

**Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, April 9th, 2009**

At 7:00PM the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board was opened and began by auditing the bills, Supervisors monthly report and the Town Clerks monthly report. Councilwoman Shirley Randall opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Chris Navitsky (Lake George Watershed); Dawn Keppler, Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Gary Smith, Peter Leyh, Wayne Busby & Tom Cummings.

**Resolution #20**

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2009 MEETING

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 4, Nays 0.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 2009 meeting be approved.

**Resolution #21**

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2009

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**Resolution #22**

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2009

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays

**Resolution #23**

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the following resolution was: ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #4 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 67 - 94	\$28,014.46
Highway Account	# 54 - 68	\$6,602.95
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	# 4	\$16,828.13

Resolved that bills be paid on Abstract #3 to the following account in the below amounts;

Black Point Sewer District	# 8 - 9	\$11,182.65
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**CORRESPONDANCE**

None

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Chris Navitsky of the Lake George Watershed presented to the Board members and the Supervisor copies of the 2008 Annual Stream Assessment Report. He explains this project was started over two years ago by the Lake George Waterkeeper who did a lot of research out in the lake. He discovered an area where there was a gap on information about the lake. They discovered that over 55% of the water in Lake George comes from streams that flow into the lake. When this was discovered they decided to find out what was ongoing in the streams. At this time Chris introduced Dawn Keppler who is currently the Stream Assessment Project Director for the Lake George Waterkeeper. Ms. Keppler has a Masters degree in Biology from Buffalo State and a BA in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Northern Maine. Ms. Keppler goes out daily from June to September, sampling streams around the entire basin including a couple in this area, Sucker Brook in Glenburnie and tributaries in Gull Bay. She explains that at each stream they collect a variety of different chemicals, physical and biological data. The chemical focuses on two levels, oxygen and specific conductance and PH. The physical assessment includes flow measurements, pebble count, habitat evaluation and a variety of others. Each being equally important. Biological data is done by looking at macroinvertebrates. ( ex ) snails, clams. They are useful as water quality indicators. The two streams in Putnam were found to be slightly impacted biologically and chemically. In 2009 Ms Keppler will be collecting more data and adding more sites and parameters. Some questions were asked and were answered by Ms Keppler and Chris Navitsky.

Wayne Busby

Mr. Busby asked if there was any new information on the Forgette property? Supervisor LaPointe informed Mr. Busby that there is a new contract and the final results aren't back yet.

### Gary Smith

Gary feels that the Town of Putnam signs that are at each end of the town, look a little shabby. Supervisor La Pointe will have them touched up.

### Tom Cummings

Mr. Cummings informed the board that there are 12 summer camps in Mill Bay that people are living in and none of them have a septic system. (the sewer goes into Lake Champlain). Supervisor LaPointe will have the Code Enforcement Officer get a list of the owners names.

### LEGAL

None

### HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the crew have been doing some clean -up jobs.(sweeping the roads, cutting back shoulders etc) Next week they will be doing some ditching. Tom Cummings thanked Supervisor Treadway stating that "Gary is doing the best job on Hutton Square Road since I've been there.

### PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports that there was a full agenda last night. There were three Public Hearings, there were three Site Plan Reviews issued, and two Site Plan Review applications received from Royal Anchorage residents. May 8<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline and a Public Hearing will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> assuming the May 8<sup>th</sup> deadline is met. Supervisor LaPointe reports that he received an e-mail from Tim Moot yesterday. Tim informs the Supervisor that they will be up a couple of days in April to train the operator and finalize the system. Supervisor LaPointe also reports that the pressure checks on the water and air was passed and the phone company was contacted to hook up the system that goes into the panel boxes that goes to the dedicated phone. There are two people that are prepared to start building. Councilman Kevin Hart asks if there is any financial penalty in place to utilize against anyone who builds without a permit. Supervisor explained that they are working on a penalty to penalize anyone who goes ahead without a permit.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Black Point Sewer District

Supervisor LaPointe expects that the project will not be completed until July, they have run into a few problems. The road was a mess. Highway Superintendent Treadway had

the contractors fill in the holes, than there was some cold patching done. The highway crew will be paving the road upon completion.

#### Life Guards

Supervisor LaPointe reports that there is one vacancy, and three lifeguards returning this year. A meeting will be held with the committee to chose a new lifeguard. A discussion was held about having a person at the boat launch to check the boats being launched into the lake. Supervisor LaPointe will check with Walt from LGA to find out if there are any available funds that could be used to hire someone.

#### Building Site Plan Review & Septic Fees

Supervisor LaPointe and the Town Board have agreed that the fees that are charged for building, site plan review and septic should be increased to take care of the extra cost of advertizing costs. Etc. The cost will be discussed further next month.

### NEW BUSINESS

Assessment Review Board Appointment- Cecilia McKenzie

#### **Resolution #24**

On motion of, Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam appoint Cecilia McKenzie to serve a 5 year term beginning 10/01/08 to 09/30/13, on the Assessment Review Board in the Town of Putnam.

#### Tax Cap – State Lands

Supervisor LaPointe reports that a meeting was held with the Association of Counties about the proposed tax cap on State lands in the Adirondacks. The governor has rescinded that proposal to cap taxes at the 2008 level. Environmentalist and all other governments were opposed to it.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Greg Harris \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Shirley Randall \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman