

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, February 11th, 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. Councilman Greg Harris 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
Greg Harris
Shirley Randall
Absent: Councilman Kevin Hart

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Bob Coulter, Al Coulter, and Chris Navitsky (Lake George Water Keeper).

Absent: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk)

Supervisor LaPointe asked for a moment of silence for Councilman Greg Harris's mother (Marie Harris) and his Aunt (Florence Beebe), both of whom passed away in the last month.

At this time, Councilman Harris asked for an explanation about a discussion that was held in that January Planning Board report. He asked who recommended an additional form to a building permit about people maintaining their homes. Mr. Rudt explained that Town Attorney Brietenbach recommended and put together a Site Plan Review certificate which would be Part I of a Building Permit. "You can't get a building permit without a Site Plan Review permit." "The criterion that was suggested by Attorney Brietenbach was that just about anything we are going to do, we will need the Site Plan Review." Councilman Harris states "for maintaining your home, painting a porch and putting shutters on." Mr. Rudt remembers that it was in the form that painting a porch and putting shutters on was suggested. Supervisor LaPointe explained that none of this was acted on, "it was just suggested." Councilman Greg Harris doesn't understand "where this stuff comes from, we have enough loops that the landowners have to jump through, as far as maintaining their home." Mr. Rudt explains that the Planning Board hasn't acted on it either. Supervisor LaPointe explains that the Planning Board can look at the form and decide what should be in it and then re-submit it to the Town Board. Councilman Harris states that "as far as maintaining someone's home, I think it is pretty much off limits." Supervisor LaPointe stressed that it was submitted but not acted upon.

Resolution #39

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2010 MEETING

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 2010 meeting be approved

Resolution #40

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Resolution #41

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 3, Nays

Resolution #42

PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

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

General Account	# 16 - 45	\$61,036.32
Highway Account	# 14 - 35	\$72,522.16

Black Point Sewer District Abstract #2

Black Point	# 1 - 4	\$34,137.82
Black Point	# 1	\$ 2,545.00

CORRESPONDANCE

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Treadway reports that it has been a quiet month. The crew has been spending time cleaning culverts, ditches and cutting fire wood.

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports that one issue on the agenda was a camp in Dark Bay, that the owner is going to remodel, turning it into a home with a basement and a second story. The septic system will be improved.

The primary issue was an 8 lot sub-division in Black Point (the old boys' camp). "This will likely be a long process."

Mr. Rudt reports that the owners of the Rafferty Farm came to the meeting to request a permit to have an "ATV Mud Pit" on his property. He was told that this request was not in the Planning Boards jurisdiction. This event will take place on May 22nd, 2010. The owner will have insurance and an ambulance will be there as well.

Mr. Rudt informs the Board that there will be a Planning Board Workshop on March 1st at the Town Hall and the guest speaker will be Chris Navitsky (Lake George Water Keeper).

OLD BUSINESS

Royal Anchorage

Supervisor LaPointe reports that two homes are being built at the present time.

Black Point Sewer District

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Black Point Sewer District is up and running and some owners are in the process of hooking up to it.

Park Hearing Law Judge

Supervisor LaPointe reports that he has contacted the Dept. of Transportation's legal department and a hearing with the law judge is in the process. A presentation needs to be presented to the law judge to show that there will be a public crossing.

NEW BUSINESS

Rabies Clinic

Supervisor LaPointe reports that there will be a Rabies Clinic at the Town Hall on February 20th from 8AM to 9AM.

Storm Water Grant USACE & LGA

Supervisor LaPointe informs the Board that the US Army Corp of Engineers has approved the Storm Water Grant and is providing \$65,000 for the project. Putnam will provide \$30,000 and the Lake George Association portion will be \$35,000 in in-kind services to meet the local match for the grant. The Supervisor points out that this project will also address some of the beaver dam problems. The Board wishes to extend their thanks to Peter Leyh for working so hard for this grant.

Property Tax Exemptions

Supervisor LaPointe has discussed tax exemptions with Bill McCarty from Real Property. It was decided that Mr. McCarty will check the exemptions ((ex) veterans, disability, aging, etc.) to see where we are lagging behind. He will then study the impact there would be if we increased the exemptions on some of these.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris to Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ ABSENT _____ Councilman