

Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
JULY 11, 2019
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.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Kevin Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall
	Councilman	Greg Harris

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14) Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Charlie Bain Sr. (Boat launch attendant, 17 Bain Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22), Larry Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Bert Windle (Lake Communities of Putnam Chair-LCP, Sagamore Road), Bob Coulter (Resident, 3512 Gull Bay Ridge Way), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Ken Robbin (Resident, 3008 Our Way), Jane Robbin (Resident, 3008 Our Way), David Manchester (Resident, 5177 Sagamore Road), Walt Lender (Guest speaker from the Lake George Association, LGA)

Resolution # 50

Accept the minutes of the June, 2019 meeting

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #51

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of June 2019

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 52

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of June 2019

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 53

Pay bill as audited

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 184-221	\$18,094.20
Highway Fund	# 79-90	\$16,630.49

Correspondence (7:03)

NONE

Courtesy of the floor (7:04)

Bert Windle addressed the board first stating he has been following the Site Plan Review Law update. He suggested that the public should be able to see the updated version of the Site Plan Review Law prior to a public hearing so that proper questions and opinions can be formulated before the public hearing.

Supervisor LaPointe replied that after the next workshop on July 18th the draft will be published online with the current suggested changes.

Charlie Bain Sr. addressed the board next saying that the Doc Doctors were using the Putnam Boat Launch. Mr. Bain said he believed that last year it was decided the Doc Doctors couldn't use the launch unless they were working on a Putnam property, and notified the Town prior to using the launch. The Town was not notified on this occasion. Supervisor LaPointe said he'd contact the Dock Doctors and the launch attendant.

Highway report (7:09)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the white goods pick up was completed and went well with approximately 15 stops totaling 25 appliances. HS Treadway stated that he felt it was a worthwhile service, and that it was utilized more this year than in past 8 to 10 years. The items were taken to MB Auto Salvage a metal recycler in Granville. HS Treadway continued his report stating the roadside mowing first round is finished; the second round will begin August 15th. The crew replaced a culvert on Gull Bay after a culvert failure last week. HS Treadway said the crew has been busy fixing the washouts from the heavy rains in the past weeks. Councilman Harris asked HS Treadway if there were plans to cut brush back from the roads. HS Treadway replied normally the brush is cut in the spring and fall after the garbage/recycling and mowing slows down. Councilman Harris acknowledged that the crew is "swamped with things other than highway, that's our problem, and we're (the board) are a part of that". Supervisor LaPointe added a tree service has been contacted to address a tree problem on Moore Road. Supervisor LaPointe also stated he was contacted by a resident about a tree on Link Road, on property owned by the Land Conservancy. Supervisor LaPointe said he called the Land Conservancy and they'll be sending someone to assess the situation. Bert Windle added that the culvert on Gull Bay Road has a bump that needs attention. HS Treadway said it is going to settle and the crew will go back to take care of it.

Planning Board report (7:14)

Planning Board Chair (PBC) Galen Seerup reported that a public hearing on a single family residence in the Sagamore Club was held at the beginning of their meeting. A conditional approval was given. The Lake George Park Commission will need to issue a permit as the condition. The next item was Mark and Dawn Karlson who want to build a house on Black Point Road. Their property has a steep bank, with specific difficulties. Supervisor LaPointe joined saying an engineer's stamp is required to build against the bank, the Town Board had passed a resolution some years ago about building against the bank. Supervisor LaPointe asked the Town Clerk to retrieve that resolution for PBC Seerup. PBC Seerup continued saying the next project is the Armstrong's, who have 102 acres on Hutton Square Road, and

would like to build a garage/workshop 24' x 30'. Approval was given with the restriction that there can be no plumbing inside; also they must work with the Highway Superintendent to make sure the entrance to the town road is appropriate/approved, which they received, PBC Seerup signed their LRCC1. Bert Windle commented he was at the Planning Board meeting the prior evening, he observed, in relation to the Site Plan Review upgrading, that the people with the 102 acres and a barn were subjected to the same scrutiny as someone with a lot measured in feet on Lake George. Mr. Windle asserted that it should be made easier for someone building on a 100+ acre lot vs. building on a lot measured in square feet on the lake.

Putnam Volunteer Fire Department report (7:23)

Councilman Darrell Wilson reported that the agenda focused on the 2020 budget submission. A draft budget for review is expected in August. The meeting began by looking at the 2019 expenditures to date. There are some unexpected expenses, like radios converting to high band, medical kits, and plan for membership increase and turn out gear needed to outfit new members. August 5th will be the next meeting to finalize 2020 draft budget. Other topics touched on at the meeting were, developing a strategy for a truck replacement, options for extending the life of the current fleet, and working a truck fund into the budget. Work on the firehouse roof has not yet begun, however the supplies are there for the new roof. A discussion about the potential to restart an auxiliary also took place. Cee McKenzie added that the FD is also working on a donation letter that will go out to residents.

