

## **Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, August 12th, 2010**

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  
Councilwoman Cathie Burke  
Councilman Greg Harris

Absent Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Bob Coulter, Peter Leyh, and Bert Windle.

### **Resolution #82**

#### ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2010 MEETING

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

### **Resolution #83**

#### ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2010

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

### **Resolution #84**

#### ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2010

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

### **Resolution #85**

#### PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #8 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 168 - 197	\$9,757.73
Highway Account	# 136 - 156	\$8,672.71
Black Point Sewer District	# 12 - 13	\$10,935.00

### **CORRESPONDANCE**

Supervisor LaPointe reports that Chief Administrative Law Judge, Peter Loomis, has found in favor of the proposed Railroad Crossing road located on the Forgette property in the Town of Putnam. The Town of Putnam is required to install and maintain lockable gates on both sides of the crossing. Supervisor LaPointe explains that the crossing will not be open to the public until automatic flashers are installed and operable. He also talked to the Railroad officials about the Wrights Ferry crossing. They will re-do that crossing when they receive a resolution from the Putnam Town Board. The Town cannot work on that road until the railroad has finished with their work.

A letter was received from the New York State Police commending the Putnam Fire Department for their handling of an emergency accident in Putnam, involving a gasoline tanker tractor trailer which crossed over the northbound lane and went down an embankment. Fortunately the tanker was empty and did not roll over and the driver was not injured. (See attached)

Supervisor LaPointe reports that a letter was sent by Mrs. Zelanis to the Supervisor and the Town Board. Mrs. Zelanis has many concerns and questions about the Royal Anchorage Sewer District. Supervisor LaPointe read the letter into the minutes. (See attached) The Town Board was given a copy of the letter. The Supervisor will address her concerns.

A letter was received from Assessor June Manicek and will be addressed later in the meeting.

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

*Bert Windle of Sagamore Road and President of the Lake Communities of Putnam* wished to address a few issues. First issue, APA Shoreline Regulation Modifications. As President of the Putnam Lake Communities, Mr. Windle wants to make everyone aware of the Modification of the Shoreline Regulation which was voted in by the APA in November 2008 and became law on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. He points out that this new law will drastically affect the grandfather properties. This law was appealed by Essex and Warren County and the appeal was lost. The two counties and 17 towns have re-appealed the case. Mr. Windle explains that it is important that the town board and the town recognize the potential loss for years to come, of income for local businesses, because there will be no major modification to any properties that are within the 75 foot set back from the lake. Another negative affect would be loss of jobs and income for local contractors, loss of increased assessment on local tax rolls, loss of value on properties that were previously grandfathered and future reduction on assessment rolls. Mr. Windle is requesting that either the Planning Board or the Town Board join the lawsuit against the APA and make a monetary contribution to the law firm that is handling the case. Supervisor LaPointe informed Mr. Windle that the Planning Board could not sue or join the suit. The Supervisor will contact Attorney Phillips, the attorney who is handling the appeal. He further explained that

normally he would ask the county for any monetary contributions. Supervisor LaPointe will also contact whoever is "heading up the two counties." Mr. Windle explains "that time is of the essence; the first stage of appeal has to happen before the 27<sup>th</sup> of September." Mr. Windle will, as president of the Lake Communities of Putnam, ask the Board of Directors to support this effort.

*Bob Coulter of Gull Bay* asked the board where the south end of the beach is. He is concerned about a situation where someone had dogs on the other side of the lemon lines on the southern part of the beach. He points out that people expect it to be controlled like the rest of the beach, but the lifeguards say that what people do on that part of the beach is not their responsibility. Supervisor LaPointe explained that the swim line doesn't designate where the town lines are. The Town owns to the creek on the north side and to Williams dock on the south side. He states that "the lifeguards are supposed to watch all of the town property." "They do have jurisdiction to enforce the no dog rule on this part of the beach." "They are responsible, but their concern is watching the swimmers in the water." Supervisor LaPointe will look into this matter.

