

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020
5:00 PM

MEETING HELD ON ZOOM

Pledge of Allegiance
Supervisor's Comments

Public Hearings

- 1A. Public Hearing on Zoning Code Amendments 165 – Zoning Amendments 161- Tree Cutting Amendments and 120 – Vehicles and Traffic Amendments.
 - 1B. Public Hearing on establishing a large scale solar energy moratorium.
 - 1C. Public Hearing on the Restriction on the sale of controlled substances.
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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Public Hearings and Work Session Meeting held via ZOOM

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Oliverio welcomed everyone to the Work Session meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

Supervisor Oliverio said before we start the Public Hearings the ground rules are as follows:

- Each speaker gets two (2) minutes as we have four (4) Public Hearings tonight.
- We have received numerous emails so it would take too long to read them all into the record; but they will be entered into the minutes for the record by the Town Clerk.
- We are going to do the verbal section now; but we will keep the written section open for seven (7) additional days after tonight for anyone who still wishes to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS – TO AMEND SECTIONS:

165 – ZONING AMENDMENTS
161 – TREE CUTTING AMENDMENTS; AND
120 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AMENDMENTS

Presented by Town Clerk Howard

The first speaker is Patricia Grove, resident, and member of the CCE for two (2) years. Ms. Grove said her comments are directed to Chapter 161 which is the Tree Cutting Amendment. Ms. Grove asked Supervisor Oliverio how many applications were filed for tree cutting permits in the last two (2) years. Supervisor Oliverio said this is not a back and forth conversation, this is a time for comments. He does not have that information on him; but he can send it to her. He does know that there have been very few. Ms. Grove said she had previously asked Supervisor Oliverio to clarify what the role of the CCE is in regards to the process of permits regarding tree cutting. She said that he referred her to Town Attorney Lusardi. Ms. Grove said Town Attorney Lusardi told her that the CCE was only involved if a tree cutting permit was needed under Chapter 161. Ms. Grove went on to quote Chapter 161 of the Town Code which states as follows: "In all cases the approving authority shall refer any application submitted to it pursuant to this chapter to the CCE for review and report." Ms. Grove said, in other words the CCE has nothing to do with whether or not a tree plan is required as part of an application, those requirements are set out in the Town Code. The CCE is only advisory the ultimate decision rests with the Planning or the Zoning Board. Ms. Grove concluded by saying, in summary, Supervisor Oliverio said there were only a few tree cutting applications submitted in the Town of Putnam Valley over the past two (2) years; but none were sent to the CCE for review, which is an apparent violation of the Town Code. She added that the goal of this amendment is said to be proposed in order to make it less costly and cumbersome for the homeowner. This amendment changes none of the regulated activities or the permitting process other than to allow the Planning Board to deny the CCE its role as reviewer should they so decide, without violating the Town Code. Ms. Grove does not see that this amendment accomplishes its stated goal and thus urges the Town Board to vote against this proposed amendment. In addition, there have been discussions about Type I and Type II projects in reference to the Tree Cutting Law. That has to do with SEQRA, this is a New York State Law and the Tree Cutting Law is a local law. Thus SEQRA is not part of our Tree Cutting Law.

Resident Leo Alves made a statement as follows:

Statement by Leo M. Alves re Proposed Zoning Code Changes (8-19-2020)

My name is **Leo Alves**. By way of background, I have a PhD in plant biology. I recently retired after 40 years as a college biology professor. I've lived in Putnam Valley since 1999.

I served on the town's environmental commission (CCE) for six years. I was appointed by Carmelo Santos and re-appointed by Sam Davis. I was part of the group that drafted the PV tree-protection ordinance. CCE's chair at that time was Billy Crowder. I left CCE when my term concluded at the end of 2007.

The writing of the tree-protection ordinance took two years of drafting, comparison with ordinances of surrounding towns, and back-and-forth compromises with the PV Town Board. This ordinance and the corresponding changes in the town code became law in 2003.

The town attorney at that time, Bill Zutt, drew up the final wording that made CCE part of the process. CCE never had final authority over applications. That authority always resided with the Planning Board. CCE's role was to provide input as regards tree plans and to give feedback to the Planning Board. We saw our role as advisory.

CCE met twice monthly. We diligently reviewed plans in timely fashion. I am not aware of a single instance in which any delay was caused by tardiness on CCE's part.

There was close collaboration between CCE and the Planning Board. Indeed, Billy Crowder eventually left CCE to become chair of the Planning Board.

It is my self-imposed curse that I watch Planning Board meetings on Channel 20. On those telecasts, I have not observed a single instance in recent memory in which the Planning Board has made a referral to CCE. Evidently, Mr. Lusardi, the Planning Board attorney endorses this approach. Refusal to make such referrals is in direct contravention of the town code. I have not heard a single peep in this regard from the Town Board or the Supervisor.

When the changes to the town code that are being proposed were originally discussed at a Town Board meeting, Bruce Barber stated that if the Planning Board were to choose not to make a referral to CCE, that an explanation would be offered. This assurance seemed to comfort Ralph Smith, who ran for office on a pro-environment platform. That proposal was subsequently changed to eliminate the requirement for an explanation. No referral; no explanation; nothing to see here folks, just move along.

At least four of the current Town Board members ran on pro-environment platforms. In this regard, actions speak louder than words.

The proposed changes to the town zoning code should not be adopted. Instead, I urge that the Supervisor and the Town Board require compliance with the current town code.

LMA
8-19-2020

CCE member and Resident of Putnam Valley, Glenn Sapir said he strongly endorses the letter sent to Supervisor Oliverio by the CCE and given to the Town Board Members.

That letter reads as follows:



**PUTNAM VALLEY
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT**
Town Hall, Putnam Valley NY 10579

August 4, 2020

To: Mr. Sam Oliverio, Putnam Valley Town Supervisor

From: Putnam Valley Commission for the Conservation of the Environment

Re: Proposed Modifications to Town Code Sections 161-7(B)(1), Tree Cutting, 165-21.1(A)(1), Zoning

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

The Commission for Conservation of the Environment (CCE) is composed of town residents with a passion for protecting the environment, and a collective expertise on environmental science and conservation. In our role as empowered by the PV Town Code, this commission is given the responsibility and obligation to consider and advise on environmental issues when the town is making decisions on proposed development. The recently proposed Town Code Amendments to Sections for Tree Cutting, Section 161-7(B)(1), and Zoning, Site Plan Approval, Section 165-21.1(A)(1) would change the CCE's role in reviewing and advising the PV Planning Board on proposed developments, from being required to being optional. Doing so would diminish the CCE's ability to fulfill its obligations under the PV Town Code, Article III, Environmental Conservation Commission, Section 8-23 Powers and Duties, A.(1), which provides that the PV CCE is to advise *all* Putnam Valley Boards(i.e., Town, Planning, and Zoning Boards) and commissions on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of the natural and man-made features and conditions of the town. The goal of which is to enhance the long-range value of the environment to the people of the Town of Putnam Valley. The proposed modifications to the PV Town Code Section 165-21.1(A)(1) will no longer require that, "...the approving authority shall refer any application submitted to it....to the CCE for review and report."

The CCE supports the effort to streamline the application process to become more user-friendly and cost effective. However, the CCE has never been an impediment to the timely completion of the review process, and reducing the CCE's role will not benefit that process. It is the streams, lakes, woodlands, wetlands and uplands that have brought

so many residents to Putnam Valley. To diminish the ability of the CCE to fulfill its part in protecting these shared resources provides a disservice to the town's citizens. The CCE was neither consulted nor advised of these proposed Code amendments, and also was not engaged in the discussions leading up to the proposed changes.

Therefore, we request that:

- a) The proposed amendments referred to above be withdrawn from consideration at this time.
- b) The Town Supervisor have the Planning Board, CCE, Zoning Board, and other relevant parties collaborate to develop an efficient review process that utilizes all available expertise in Town government.

Very truly yours,

PUTNAM VALLEY COMMISSION FOR CONSERVATION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT

Eileen Reilly, Chair
Mia Azcue
Patricia Grove
Benjamin Lowder, Student Member
Julie Ruben
Glenn Sapir
Michael Usai

Town Resident and CCE member Julie Ruben spoke next. She said she believes the Town Code should stand as it is; if there is any need for a change the CCE should be included, involved and informed of that process. She continued by saying she thinks the CCE is being blamed for the laborious process in the code for the homeowner; and she does not feel the CCE has anything to do with that. She would like to leave the code as it is and actually have the Town adhere to it rather than to change the code. There is no problem with the code.

Eileen Reilly, resident, and Chairperson of the CCE said she feels the letter they sent says it all. She and the rest of the members of the CCE would like to see the code stand as written. If this is not possible she would like a meeting of all involved parties so they can have an explanation of why the code is being changed as this was never provided to them. They don't really know what this is all about.

Hearing no other Public Comment, Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the verbal portion of the Public Hearing at 5:12 PM. The ability to continue to email, call or text comments will continue for seven (7) days until 3:00 PM on Wednesday August 26th.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

The following are the other emails received regarding the Public Hearing on the Zoning Code Amendments:

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

Looking forward to tomorrow evening's Public Hearing, I wish to advocate for the role of the Commission for Conservation of the Environment (CCE) as currently written into the Town Code.

The CCE is composed of town residents with an interest in protecting the environment, and the committee brings to their collective expertise on environmental science and conservation. The commission has the responsibility and obligation to consider and advise on environmental issues when the town is making decisions on proposed developments. Bringing them into such decisions, as written in to the Town Code, can only be helpful.

I am a seasonal resident of Three Arrows Cooperative, Putnam Valley, and the strong environmental conservation record of the Town of Putnam Valley is what drew me, and many others, to this beautiful area, filled with historic forests, lakes, and meadows.

Thank you for considering the role of CCE as advocating for the beauty and respite provided by our beloved town.

Carrle Barratt

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

Please do not diminish the role of the CCE by changing the Town Code. The CCE is essential in preserving our forests, wetlands, lakes, and endangered species. They must be allowed to continue their vital work in preserving our treasured environment. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Immergut
17 Acorn Lane
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

P.S. Please have this email be read into the record.

Dear Mr. Oliverio.

Please have the following read into the record of the Town Board Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 19th:

We support the Putnam Valley Commission for the Conservation of the Environment's role as presently written in the Town Code. The CCE is very important in helping protect our environment. We are very much against diminishing its role.

Sincerely,

Terry Purinton
Sara Purinton
Benjamin Purinton

I have been following the vicissitudes of the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment for years now. The CCE was an active and productive participant in the planning process in prior years. The working relationship of the CCE with the Town Planning Board and Wetlands Inspector was good. As delineated in the current Town Code, the CCE reviewed plans related to environmental concerns in their advisory capacity. During his tenure as Supervisor Bob Tandy disbanded the CCE. It was resurrected in recent years and seems to now be comprised of an active group of commissioners. The Natural Resources Inventory is a stellar document and of great use to the Town, the County, and the State; it is truly an important and impressive piece of work the Town should be proud of. The CCE manages an active Facebook page where original and referenced information are posted. They have mounted a photography show and held several informational meetings.

However, the CCE has experienced great resistance in fulfilling their duties, as stated in the current code, to view plans and advise the Planning Board and Wetlands Inspector regarding possible environmental impacts. Instead of facilitating the CCE's inclusion in this mandated process, the Town Board is supporting a proposal by the PB and WI to actually rewrite the Town code to remove their advisory role. I am deeply disturbed to learn that the CCE was excluded from any discussions or participation in creating these proposed changes.

Today I learned that you, Supervisor Oliverio, are responding to those registering their opposition to the code changes with regards to the CCE by saying that some Commissioners do not understand the limitations of their advisory role. If this is the case, why change the Town Code? Would it not make sense to facilitate a way to clear up any misunderstandings? Changing the Town Code is a textbook example of a solution in search of a problem.

I am truly distressed, indeed disgusted, at how this has proceeded. And Sam, I am deeply disappointed in your role in marginalizing the CCE's role in this town while suborning a macho power play on the part of I own consultant(s) and the Planning Board. Shame on all of you!

AA Smythe

Hello

I am a happy resident of Putnam Valley and hope that the town continues to recognize the importance of environmental issues.

thank you
Joan Greenbaum
5 Rochdale Rd.

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

I am a seasonal resident at Three Arrows in Putnam Valley and I would like to submit my support and further request that you read the documents mentioned below into the record of the CCE.

