

Regular Meeting

Of the

Putnam Town Board

August 12, 2021, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 PM Call meeting called to order

Councilman Larry Shiell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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), Art Sheeley (Resident, 13 Firehouse Lane),

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) Dave Manchester (Resident, 5177 Sagamore Road)

Resolution # 66

Accept the minutes of the July 8th, 2021, meeting

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

Resolution #67

Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of July 2021

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

Resolution # 68

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

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

Resolution # 69

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of July 2021

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

Resolution #70

Pay bills as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 199-235	\$6325.16
Highway Fund	# 71-86	\$12,301.14
Black Point Sewer District	# 12	\$39,169.72

Correspondence (7:06)

Ken Koornneef- An email from Mr. Koornneef indicated that the July minutes incorrectly stated that the 1981 subdivision was not recorded. This is incorrect, the minutes should have stated that, -the 1977 subdivision map was not recorded, the 1981 Subdivision map was recorded-

Courtesy of the floor (7:07)

NONE

Highway Superintendent Report (7:08)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the white good pick up was successful again this year and it continues to be a worthwhile program for residents and the Town. The tractor is still on back order, because of COVID production is behind. The new arrival expectation is sometime in September. HS Treadway indicated that the crew has been very busy, and that keeping up with mowing has been especially difficult this year with all the rain. The crew split up, a ditching crew has been working on Schwerdtfeger Road preparing it to be paved in the fall the remaining men have been performing public works duties, mowing etc. **Councilman Mallon** asked when the paving is expected to be done on Schwerdtfeger Road. HS Treadway replied in his estimate not likely until October. HS Treadway indicated that a need for a speed limit on Warrick Road has become apparent. The road is narrow and mostly comprised of a dirt surface, with many pedestrians and heavier traffic during the summer months when Adirondack Camp is open. HS Treadway will need a resolution from the Board to submit with the forms to the County & State. The State sets speed limits. Supervisor Wilson read the proposed resolution aloud. (See attached)

Resolution #71

THE PUTNAM TOWN BOARD DESIRES A SPEED LIMIT ON WARRICK ROAD IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

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

Recycling – Supervisor Wilson asked the Board to consider bringing recycling back. A discussion took place about potential ways to collect recycling without disrupting the obligations of the road crew and public works, and how to cover the high costs of recycling. Possibilities discussed ranged from a pickup day once a month to a possible drop off location within the Town, and the possibility of a sticker program to help cover costs, like that used for garbage. The cost to relieve the Town of recycled items will cost considerably more than trash in the current market. Currently residents can take recycling items to Whitehall transfer station for a fee, or to Ticonderoga’s transfer station at no cost.

Planning Board report (7:34)

Planning Board Chair submitted notes from the meeting to Supervisor Wilson. Supervisor Wilson reported that the Koornneef project was approved. The Duffy’s submitted a Site Plan to renovate an existing house on Lake George Way, more information is needed by the Planning Board for this project and that the Planning Board Chair signed a few LRCC1’s.

Fire Department report (7:35)

President David Hayes was absent. Chief Doug Thatcher was in attendance and gave a verbal/written report. (See attached)

Old business (8:05)

SLIC internet provider update – Per Laura Oswald from Washington County SLIC will tentatively be operational in Putnam by the end of the year on various roads currently being wired by SLIC or their contractors. Households will be contacted by mail when SLIC is prepared to light the wire.

TDI Resolution-

Supervisor Wilson read aloud the Pilot/Host Community Approval Resolution (See attached)

Resolution #72

RESOLUTION APPROVING (A) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN PILOT AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT AND (B) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CERTAIN HOST COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT.

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon,

Roll Call:

Supervisor Darrell Wilson	Yes
Councilman Christopher Mallon	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilwoman Carole Schneider	Yes
Councilman Charles Bain Sr.	Yes

Resolution unanimously adopted.

New business (8:45)

Court texting/phone service- Supervisor Wilson advised the Board that New York State has mandated the courts to text or call defendants, who sign up, with reminders of court dates and appearance dates. The court will need a phone to text or a texting service to meet the requirements.

A web-based texting service was recommended as most cost effective and could possibly be useful to the Town Clerk and perhaps the Highway Departments as well.

Resolution #73

Authorize the Town Clerk to purchase a web-based texting service for Town/Court use

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

Supervisor Wilson asked if any of the Councilmen had any topics. Councilman Bain asked about letters that residents in Gull Bay received from the County about septic grants. Supervisor Wilson replied that there is funding for residents in the watersheds of specific bodies of water. Why the letters were sent to specific people was unknown.

Supervisor Wilson presented a cost sheet for replacement bases at the ball field. The Fire Department has worked on getting the field back in condition for use. The need for bases and specific maintenance like bathroom upgrades, drainage, fencing and parking at the ballpark was discussed. The Park issues will be picked up at a later meeting.

(9:05)

Resolution #74

Move to Executive session to discuss matters of personnel

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

(9:37)

Resolution #75

Move to leave Executive session

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

Resolution #76

Appoint William Brown to the Planning Board

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

Budget Workshop - set for August 23rd at the Putnam Town Hall at 6 PM

Resolution #77

Adjourn the Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

The Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board closed at 9:44 PM.

