

PUTNAM PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 9, 2020

The Putnam Planning Board met on December 9th at the Putnam Town Hall. The following board members were present: Chairman Galen Seerup, Wayne Busby, Jim Hock, Dick Malaney, Jodi Granger and Allen Moore. Robert Rudt was absent. Chris Kneppers, Jonathan Velez, Jon Herttua, Steve Mersereau, Lena Mersereau, Gage Mersereau, Catherine Mersereau, Lauren Tyler Mersereau and Chris Navistky were also present as guests.

PUBLIC HEARING – STEPHEN MERSEREAU

Wayne Busby recused himself and left the room. Stephen has a proposal before the board to construct a single family home on 27 Tiroga Beach Lane. A revised stormwater management plan was submitted satisfying the board's request. A maintenance plan to maintain the rain gardens was also submitted. Chris Navistky thanked the applicant for exceeding the requirements that LGPC requests. Although he did ask for a shoreline buffer by planting trees and also asked to place the construction entrance to be moved to the driveway location. Some board members did agree with Chris's recommendation of moving the construction entrance. The applicant stated moving the entrance would damage some trees. They prefer to save the trees. A letter from neighbor Glen Stefanic and Lisa with objections was entered into the record. No other comments from the audience. Public Hearing closed at 7:10 pm.

Resolution #63 – A motion was made by Jim Hock to approve the November minutes. Seconded by Jodi Granger and passed unanimously.

Resolution #64 – A motion was made by Richard Malaney there is a negative declaration regarding SEQR on the Mersereau proposal. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously. Wayne Busby abstained.

Resolution #65 – A motion was made by Allen Moore to approve the Mersereau final submission proposal dated 12/9/20 and sign the LRCC1. Seconded by Richard Malaney and passed unanimously. Wayne Busby abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING – JONATHAN VELEZ

Wayne Busby recused himself and left the room. Jonathan has a proposal to construct a single family home on 309 Peterson Road. All agency permits have been acquired. No comments from the audience. Public Hearing closed at 7:21 pm.

Resolution #66 – A motion was made by Jim Hock there is a negative declaration regarding SEQR for the Velez proposal. Seconded by Richard Malaney and passed unanimously. Wayne Busby abstained.

Resolution #67 – A motion was made by Richard Malaney to approve the Velez Site plan dated 10-27-20 and sign the LRCC1. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously. Wayne Busby abstained.

Resolution #68 – A motion was made by Jim Hock to thank Allen Moore for his 5 years of service on the Planning Board. His contributions were appreciated. Seconded by Galen Seerup and passed unanimously.

Resolution #69 – A motion was made by Richard Malaney to extend the time period for the application of Carey Cross Hutton Square Subdivision request to our February 10th meeting. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously.

Chris Kneppers – Chris has 478 acres formally the “Morgan Property” on 836 Gull Bay Rd. He presented a proposal to install a helipad on his property. The location is approx. ¼ mile into the woods along an existing access road. He described the helicopter ingress/egress route. He stated that he asked the Ticonderoga Airport manager if he could possibly build or rent a hanger at that airport but his request was denied. He currently hasn't received approval from the APA or the LGPC. All adjoining neighbors have been notified. There were numerous letters, email and phone calls in

opposition of the project. These were entered into the file and shared with the board members. The board felt it might be nice to hold a demonstration of the helicopter landing to help people understand what the noise level may be. No fuel storage will be at the location. The only thing there will be a concrete pad and a shed. The board understood but the “activity” is what is in question by many.

Resolution #70 – A motion was made by Jim Hock that the Kneepers proposal is a Type 1. Seconded by Wayne Busby. Proposal withdrawn not enough information.

Jon Herttua – Jon presented an after the fact proposal to place a pre-fabricated amish shed on his property, 3087 Lake George Way. The shed was placed too close to his neighbor’s property line. He has agreed to move the shed 5’ from the property line. He has LGPC and APA approval. Jon had stated he contacted his neighbors and the neighbors had no objections.

Resolution #71 – A motion was made by Allen Moore to approve the Herttua proposal as long as shed is moved 5’ from property line by June 1, 2020. Project is a Type 1, has a negative declaration regarding SEQR and the board to waive the Public Hearing. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously.

Galen signed the following:

Richard Bain LRCC1 to replace mobile home on 22 Cummings Road
Dept. of Homeland Security – Fed Emergency Mgmt. Agency – Floodplain mgmt. – 3029 Lake George Way

Resolution #72– A motion was made by Wayne Busby to adjourn this month’s meeting. Seconded by Jim Hock and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wilson
Planning Board Clerk

*Next Planning Board Meeting January 13th, 2020 at the Putnam Town Hall
Minutes subject to approval*