Steven Brower

Dear Sam Oliverio:

I have lived in Putnam Valley for 27 years. Please support the CCE—it is more important than ever to do everything we can to understand, value, and protect our environment, especially as climate change and development bring grave challenges to us all.

Best regards,

Maggie Schwed
100 Rochdale rd -
Putnam Valley, NY

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

The role that the Commission for Conservation of the Environment (CCE) as currently written into the Town Code is vastly important to the quality of life here in Putnam Valley. I am planning to participate in tonight's Public Hearing in order to advocate for the CCE's role to remain strong and for the Planning Board and Wetland's Inspector continue work hand in hand with CCE.

It's the town's residents with an interest in protecting the environment are the members of the CCE. The CCE brings their collective expertise on environmental science and conservation to their daily work. The commission has the responsibility and obligation to consider and advise on environmental issues when the town is making decisions on proposed developments. Bringing them into such decisions, as written in to the Town Code, is critical.

I have spent a lifetime - 75 years as a resident and homeowner in Three Arrows Cooperative Society, Putnam Valley. The strong environmental conservation record of the Town of Putnam Valley is what I treasure, as do many others - this beautiful area, filled with historic forests,

lakes, and meadows. The rural nature of Putnam Valley is what we all love. We must do everything we can to keep it that way.

Thank you for considering the role of CCE as advocating for the beauty and respite provided by our beloved town.

I request that you read this email into the record.

Carol Marsh
10 Piano Mountain Rd
Putnam Valley NY 10579

Supervisor Olliverio,

I understand that the Town Board, on the advice of the Wetlands Inspector and perhaps the Planning Board, is in favor of changes to the Town Code which will limit the role of the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment. As I understand it, the Town PB and paid consultants are not currently following the Town Code, and have been excluding the CCE in their advisory capacity. Instead of allowing them to do their work, you are now eliminating this role from the Town Code, one that they've not been able to exercise. What gives? Why would you codify the marginalization of such an important group of hard-working individuals?

I have recently moved to this town, but in my previous town the PB and consultants were grateful for the input of the CAC (as it was known there). They were all collegial pieces of the Town's decision-making process. Why would there be such intense resistance to the PV CCE's input on an advisory level?

Please explain. I understand I moved from a more liberal town to one that has been red. But now there is a Democratic majority on the Town Board who are supposed to be environmental. I guess they are not. I'm seriously disappointed.

Sincerely,

Jarusha Edgerton

I support the current Town Code as it relates to the role of CCE.

Furthermore, I support the email sent by a fellow member of Three Arrows Cooperative, Carrie Barratt, and request that it be read into the record tonight.

Thank you,
Roxi Marsen
9 Piano Mountain Road
Three Arrows Cooperative

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,
I am writing in agreement with Ms Barratt's email and hope that it will be read at today's meeting
Thanks,
Morris Rabinowitz, 15 Twin Pines Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

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Dear Mr. Oliverio,

Please have the following read into the record of the Town Board Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 19th:

I support the Putnam Valley Commission for the Conservation of the Environment's role as currently written in the Town Code. The CCE is so very important in helping protect our environment. I am against diminishing its role.

Sincerely,

Marion Lipschutz

Dear Supervisor Oliverio,

I agree with Carrie Barratt's email forwarded below.
I ask that you read the email on the record at this afternoon's meeting.

Thank you.

Natasha Prenn, LCSW

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING LARGE SCALE SOLAR ENERGY
MORATORIUM**

Presented by Town Clerk Howard

Supervisor Oliverio said this is also an energy moratorium to include things like windmills in order to preserve mountainsides and to prevent clear cutting and things like that. One letter was received by resident Alexander Kaspar which reads as follows:

For the residents of Putnam Valley

Community solar allows people to benefit from renewable solar energy. With community solar there is nothing to install or maintain on your property all that is required is a subscription to a solar farm. This subscription will guarantee energy credits on your utility bill which will typically reduce your energy costs by the equivalent of a month's bill.

The money that pays for this comes from the System Benefits Charge (SBC) that is on every utility bill, a small amount that adds up and allows New York State to fund clean energy and other efficiency programs. The SBC supports clean energy programs by providing a profit motive to developers and cost savings to subscribers.

