

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, September 10th, 2009

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

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

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Gary Smith, Al & Ellie Coulter, Peter Leyh, Joe Blood and Burt Windle.

Resolution # 53

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2009 BOARD MEETING

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

Resolution #54

ACCEPT THE TOWN SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009

Councilman Kevin Hart made the motion to accept the Supervisors Monthly Report, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall. All voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #55

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009

Councilman Greg Harris made the motion to accept the Town Clerks Monthly Report, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke. All voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #56

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, the following resolution was: ADOPTED. AYES 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the bills be paid on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher # 200 - 220	\$29,626.49
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Highway Account	Voucher # 141 - 155	\$10,227.34
Royal Anchorage	Voucher # 6 -7	\$28,362.05
Black Point Sewer	Voucher# 16	\$31,000.36

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Peter Leyh of Gull Bay discusses the topic of a sewer district in Gull Bay, Glenburnie and Lake Champlain. He has had conversations with other residents who agree that basically it's getting started, by forming committees and presenting their ideas to Senator Betty Little. Supervisor LaPointe explains that the committees should start by going out in these areas with a petition and then present it to the Town Board. Mr. Leyh asked if the Town Board would be in favor of the committees doing this? Councilman Harris commented that a lot would depend on how much the people from these committees are interested in a sewer district. Councilman Hart feels that once you start and move ahead you should have a couple of representatives from each community to initiate getting the funding for the proposed sewer district, like other communities have done.

Ed Kingsley of the Wrights Ferry Road asks if the engineers report has come back? He was told that it hadn't and that there will be a meeting on September 21st at 1PM at the Town Hall. Pete Ray from the Dept. of Transportation, representatives from the Railroad, and the Town Attorney will meet with the Town of Putnam officials along with Mr. Kingsley and his group, to discuss the drainage problem on the Wrights Ferry Road.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Mr. Rudt reports that they had a short agenda but a long night which started with a request from Ed Hunter who wants to put an RV on his lot in Gull Bay, the Board received an opinion from the Town Attorney, who says that Mr. Hunter will have to live up to regulations in Article 7 of the Site Plan Review Law. Even though Mr. Hunter has a single RV, it will be designated a campground and he will be expected to do everything that a campground owner has to do. He reminded the board that no fees for a campground or mobile home has been set.

Ray & Sally Frued have an issue with a proposed Sub-division on Dark Bay Point, that is not on a town road.

A Site Plan Review request from Brian Bain for Grace and Joe Dillon for a small addition. There is a question about the septic system.

Faith Property application from the engineer has received their Lake George Park Commission Storm Water Permit. The engineers are also dealing with concerns from the neighbors. There will be a Public Hearing next month. "There are some issues but no real items of contention."

Mike Anderson discussed a sub-division on his property on Bacus Road.

A Public Hearing for Joseph and Nancy Fisher's proposed 800 square foot addition. The issue is upgrading the septic to accommodate the addition.

Buster Grangers application has been denied. It is now just a structure in storage until such time it becomes a hazard.

The Blythewood Gate house is in violation. A large addition is being done on the gate house with no permit issued. The code enforcement officer Bill Ball has issued a stop work order.

At this time Mr. Rudt talks about the rate structure for Camp Grounds and Mobile Home Parks. The Planning Board is recommending that a camp ground fee be \$50.00 for a Site Plan Review and \$50.00 fee for an annual inspection. For a mobile home park the rate would be \$250 for up to 10 trailers with an additional \$50.00 fee for each trailer over that, and a \$250.00 annual inspection fee for the first 10 trailers and \$50 fee for each one over 10. He points out that these rates were set based on discussions with Bill Ball, trying to establish what amount of time might be required.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent of Highways Gary Treadway reports that the crew has completed the roadside mowing for the town and county and they are now cutting brush on Lake Road. Treadway explains that he has talked to Ken from Peckam about Black Point and he was told that date of October 1st was thrown out. Ken did tell him that the Best Road would be done by October. Councilman Hart feels that the Town has to do some kind of shimming around the sewer caps and maybe the crew could put some cold patch around them to make it through the winter.

Burt Windle asked Superintendent Treadway if the town was going to put shoulders on Gull Bay Road where the town paved earlier this year. Superintendent Treadway told him that the plan was to do that next week.

A discussion was held between Peter Leyh and the Town Board about the potential damage the beaver dams could cause in the Warrick Road area. It was decided that Supervisor LaPointe will contact the owners of the property where the dams are.

Burt Windle questioned Robert Rudt about the Ticonderoga Planning Board approving a garage. Mr. Rudt explained that there was an application presented to the Ticonderoga Planning Board for a garage 40 feet long and is directly in front of six Putnam properties blocking their view of the lake. He points out that to the best of our ability the Putnam Planning Board try's to make sure that someone doesn't build a building in front of another building (blocking their view). He feels that Ticonderoga did not take this into consideration when they allowed a 40ft building to be built in front of six Putnam properties. Mr. Windle pointed out that there seemed to be a lack of respect between the two towns. Supervisor LaPointe will contact the Town Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Update

Supervisor LaPointe informed the board that Senator Little has been in contact with Parks & Recreation and also has a call through to the Commissioner. She would like to have a meeting with all parties involved. Supervisor LaPointe feels we are moving ahead.

Budget Workshop

It was decided between the Town Board and the Supervisor to hold a Budget Workshop on September 16th at 4PM at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor LaPointe and the Town Board have agreed to have a Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget on October 8th, 2009 at 7:30PM.

Flu Clinic

Supervisor LaPointe has been in contact with the County Public Health Dept., to set up a date for a flue clinic. The possible dates will probably be in November.

Noise Ordinance

Gary Smith asked if Supervisor LaPointe had found out anything about a noise ordinance? Supervisor LaPointe has asked for a copy of the Ticonderoga noise ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:50 PM AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman