

## Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, June 13th, 2010

### **PUBLIC HEARING 7:00PM**

Supervisor LaPointe announced that a Public Hearing has been set for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Ticonderoga Community Building. "Judge Loomis is the hearing Judge." Supervisor LaPointe encourages anyone who would like to attend, to add support or concerns about the Public Crossing, should do so.

At this time, 7:10PM, the Public Hearing - Petition Law Judge For Public Crossing – D & H Railroad.

Supervisor LaPointe read aloud the legal notice which was published in the Times of Ti and posted on the Town Hall bulletin board. (See attached)

#### Doug Thatcher

Mr. Thatcher asked what size boats can be launched? Supervisor LaPointe answered that the boat launch will be for small crafts because it is very shallow there. "If the crossing is granted, the town will improve the road going to the crossing." It will have all the safety features, for example, bells, whistles and cross arms. Supervisor LaPointe explains that the area is about 13.5 acres with about 2,000 feet of water front on Lake Champlain. Mr. Thatcher asked if the shoreline could be made deeper, as some of the Fire Company volunteers are divers now. Supervisor LaPointe explained that "at this time we do not have any plans to make it deeper, but that's not saying that in the future it won't be done."

#### Charlie Bain

Mr. Bain asked if the grant money is still available and if it would be a seasonal road? Supervisor LaPointe explained that the road would not be a maintained road in the winter, but snowmobiles will have access to the lake. "The road will be paved." Supervisor LaPointe also stated that the \$100,000.00 grant from Senator Little and the \$299,000.00 grant from Parks and Recreation are still available. He pointed out that right now the crossing is a farm crossing and that is why they petitioned the Judge for a hearing to obtain approval to establish a Public Crossing. The Department of Transportation, Railroad and the Parks & Recreation representative will be at the hearing also to offer their support.

#### David Granger

Mr. Granger asked if the Fire Company would be able to put a dry fire hydrant in at the site. Supervisor LaPointe "is sure that could be done and will be addressed at a later date."

### **Resolution #66**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – LAKE CHAMPLAIN PARK AND PUBLIC ACCESS**

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

RESOLVED that the Public Hearing was closed at this time (7:20PM), with all interested persons having voiced their remarks. No one else wished to comment.

**Return to Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, June 13th, 2010 at 7:20PM**

At 7:20PM 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 Kevin Hart 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  
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Ed Kingsley, Joe Blood, David Granger, Doug Thatcher, Charlie Bain, Peter Leyh, Burt Windle and Jack Aiken.

**Resolution #67**

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2010 MEETING

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

**Resolution #68**

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2010

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

**Resolution #69**

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2010

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

**Resolution #70**

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 #6 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 119 - 149	\$6,083.05
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Highway Account	# 94 - 109	\$88,710.01
Royal Anchorage	# 3 - 4	\$4,530.00

**CORRESPONDANCE**

*NONE*

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

*Ed Kingsley* has formed a petition which is asking the board to open up Ferry Lane as a Town Road. Mr. Kingsley passed out copies of the petition to the Board (see attached). Mr. Kingsley explained that there are eight signatures of the property owners attached to the petition. Supervisor LaPointe read the petition aloud. Supervisor LaPointe feels that the signatures should be witnessed and notarized. Councilman Hart wants it stated officially on paper that says “there will be access from our highway system to Lake Champlain.” A lengthy discussion continued about parking spaces. Councilman Hart would like to see an attachment to the petition concerning the right of way to Lake Champlain. Supervisor LaPointe will give the petition to the Town Attorney to review and he will return it to the resident’s attorney for his review. The Supervisor will also contact Jack Aiken, who is one of the property owners on Ferry Lane.

*Peter Leyh* wished to update the board on the Lake George Association Water Shed. Her reports that the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of seeking bids from an outside organization which will be the organization to do a survey for the entire community. The Lake George Association has already paid \$30,000.00 and in addition, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Lake George Association will be having a fund raising dinner at the Erlowest/Sun Castle Restaurant to celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Leyh also reports that Bob Maletta (a Gull Bay resident) will be hosting a fund raiser seminar on July 30<sup>th</sup> for the Lake George Association. Randy Raft from the LGA will be the speaker. A fund raiser for the Lake George Land Conservancy will take place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Blythewood.

**HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Treadway reports that he attended the annual Highway School in Ithaca. He has received the mowing contract from the County. He recommends that the town accepts the contract. The town crew has started the mowing and loading up on sand.

*Burt Windle* asked Superintendent Treadway who approves the Chip Money and who controls it? Supervisor LaPointe explained that it is the consolidated highway improvement fund and is part of the overall budget. Mr. Windle also asks if there are any additional funds. He feels that the lake access to Lake Champlain should be a homeland security issue. He asked if anyone at the Annual Highway School ever talks about any way to get additional funds for small towns. He asked Superintendent Treadway if at the next meeting he could ask that question.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

*Bob Rudt* reports that the Planning Board had one combined Public Hearing and Site Plan Review for Ed Grennon. Mr. Grennon is tearing down an old camp on Beach Lane. There was a variance situation which has been worked out and Mr. Grennon is moving forward, building a new camp.

Mr. Rudt explains that there were issues pertaining to trailers in town that were discussed at great length. The Town Attorney was present at the meeting and gave the board some direction about the trailer situation. They also discussed concerns about building permits issued without a Site Plan Review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Judicial Hearing*

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Judicial Hearing will be at the Ticonderoga Community Building on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00AM.

### *County Historical Society*

Supervisor LaPointe reports that there were historical ceremonies at the County last month. The senior citizens received a historical plaque to put on the newly renovated school building by the Presbyterian Church. Tom Cummings funded the money for the restoration of the school. Mrs. Gosselink is at the building on Sunday's from 12 – 3 only.

### *Black Point Sewer District*

Supervisor LaPointe informs the Board that the bonding for the Black Point Sewer District will take place early next month.

### *White Good Pick Up*

Highway Superintendant Treadway announced that the White Goods Pick-Up will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Ticonderoga Sewer District Meeting*

Councilman Hart attended the Sewer District Meeting and reports that there were some people who were not satisfied with the contractor's performance. There are also issues with some people who are hooked up and are running into a few problems. They found some problems that need to be addressed. In some areas the lines need to go deeper. There are also some substantial cost over runs. Councilman Hart feels that the cost over runs should have been dealt with by the contractor. "Overall the meeting was very informative."

### **Resolution #71**

#### **MOWING CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.**

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, 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.

**Resolution #72**

**WRIGHTS FERRY ROAD REINSTATEMENT**

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Randall, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam, agree to act upon the reinstatement of the Wrights Ferry Road as a Town Road with the stipulation that the conditions that were discussed this evening be(are) implemented.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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