*Bert Windle of Sagamore Road* reports that the Lake Communities are in favor of the seniors, people of low income and veterans receiving an increase in their tax exemption, but they are concerned what the increase will cost the remaining tax payers, so they can take the position whether to support or not support based on facts. Supervisor LaPointe informed Mr. Windle that it was passed on the County level. It is a minimal amount and Mr. Windle can call McCarty's office to find out what the impact will be. Mr. Windle is satisfied.

Another issue Mr. Windle is concerned about is the friction between the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer. It was Mr. Windle's understanding that when Mr. Ball was hired as Code Enforcement Officer that he would attend the Planning Board meetings on a regular basis. He feels that there is a lot of information that goes back and forth between a lot of knowledgeable people and Mr. Ball isn't there to gain that knowledge. He points out that he would like to see Mr. Ball at the meetings working together with the Planning Board for the benefit of him, as a taxpayer. He has come to the Town Board with his concerns because "the Planning Board suggests that they don't have authority over this gentleman." Supervisor LaPointe points out that the Planning Board has the ability to send letters to violators informing them that they must apply for Site Plan Review applications for any permits, and then Mr. Ball would take over. He agrees that Mr. Ball should attend the Planning Board meetings for the benefit of communication.

*Peter Leyh* reports that the LGA and HRD Company were able to obtain permission to go on the Eliopoulos property. The beaver dams, major streams and culverts have been done in Glenburnie and they will be coming back to Gull Bay in a week or two. The results of this work will be available in less than a year.

Mr. Leyh is also concerned about a safety issue on the Sagamore Road. He is requesting the Highway Superintendent possibly put up a 20 MPH sign to try to slow the cars down that go to fast in that area.

Mr. Leyh also asked Supervisor LaPointe if the town is putting in another dock in Gull Bay. Supervisor LaPointe said yes, but he does not know when.

### **HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Treadway reports that he purchased the new trailer. They are done hauling stock for the stock pile. There not as many white goods this year. They also cut some brush at the top of Wrights Ferry Road.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

*Robert Rudt* reports there was a seven lot sub division – property belonging to Sheila White. There are two major concerns; 1. With all of the equipment needed there, there is concern about the road. 2. Concern of homeowners in that area is that they have deed restrictions and they would like to see the restrictions applied to the properties.

There was also an old sub division on the Granger property on Pulpit Point. It was done in 1984 and the county won't record the map. The Planning Board accepted the map.

A work shop will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, and the topic will be how to handle violations.

Sarge Condit is trying to make plans to get into the old tennis courts in Blythewood. Also an extended septic field will be problematic. The right of way granted was 10ft from a stream.

Cee McKenzie asked Highway Superintendent Treadway if he put up the sign on the corner of Beach Lane and Sagamore. The Superintendent stated that he saw the sign and flipped it over. The sign is now gone. Supervisor LaPointe informed the board that the signs on Gull Bay turn and Route 22 were gone the morning after the board meeting. One realtor is missing two \$70 signs and Supervisor LaPointe wants it on record that the town did not take any signs down.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Signs entering the town**

Supervisor LaPointe has been trying to contact the lady that made the Town of Putnam signs to no avail. The Supervisor called Mr. Grant who is the ex-husband of the lady that did the original signs. Mr. Grant told the Supervisor that the old signs could not be fixed. Mr. Grant will make new signs which will be guaranteed for 10 years. The cost will be \$1300 a piece. Supervisor LaPointe and the board agreed to have them made. The cost will come out of the contingency fund.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Budget Workshop*

It was agreed that the workshop will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM at the Town Hall.

*Assessment Review Board Vacancy*

Mary Carmen’s seven year term is up on the Assessment Review Board. Mary is resigning. A notice will be published in the Times of Ti seeking a new candidate for the position.

*Clark Patterson Meeting*

Supervisor LaPointe reported that he and two board members attended the meeting. He states “that bills were discussed and they will put together an itemized bill, which will be re-visited.”

**Resolution #86**

**ACCEPT JUNE MANICEK – TOWN ASSESSORS, RETIREMENT**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does accept June Manicek’s retirement effective August 31<sup>st</sup>, and reappoint Ms. Manicek two days later at a reduced rate for the balance of her term.

*Nymer Insurance*

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the insurance premium is down 6% this year.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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