

**Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, February 12th, 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. Supervisor John LaPointe 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); Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chairman); Chris Navitsky (Lake George Watershed); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie and Peter Leyh.

**Resolution #8**

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2009 MEETING**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of January, 2009 meeting be approved.

**Resolution #9**

**ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**Resolution #10**

**ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009**

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

**RESOLUTION #11**

**PAY AUDITED BILLS**

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #2 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 12 – 47	\$73,048.00
Highway Account	# 7 - 31	\$44,697.70
Royal Anchorage Sewer District #	2	\$5,737.85

Resolved that bills be paid on Abstract #1 to the following account in the below amounts;

Black Point Sewer District	#1 – 5	\$71524.26
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### **CORRESPONDANCE**

None

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Chris Navitsky of the Lake George Watershed is here tonight to give the Town Board an idea about what other towns are charging for their subdivision application fees. He found that;

The Town of Bolton, for a minor subdivision, which is 4 lots or under, is \$40 for the first two lots and \$10 for each additional lot. For a major subdivision, the cost is \$500 plus \$50.

In the Town of Hague, for a minor subdivision the cost is \$70 and \$10 for each lot of two. For a major lot, the cost is \$750 and \$50 for each lot over five.

In Lake George, the cost is \$100 for a minor subdivision and \$300 plus \$50 for each major subdivision.

Chris will send a copy of his findings to Supervisor LaPointe. At this time, Mr. Navitsky gave each member of the board a report on the need for Stream Buffers in the Lake George Watershed. A lengthy discussion followed on the need for buffers to protect the water quality in Lake George. He explains that there is a generic resolution that has been sent around the basin with some findings within the resolution, that is basically based on incorrect information. "The statement that there is no scientific documentation for the needs of regulation is completely false." "The resolution also states that there are existing laws which protect the resources, but we find that is also not true." He states that Lake George is becoming impacted which is demonstrated by the photos taken from algae studies and photos taken from the mouth of streams around the town of Putnam that shows extensive algae growth resulting from recent impacts, stating dredging as an example. Discussion continued about the different places where photos were taken and tests done. Mr. Navitsky is requesting that the board review the report that he handed out and "then if you have questions and they are not justified, that you will hold off on

signing the generic resolution until after the Public Hearing on March 15<sup>th</sup>.” Mr. Navitsky will also send the board copies of the environmental assessments.

### **LEGAL**

None

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that during one of the recent snow storms one of the town trucks hit a parked vehicle in Gull Bay.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chairman) and Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) both shared information with the Board. Mr. Rudt reports that there were a couple of minor subdivisions and one major subdivision. The major subdivision application is a 93 acre parcel that borders Route 22 and the Glenburnie Road. The parcel belongs to Tom Eliopoulos. Mr. Eliopoulos is looking to do a 13 lot subdivision. Planning Board Chairman, Galen Seerup and Mr. Rudt, explained the sketch plan to the board that shows where the lots are that can be built upon. They explain that the strategy is for 13 lots out of the 93 acres. It is a cluster strategy which is accomplished with a cul-de-sac north of the Log Chapel. Mr. Seerup explains that “once we get through this, the biggest restraints are with respect to roads, driveways, sewage and wells.” “This is going to be an APA process and probably before it is all over with, we will have to hire an engineer.” “It will be a long process.”

Mr. Seerup reports that Elvin Haley was at the meeting representing his son Michael Haley. Mr. Haley is interested in buying the old tire dump property.

James Reale would like to divide his 10 acre property to have a 4 acre parcel to build a house on.

At the January meeting, Mike and Marty Anderson applied for a subdivision to divide their property.

Farley Tierney has submitted a site plan review. Mr. Tierney is planning on building a house.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Rabies Clinic - Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Rabies Clinic for 2009 will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 9am.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor LaPointe reports that he has received a memorandum from Randy Raft – Subject Putnam Storm Water and Army Corps. Supervisor LaPointe read the memorandum (see attached) aloud. The agreement between the US Army Corps. of Engineers and the Town of Putnam was read into the minutes by supervisor LaPointe (see attached).

### Peter Leyh

Mr. Leyh is reporting that the Lake George Association has basically said that they would help us, as they have done in other communities. “They come in and do a survey to find out the areas that need to have watershed attention so they can build a catch-basin or whatever is needed.” “The Army Corps of Engineers agrees there is money to do this and now is the time to do it.” He said that the Lake George Association is willing to put up money as well. He explains that the in-kind services that the Highway Dept. would have to perform, is maintaining that in the spring they would dredge out the basins and get rid of the material. At this point he doesn’t see any dollars being spent from us.

### **Resolution #12**

#### **PLANNING ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE TOWN OF PUTNAM**

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Hart, the following resolution was ADOPTED; AYES 5, NAYS 0

RESOLVED the Town of Putnam will enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers for a planning assistance grant.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that along with the Lake George Association, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Town of Putnam will identify potential storm water projects and develop plans to remediate them.

Councilman Hart asked how the meeting with Tom Jarrett and the contractors went with regards to the town shed issues (the over-hang)? Supervisor LaPointe informs the board that he received a bill from Mr. Jarrett but he didn’t discuss it because he is not happy with it. Supervisor LaPointe has discussed this with the town Attorney and he will have

Mr. Jarrett come up and go over it line by line. The water problem has been addressed and corrected but the over-hang remains a problem and needs to be addressed.

Mr. Rudt informs the board that the next Planning Board meeting is moved up to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Resolution #13**

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00PM the motion was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke to enter into Executive Session to discuss a land contract.

**Resolution #14**

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20PM the motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Randall to close the Executive Session.

Supervisor LaPointe stated after the Executive Session had closed that it was to discuss the language in the property contract with Alan and Judy Forgette.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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