That said, not all community solar programs or organizations are created equally. The best ones have done their homework and understand the communities they serve. In doing so they will carefully explain the program and its benefits to the consumer. Some will even assist the consumer to explore all opportunities to lower energy costs bringing added savings to your home or business.

Alexander Kaspar

Valley View Farm
Putnam Valley, NY.

Hearing no Public Comments, Supervisor Oliverio closed the Public Hearing at 5:14 PM. The ability to continue to email, call or text comments will continue for seven (7) days until 3:00 PM on Wednesday August 26th.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Presented by Town Clerk Howard

Supervisor Oliverio said this is a restriction on the sale of controlled substances within the Town of Putnam Valley; it does not include medicinal substances which are permitted as the law allows.

Hearing no Public Comments, Supervisor Oliverio closed the Public Hearing at 5:15 PM. The ability to continue to email, call or text comments will continue for seven (7) days until 3:00 PM on Wednesday August 26th.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SIGNING A 5 (FIVE) YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE PVPFD

Presented by Town Clerk Howard

Supervisor Oliverio said the contract has been on our website for quite some time now; and this is a chance for the public to speak.

Hearing no Public Comments, Supervisor Oliverio closed the Public Hearing at 5:16 PM. The ability to continue to email, call or text comments will continue for seven (7) days until 3:00 PM on Wednesday August 26th.

One (1) letter was received from a resident for this Public Hearing which reads as follows:

Patty Villanova
14 West Ave.
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Email: patty10579@gmail.com

July 10, 2020

VIA EMAIL.

Putnam Valley Planning Board
Putnam Valley Town Board
Ms. Sherry Howard, Town Clerk

Re: Proposed new firehouse
Comments for Public Hearing- July 13, 2020

Dear Ms. Howard:

Following are my comments for the public hearing on the new firehouse. I would greatly appreciate it if you would include them in the record of the meeting, and if possible, to read them during public comment period. My understanding is that this meeting will be held online via Zoom.

Preface. The Putnam Valley Fire Department has been trying for over ten years to construct a new firehouse that they claim is urgently needed in our town for a number of reasons. Although I have opposed and continue to oppose this project, it is my belief that a new and very expensive firehouse is going to be built in the near future. Before any more money is spent, the Fire Department needs to provide much greater detail on their plans for the project as well as what will happen to the current fire station when the new one is built.

Unfortunately, this push to begin construction could not have come at a worse time. Many residents have lost their livelihoods and businesses due to the Covid Corona crisis and the Lock down that still has many businesses closed or only partially opened up.

Given the situation that we are in due to the Covid Crisis and the financial hardship that it has caused to many residents and businesses, it is imperative that the town board and PVFD take a hard look at this project and do everything they can to cut costs and seek outside funding.

Unfortunately, there has been no effort to do so and the FD is moving ahead with no plans to reduce the size and scope of the project or to obtain money from the many grants that are available from the state and federal government.

Fiscal implications. The concerns that I have are based on the financial implications to our community that this \$11 million dollar project will have on our town. It is really sad that the

interests of the taxpayers of Putnam Valley have not been represented or considered by any of the town boards that have sat in the last decade that were secretly and improperly funding the project by over spending in the yearly budgets and contracts. According to the **Fiscal Analysis from Tim Miller Associates** that was submitted on **January 20, 2020**, the PVFD has been able to save over \$2 million dollars as a direct result of overpayment by the Town in prior years.

However, what they don't discuss is the many hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been spent to date with zero accountability and oversight. This money has been spent on architects, attorneys, engineers, contractors, remediation, etc. and has not been accounted for by the FD in any of their submissions to the Planning Board. I think that before this application proceeds, the FD needs to provide a detailed list of ALL the money they have spent thus far on the project and who exactly has been in charge of administering the millions that they have taken in during the last ten years. This is taxpayer money that is being spent like there's no tomorrow. The supervisor and town board need to DEMAND accountability from the FD before they approve giving them millions more.

Size and scope of project- To get an idea of just how big the new firehouse will be, take a look at the new Peekskill FD building on Main Street that was recently completed. Does anyone really believe that the small town of Putnam Valley needs such a humungous structure that was designed for a populous urban center? Where is the justification for such a building and the 127 parking spaces they want?

Why are no alternatives being presented including a smaller building with fewer amenities?