Budget Workshop – August 23rd at 6PM at the Putnam Town Hall

Next Regular meeting September 9th, at 7PM at Putnam Town Hall & ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon _____ Councilman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Carole Schneider _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman

Warrick Road Resolution:

Resolution No.71 2021

Resolution of the Putnam Town Board
Washington County, New York 12861
August 12th, 2021

THE PUTNAM TOWN BOARD DESIRES
A SPEED LIMIT ON WARRICK ROAD IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

BE IT RESOLVED,

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

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York, after due deliberation, has determined that It is in the interests of the Town of Putnam and the safety and welfare of the Town Residents to investigate, determine and set proper speed limits on Warrick Road located in the Town of Putnam.

WHEREAS the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to do all things necessary to have the aforesaid road investigated and studied to determine appropriate speeds to be set forth, and to receive the results of said study, investigation, and recommendations of the Department of Transportation for the purpose of setting a speed limit on Warrick Road in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York 12861.

TDI-CHPE PILOT/HOST Resolution:

**PILOT/HOST COMMUNITY APPROVAL RESOLUTION
TOWN OF PUTNAM
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK 12861
CHPE LLC PROJECT**

Supervisor Darrell Wilson offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 72 of 2021

RESOLUTION APPROVING (A) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN PILOT AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT AND (B) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CERTAIN HOST COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York (the "Town") as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 862 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 890-c of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act"), the Board of Supervisors of Warren County and the Board of Supervisors of Washington County have heretofore appointed the Chairman and members of Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") and have duly caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York the certificates required by Section 856 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed, and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, CHPE LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in the Company's interest in certain upland parcels of land and in the Company's interim permit and easement issued or to be issued by the New York State Office of General Services ("OGS") in relation to submerged State-owned land, such upland and submerged lands located in the Towns of Putnam, Dresden, Whitehall, Fort Ann, Hartford, Kingsbury and Fort Edward, and Villages of Whitehall, Fort Ann and Fort Edward, Washington County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt ("MW") high-voltage direct current ("HYDC") electric transmission line and related infrastructure (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation thereon and therein of certain related machinery and equipment, including but not limited to, two (2) five-inch diameter HYDC transmission cables (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Improvements and the Equipment

hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be used and operated by the Company as a portion of an electric power transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the undertaking of the Project, the Company will execute and deliver (A) a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility, and (B) certain host community benefit agreements (collectively, the "Host Community Benefit Agreements," and, individually, a "Host Community Benefit Agreement") by and between the Counties of Warren and Washington Civic Development Corporation (the "CDC") and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain host community benefit payments to the CDC pursuant to each Host Community Benefit Agreement for the benefit of (1) the Town of Putnam (the "Town") and the Towns of Dresden, Whitehall, Fort Ann, Hartford, Kingsbury and Fort Edward, (2) Washington County, (3) the Putnam Central School District, the Whitehall Central School District, the Fort Ann Central School District, the Hudson Falls Central School District and the Fort Edward Central School District, and (4) the Villages of Whitehall, Fort Ann and Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires that the Town of Putnam, through its Town Board, as one of the affected tax jurisdictions with respect to the Project Facility, adopt a resolution indicating whether the Town Board agrees to the terms of the (A) proposed PILOT Agreement, and (B) the proposed Host Community Benefit Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board, as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of satisfying the requirements contained in the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "UTEP Policy") and the Act, the Town Board hereby (1) acknowledges notification of any deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (2) waives any formal notice from the Agency of any deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (3) approves the payment terms to be contained in the PILOT Agreement, as substantially described in Schedule A attached, and (4) approves the payment terms to be contained in the Host Community Benefit Agreements, as substantially described in Schedule A attached.

Section 2. The Town Supervisor of the Town is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Putnam, to execute and deliver a consent to the PILOT Agreement for the purpose of evidencing its approval to the proposed payment terms of the PILOT Agreement, said PILOT Agreement to contain the terms described in Schedule A attached, with such changes, variations, omissions, and insertions as the Town Supervisor of the Town shall approve, the execution thereof by the Town Supervisor of the Town to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 3. The Town Supervisor of the Town is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Town of Putnam, to execute and deliver a consent to the Host Community Benefit Agreement relating to the Town for the purpose of evidencing its approval to the proposed payment terms of the Host Community Benefit Agreement, said Host Community Benefit Agreement to contain the terms described

in Schedule A attached, with such changes, variations, omissions, and insertions as the Town Supervisor of the Town shall approve, the execution thereof by the Town Supervisor of the Town to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 4. The officers, employees, and agents of the Town of Putnam, are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Town of Putnam to do all acts and things required or provided for by the applicable provisions of this Resolution in order to ensure compliance with such provisions as they relate to the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement and the Host Community Benefit Agreement, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Charles Bain Sr. and the resolution was duly adopted by a vote on roll call.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Darrell Wilson	AYE
Councilman Christopher Mallon	AYE
Councilman Larry Shiell	AYE
Councilwoman Carole Schneider	AYE
Councilman Charles Bain Sr.	AYE

Resolution unanimously adopted.