one being County Route 3 in Putnam, he asked Supervisor LaPointe for clarification on what that means for Putnam. Supervisor LaPointe responded they're still going to plow, however the "lesser used" roads would not be repaved as often as high traffic areas.

Highway Department's new pick-up truck

Councilman Kevin Hart inquired about the status of the new pick-up truck was. Supervisor LaPointe responded that the truck had not arrived yet, and that the dealership was supplying a truck for the town's use until the new truck arrives.

Cummings Park Pavilion

Bob Rudt asked Supervisor LaPointe who built the pavilion and what the cost was. Supervisor LaPointe responded Catalfamo from the Greenwich area, and the cost was \$125,000.00. He added there will be restrooms similar to the restrooms at the beach built, at a later date, as well. Random discussion about possible uses of the park took place.

Resolution # 106 (7:43)

Adjourn regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution unanimously adopted.

Meeting closed at 7:43

Next regular meeting is January 12, 2017, 7pm at the Putnam Town Hall.

End of year meeting and organizational meeting December 29th at 4pm at the Putnam Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