Old business (7:31)

Walt Lender Executive Director of the Lake George Association (LGA) was introduced by Supervisor LaPointe. Mr. Lender's topic was septic inspections upon property transfer, and enacting a local law in Putnam for such.

Mr. Lender began by giving a brief background on the LGA organization, and their goal of protecting the water quality in Lake George. The organization began in 1885. Mr. Lender explained in recent years there has been a threat of harmful algae blooms in New York State water bodies, as a result there has been a push to make sure waste water systems and septic systems are up to par and functioning properly. The LGA has been working with towns inside the watershed to take a look at local laws to see if a law or regulation can be put in place to be sure systems are inspected regularly or at property transfer. Putnam has approximately 220 people in the Lake George watershed. Queensbury put a law in place last year for their waterfront properties, Bolton Landing put a town wide law in place that activates upon property transfer. Mr. Lender expressed the importance of the discussion to protect the lake. Councilmen Harris and Hart both commented on the beaver pond/dam that has twice broken and drained into Lake George after heavy rains. Mr. Lender, although not happy with the beaver pond drainage, asserted that the beaver pond issue was separate and apart from the septic issue. Supervisor LaPointe added that potential fixes to the beaver pond issue are being discussed. Councilman Hart suggested a lot of people especially in the watershed will want a conversation on the topic. Mr. Lender stated he'd participate in community discussions. Bert Windle spoke saying he believes everyone on the lake and in the town are in favor of what's being said, however the concern is who's going to pay for it. Mr. Windle pointed out that a house on the market in Putnam can be on the market a long time before it sells. He stated he feels the potential sale of property could be hindered with the added burden and costs of potentially thousands of dollars, for these inspections. Mr. Windle stated personally he's against passing a septic law in Putnam. Galen Seerup commented he thinks it's a good idea, further saying that people buying a home should be getting a septic inspection anyway.

Town Board & Planning Board joint meeting will take place July 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing changes to the Site Plan Review Law.

Proposed local laws 1, 2 & 3 on the November 5th ballot there will be a referendum for proposed local laws 1, 2 & 3 that will be available to vote on. Local law 1 will extend the Supervisor's term, Local Law

2 will extend the Highway Superintendent's term & Local Law 3 will extend the Town Clerk's term. Current terms are 2 years, if passed they'll become 4 year terms. If passed the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent's terms will increase beginning in January of 2020, the Supervisor's term will increase following the 2021 election entering office in January of 2022. All other elected officials in Putnam, 4 Town Board members and the Town Justice, currently have 4 year terms, and all appointed terms are 5+ years.

New business (7:59)

2020 Budget workshop – Scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th at 6 p.m.

It was requested by Royal Anchorage residents for support in the form of a resolution establishing a 10 mph speed limit on the lake between Rock Island and the shore. The request comes after repeated speeding through the area with personal watercraft branded as Waverunners. The Town of Hague has jurisdiction of the water in that area and requires a Putnam Town Board supported Resolution to consider the posting of a limit on Lake George and putting up a buoy. A brief discussion took place, Nancy Wolf-Fisher expressed that she didn't agree with asking for more restrictions above what the lake already has, and stated "enforce the rules we already have". After a discussion the Board made a motion.

Resolution #54

Support 10mph speed limit between Rock Island and the Putnam Shore

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

Code Enforcement Director

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the County interviewed a new Code Enforcement Director; also two new enforcement people will be hired.

Councilman Hart asked about the progress on the headstone repairs. Supervisor LaPointe replied he hasn't found anyone. Councilman Hart agreed he'd find someone.

New York State will begin closing their boat launches on Lake George when unattended. Supervisor LaPointe reported that the State has agreed to close their boat launches when they're unattended. The Putnam Board had supported a petition to the State in June along with other towns on Lake George who have boat launches and observe the boat inspection program. Prior to this new decision by the State, launches run by New York State were left unlock at night while unattended, defeating the purpose of the inspection program followed at town launches around the lake. The inspection program is an attempt to control invasive species from entering Lake George by way of boats.

Resolution #55

Adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor Resolution unanimously adopted.

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Next regular meeting is August 8th, 2019 at 7 P.M.

July 11, 2019 meeting minutes

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman