

Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 14, 2019
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

The meeting opened with the auditing of bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Kevin Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilman	Greg Harris

Members absent:	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall
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Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22)

Resolution # 8

Accept the minutes of the January 2019 meeting

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 9

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of January 2019

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 10

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2019

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 11

Pay bill as audited

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved, the bills on the following are paid as audited.

General Fund	# 12-53	\$13,173.86
Highway Fund	# 10-25	\$9,818.11
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	# 1	\$2,763.94

Correspondence (7:02)

None

Courtesy of the floor (7:02)

None

Highway report (7:03)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the stock pile is doing well. The salt usage increased this month because of ice storms. The equipment is good with a few minor breakdowns. The crew did use the brine a few times with good results. It seems to work well and save work clearing roads after. The one drawback noted, on steep hills it creates a “mealy, slimy” surface, otherwise it has worked well. HS Treadway felt it saved material and time. Pretreated areas scrape clean. HS Treadway stated it’s a learning process. The brine doesn’t work as well if the road surface is below 15 degrees F; there is an additive that will bring it down to 5 degrees F. Councilman Hart asked if the brine salt concentration can be increased. HS Treadway replied the brine is premixed at 23.5% salt. The application rate can be adjusted rather than the brine concentration. Roughly 40 gallons per lane mile is used. Councilman Harris asked if the sprayer needed to be cleaned after each application of the brine solution. HS Treadway responded no. The spray bar is PVC with plastic nozzles. Supervisor LaPointe asked HS Treadway about an older truck, and what his thoughts on that truck are. HS Treadway replied the specific truck is a 2006, the truck had some box fabrication work done to get through this winter, however the person working on the truck indicated that the truck would be requiring far more work should it stay in operation another winter. HS Treadway has not yet procured an estimate for the additional work. The truck has around 7800 hours on it. This year alone about \$20, 000 has been put into that particular truck. A discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of buying a new truck vs. continuing to repair the current truck took place. Supervisor LaPointe suggested a truck could be considered in next year’s budget.

Planning Board report (7:17)

The Planning Board Chair (PBC) Galen Seerup reported there was a public hearing conducted on a subdivision on Gull Bay Road owned by Fat Bag LLC. After a discussion about water and septic systems on the divisions, the subdivision was approved. PBC Seerup asserted that the Planning Board needs to develop a policy with smaller subdivisions on how they’ll handle potential for septic systems on each parcel created. PBC Seerup moved on to the DellaRatta project Royal Anchorage. There was a public hearing in December on Mr. DellaRatta’s project. The Planning Board asked for missing information from Mr. DellaRatta at that time. Mr. DellaRatta returned this month with the requested information. Mr. DellaRatta’s project was approved. Councilman Harris inquired about the road being moved. PBC Seerup responded that the road will be moved about 8’ and has approval of the APA (Adirondack Park Agency) providing a letter from the property owners association approved it. PBC Seerup also stated the Planning Board had discussed the Glenburnie properties discussed last month, Supervisor LaPointe advised PBC Seerup that the property in question is involved in legal action. PBC Seerup replied he was aware of the

legal actions surrounding the property, he continued saying section 276 of New York State law stated if 20% of the subdivision is not built upon, and was approved by the Planning Board, then the Planning Board can start an action to have the subdivision nullified. PBC Seerup has asked the County for maps to verify what, if any, lots have actually been divided or separated according to the original subdivision. If 20% of the original subdivision has not been divided then the Planning Board can start an action under the law to nullify the subdivision. PBC Seerup stated that the subdivision is over one hundred years old, and that some of the lots will not pass today's requirements for building. PBC Seerup asked if Supervisor LaPointe had found out any additional information about solar from the APA or the Town of Fort Ann. Supervisor LaPointe replied he has spoken with someone at the APA who said as of now they are handling solar projects on a case by case basis. Supervisor LaPointe did not have a chance to speak to anyone in Fort Ann, but will contact the supervisor.

Old business (7:35)

Rabies Clinic: has been set up for Saturday March 16th, 2019 from 8 A.M. to 9 A.M. The clinic will be advertised in the Sun Times.

New business (7:36)

Lifeguards: an ad for lifeguards will go in the paper as there may be one or two vacancies this year.

Fire report (7:37)

Councilman Darrell Wilson reported there was a follow-up meeting with the fire department (FD) to continue to work on a capital fund strategy based on the needs of the department and community. Part of the conversation covered fund raising and how that money can be used most effectively by the FD. Budget discipline was also discussed, as taxpayers seemed acutely aware of the large budget increase in this year's Town and County tax bills, which is being expressed in feedback from tax payers. An agreement on the contract was reached; it will consist of two payments. Supervisor LaPointe joined saying the first payment was authorized and will be sent the following day, with the second being sent in July. Councilman Wilson continued that part of the discussion with the FD was about how to help the community by lowering the FD's ISO fire insurance rating. (An ISO fire insurance rating, also referred to as a fire score or Public Protection Classification (PPC), is a score from 1 to 10 that indicates how well-protected your community is by the fire department, and impacts homeowners insurance rates). Councilman Wilson felt the meeting was productive and helped to keep the lines of communication open. Councilman Harris thanked Councilman Wilson, Cee McKenzie and Councilman Hart for their work with the FD, saying "it's going to be a positive for the town down the road".

Resolution #11

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Wilson; all in favor
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Next regular meeting: March 14, at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2019

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Greg Harris _____ Councilman