

## Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, May 14th, 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 Cathie Burke 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); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Gary Smith, Peter Leyh, and Steve Moore Sr..

### **Resolution #25**

#### ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2009 MEETING

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

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

### **Resolution #26**

#### ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2009

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Resolution #27**

#### ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2009

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

### **Resolution #28**

#### ACCEPT TOWN CLERKS ANNUAL REPORT

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

**Resolution #29**

**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 #5 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 95 - 121	\$26,150.49
Highway Account	# 69 - 91	\$8,444.37
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	# 5	\$3,625.00

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

Black Point Sewer District	# 10 - 11	\$49,200.91
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**CORRESPONDANCE**

None

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

None

**LEGAL**

None

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the crew has finished sweeping the roads and grading the dirt roads. This week they will be working on the South Cemetery. He also reports that he has received the contract from the County to mow the road side. The figures remain the same as last year. Councilman Hart feels that the old Cemetery in Gull Bay should be made presentable. Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway will put up a fence to separate it from the rest of the area. Supervisor LaPointe asked Superintendent Treadway to bring in some sand and then line the beach with hay bales to protect the sand and allow it to settle.

## PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports that there were three Public Hearings at the Planning Board Meeting this month. Two from Royal Anchorage (Peter Emmi and Tim Johnson) and one from Gull Bay (Doug Connor). There were no particular issues. During the regular meeting, the site plan for Emmi, Johnson and Connor were reviewed, a deck change for Deitz from Gull Bay and a barn for Mr. Rampersaud. The Barn owned by Mr. Rampersaud burned down and it was located in an agricultural area, so it does not fall under the planning board jurisdiction. Other projects going on in Putnam include the APA being the lead agency on the new salt shed for the Town and County located on Route 22. A water tank shed going on the Golf Course in Glenburnie. Joe Rota has an application for a building permit for a new kitchen. Wayne Busby has another subdivision on Peterson Road.

Fred Granger was unable to come to the meeting because of personal matters. He has been sent a letter requesting that he appear at the next meeting.

George Theodore has a project for which Mr. Ball has written two Stop Work Orders, one of which was an addition platform which was built last summer without a permit. The platform was built over the septic system which is not legal. The septic needs to be 10 feet away from the house and it can not be serviced where the system currently is. The septic system has to be filled in and Mr. Theodore must show plans for hooking up to the sewer system and architectural plans for what he is going to build before the Stop Work Orders will be removed.

Mr. Rudt reported that the Planning Board and the Lake George Park Commission has a meeting on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> and the subject was Storm Water Management. They discussed how the contamination gets into the lake. Mr. Rudt feels that the Park Commission would be a good ally and that they would work with the Planning Board to make sure that the projects will be done right.

Councilman Hart reports that a little trailer located on Route 22 appears to be getting permanent. Supervisor LaPointe will report this complaint to Town Code Enforcer Bill Ball.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Royal Anchorage

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the project is very close to being completed. The one part that was defective will be fixed tomorrow and then the final testing will be done. The contractor, Mr. Bombard, has assured Supervisor LaPointe everything has been done. There are two applicants that have started their houses and the two houses that are already there have been put on notice that they have to hook up to the system within 90 days.

### Black Point Sewer District

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Black Point Sewer District is close to completion.

### Town of Ticonderoga Request

Ticonderoga Supervisor Bob Dedrick received a letter from the Town of Putnam Assessor, denying his request for a tax exemption on the Ticonderoga Beach. Supervisor LaPointe states that "it is too late to do anything this year anyway". He asked the board if they had any desire to exempt the property? The Board agreed that their consensus would be no, they do not have any desire to exempt the taxes on the Ticonderoga Beach.

### South Cemetery

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the work done on the cemetery looks nice but because the pressure treated wood needs to be cured it will not be painted by Memorial Day.

### Champlain Park

Supervisor LaPointe reports that he had sent the appraisal of the park into the Parks and Recreation, but they sent it back because it was two years old. Supervisor LaPointe had the appraisal re-done and resubmitted it. It came back appraised at 210. The contract is in the hands of the Forgettes and their attorney. It has been signed by the Forgettes, but needs to be signed by Judy's brother. Supervisor LaPointe has spoken to Senator Little and was told that the grant was "still in the flow". Councilman Hart asked if there was going to be a final Public Hearing before the purchase? Supervisor LaPointe states "it will be a sub-division and it will have to go through the Planning Board and the contract reads that it is subject to these conditions before they can be approved. Councilman Hart feels that what we have in actual dollars invested, we will need to project the price on what the road is going to be. "It will have to be brought up to town specs and will be part of what the overall project will be worth". "So the taxpayers will have a good idea of what they have been committed to". Supervisor LaPointe thinks the acquisition is the first step and then we can go from there. There will also be other grants available.

## NEW BUSINESS

### New Defibrillator Required at Beach

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the law now requires that a *Defibrillator* is required at the Gull Bay Beach. Supervisor LaPointe has priced them and found the cost to be a \$1,700.00 item. The Life Guards receive the training to use the defibrillator when they take the CPR course.

### **Resolution #30**

#### AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LAPOINTE TO PURCHASE A DEFIBRILLATOR

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that Supervisor LaPointe be authorized to purchase, as required by law, a defibrillator for use at the Gull Bay Beach.

**Resolution #31**

**APPOINT NOREEN MARRA TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Putnam does appoint Noreen Marra to serve on the Assessment Review Board for a five year term (September 2009 – September 2014).

Supervisor LaPointe contacted Walter Lender from the Lake George Association about whether there would be funds available to hire someone at the boat launch to check boats. Mr. Lender explained that there is a program where no one is assigned to check boats, but they do show up randomly. So the answer was No.

At this time, Supervisor LaPointe handed in the Annual Financial Report that was submitted to the State.

**Resolution #32**

**MOWING CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY**

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris, the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways, Gary Treadway, be authorized to enter into a contract with the Washington County Highway Dept. to mow the roadside in the Town of Putnam.

**Boat Launch Discussion With Regards to Residency**

Supervisor LaPointe explains that any resident is allowed to use the boat launch. He has talked to Consolidated Products, which is where we purchase our garbage tickets, about creating a non resident sticker. He is asking the board if they want to entertain the idea of non-residents and charging a fee, for example \$10 per day, \$25 for a week, \$50 for a month, and \$100 for a season. Someone would have to be there checking the boats, it shouldn't be one of the life guards duties. Mr. Rudt voices his concerns that he has 5 properties in Gull Bay and he pays taxes on all 5. During the summer he has tenants that launch boats. Supervisor LaPointe feels that they are in violation. A lengthy discussion followed with many different suggestions and opinions offered. It was decided that Supervisor LaPointe will order new Boat Launch Tickets.

Councilman Greg Harris is asking for mileage compensation for Jim Hebert (Wildlife Catcher). The board agrees that he should be compensated for his mileage.

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