

# **Lake Communities of Putnam**

## **Annual Meeting September 4, 2010**

The annual meeting of the Lake Communities of Putnam (LCP) was held at the Putnam Central School and called to order at 9:30 AM; approximately 80 members were in attendance.

Directors present: Doug Chase, Glenburnie  
Peg Olsen, Glenburnie  
Richard Gasser, Black Point  
Ray Freud, Gull Bay  
Robert Rudt, Gull Bay  
Bert Windle, Gull Bay

Also present: Greg Harris and Kevin Hart, representing the Town of Putnam  
Alex Levitch, representing the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance  
Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, representing The Fund for Lake George

President Bert Windle introduced the LCP Board of Directors and guest speakers as well as Cee McKenzie-Rudt, LCP webmistress.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Doug Chase gave a brief review of our financial activities over the last year and reported a balance in the checking account of \$3,477.46 and a CD balance of \$8,706.43, leaving our treasury with \$12,183.89 at this time.

### **BOARD NOMINATION**

Eugene Frost's name was placed in nomination by Richard Gasser of Black Point Road; his nomination for director was placed on the LCP website and an election was in order. President Windle asked for a vote by show of hands; it was unanimous with all in favor. Eugene Frost was elected and congratulations were in order.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

President Windle reported on items that the LCP maintains a watch list on that includes expenditures, subdivisions, community docks, new town park, etc. The LCP attends both Town and Planning Board meetings each month and monitors issues of interest to our membership.

Voter Registration – The NY State Supreme Court ruled in the “Wilkie Case” that people with multiple homes can choose where they want to vote. President Windle encourages LCP members with multiple homes to consider voting in Putnam. The LCP currently has over 70 registered voters in Putnam.

Putnam Board of Assessment Review – The BAR currently has an opening and the LCP is recommending to the Town Board that Mr. Frost of Black Point be appointed to fill this opening. The LCP presently has two members serving on the BAR.

9-1-1 – Some confusion exists in 9-1-1 emergency calls. Calls from Putnam land lines automatically go to Washington County while cell phone calls are treated differently (going to nearest tower). Some calls from Black Point Road might be better routed to Essex County with Warren County receiving calls regarding emergencies on Lake George water. The LCP has requested an investigation and written procedures from Washington County Public Safety Department. As information becomes available, it will be related to our members.

APA Shoreline Regulations – In 2008, the APA revised shoreline regulations relating to rebuilding of previously grandfathered structures within the shoreline setback. These changes are more restrictive and presently Essex, Warren and Washington Counties, as well as a number of towns in the Adirondack Park are appealing this case. The LCP is contributing a one-time payment of \$500 toward the legal costs of the appeal.

Taxes (school, town, county) – The LCP is providing oversight and raising questions if we have any concerns. We are not trying to micro-manage; just keeping a watch out for the interests of our members. The school budget for 2010-2011 increased by 1.6%, which considering a loss of 10% state aid, the LCP supports. We have participated in talks at Town Board meetings regarding the 2011 town budget. The budget workshop for the 2011 budget is coming this month and is open to the public – no comments allowed.

#### PLANNING BOARD

Bob Rudt, a member of the Putnam Planning Board, spoke about the operation of the Board. It consists of seven members and meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public. The Board has jurisdiction over all site development and subdivisions. Bob advised that a property owner should check with the Board if any changes are planned in order to answer questions on jurisdiction and procedures. Applications for subdivisions or site development are available at the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall (Pat Wilson) or from the Planning Board Clerk, Paula Wilson (547-8356).

#### LCP WEBSITE

Cee McKenzie-Rudt was introduced as manager of the LCP website <http://www.lakecommputnam.org>. The site includes links to the Town and Planning Board minutes as well as other agencies around Lake George, LCP announcements and current news items.

#### PUTNAM TOWN BOARD

Town Council Members Kevin Hart and Greg Harris were introduced. Questions were opened up to the floor on town issues with Kevin Hart responding. Some of the topics include:

Beach maintenance – This is the duty of the lifeguards and John LaPointe will clarify this with them.

Geese – A problem – one recommendation is to NOT feed the geese.

Black Point Sewer District – Kevin is the Town representative; please contact Tracy Smith at the sewer district – not the contractor – if there are issues and/or questions.

Noise Ordinance – If problems cannot be resolved with neighbors, recourse is to call the Washington County Sheriff's office or the NY State Police.

Seaplanes – Town does not have jurisdiction.

Black Point Road Emergency Response – Police from Ticonderoga, the Washington County Sheriff and the NY State Police are all authorized to respond to a police emergency on Black Point Road.

## WATERSHED PROJECT

Peter Leyh discussed the current Lake George Watershed Project. He stressed that the quality of Lake George water is number one priority. Three years ago a serious rain washed a considerable amount of sediment into Gull Bay. The watershed project was undertaken beginning with a GPS survey by Randy Rath of the Lake George Association. The Army Corps of Engineers are now involved along with a company of hydrologists hired to survey the Putnam section of the watershed. They are using sophisticated equipment to determine runoff problems and make recommendations. One major concern is the beaver dam in Glenburnie, which, if breached, could cause major pollution of the entire Glenburnie bay. Results of the survey are due to the Town Board in eight months. The study has been paid for by the LGA contributing \$35,000, the Army Corps contributing \$35,000 and in-kind work equaling \$60,000.

## TICONDEROGA REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE

Alex Levitch discussed the economic development plan for Ticonderoga. The principles of the plan include: bringing people in the community together where there has been a history of factions; do not depend upon government money-the Alliance will facilitate a partnership for private monies; consider the quality of life-education and healthcare; leverage strengths such as Lake George, Lake Champlain and the rich history of the area; and hire professionals to assist in this revitalization. The next meeting of the Alliance is September 20<sup>th</sup> at the IP mill.

## LAKE GEORGE WATER QUALITY

Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, presented a report on the recently published booklet "Do-It-Yourself Water Quality" and distributed copies to all in attendance. The subject has been carefully researched and is addressed to individuals for projects on their own property. The booklet includes a definition of a watershed, the impacts to the watershed by our actions and provides steps homeowners can take to protect the quality of our precious Lake George.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Rudt at 11:15 AM and seconded by Doug Chase.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Freud  
LCP Secretary