Fire Department consultants, **Cornerstone Associates** have questioned the need for shared parking with the Ambulance Corps and why so many parking spaces (127) are claimed to be needed when only 54 spaces are required as per local law. No answer so far from the FD, but no worries since they have unlimited funding courtesy of the taxpayers. (Cornerstone Assoc. Preliminary Review, August 19, 2019)

Financing- one way or another, the millions of dollars for this project will be coming from Putnam Valley residential taxpayers. Supervisor Oliverio has announced that there will be no referendum or other public approval of this project even though the FD is contemplating floating a bond which may or may not be legal.

Ten years ago former town attorney Bill Zutt declared:

"The Town Board cannot incur, nor can it guarantee any debt incurred by the Fire Department as a matter of law." (Public scoping session, 7/12/2010)

Furthermore, aside from a disastrous loan application (2010) that was rejected by FEMA, the Fire Department is not actively seeking grant money or outside funding from other sources. Instead they are placing the entire burden on our residential taxpayers, claiming as always that our costs will be minimal. Tell that to those of us who remember what was said before the high school was built- that it would only be a "cup of coffee" a day. Instead our taxes more than doubled with no apologies or explanation to the community.

What will be done with the old Firehouse and current town hall? Nobody has even mentioned the costs associated with renovating the old firehouse and what the plans are for that building. Over the years we have heard everything from moving the current town hall over to making it a courthouse. Judging by the spending habits of our town leaders, we can be sure that whatever is done will not doubt cost at least another million dollars, probably more.

The Planning Board must insist, as part of the application process, that the Fire Department and Town Board provide detailed plans and cost estimates for the renovation of the current fire station when the new one is built, as well as what other plans there are for the rest of the town center.

Conclusion- the PVFD needs to provide a lot more information about this project including some funding alternatives to alleviate the burden on our homeowners. The Planning Board and Town Board, as lead agencies, owe it to the residents of PutnamValley that they are supposed to serve.

Sincerely,

Patty Villanova

Seconded by Councilman Smith; Councilman Luongo recused himself as he is a member of the PVVFD.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the Public Hearings at 5:18 PM.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

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Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Public Hearings and Work Session Meeting held via ZOOM

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R20-221

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend the agenda to **ADD** the following:

- #4 – Authorize the Facilities Department to purchase 3 laptops for Town Staff
- # 5- Audit of monthly bills

A second for this Resolution was not given by omission.

DECLARATION OF SEQRA FINDINGS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R20-222

RESOLVED that the Declaration of SEQRA findings be held over until the next meeting being held on August 26, 2020, in order for the Town Board to review all Public Comments.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY CLEANING PERSONNEL 2020

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION # R20-223

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Facilities Department to hire Petr's Cleaning Service to provide janitorial services when Doug Montaruli is on vacation during 2020. The fees for this service are as follows:

Town Hall Building	\$145.00 per day
Parks and Recreation Building	\$75.00 per day
Town Highway Department	\$75.00 per day

They will be covering on August 10th through August 14, 2020 for a total amount of \$1,475.00. Petr's Cleaning Service has previously worked for the Town and is insured. They have provided excellent service.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY WASTEWATER PERSONNEL 2020

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #R20-224

RESOLVED that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorize the Facilities Department to hire Cemco Water and Wastewater Specialists to provide on-call service in the event of malfunction to the District Sewer Station when Doug Montaruli is on vacation. The fees for this service are as follows:

Emergency calls on a 24 hour basis.

Technical Specialist	\$200.00/hour
Chief Operator/Mechanic	\$125.00/hour
Plant Operator	\$ 75.00/hour
Laborer/Operating Engineer	\$125.00/hour
Emergency Call Out of Operator Scope	\$155.00/man hour
Excavator, dump truck, trailer per shift	\$1,200.00

Cemco is New York Certified in Water and Wastewater Systems.

Seconded by Councilwoman Luongo, unanimously carried

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE 3 LAPTOPS FOR TOWN STAFF

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION # R20-225

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Facilities Department to purchase three (3) laptop computers for town staff to share. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, many departments are having to conduct business via zoom meetings and need a laptop in order to perform these tasks. Units are Dell Inspiron 15.6, three (3) laptops – cost per computer \$609.00 for a total of \$1,827.00, three (3) carrying cases \$21.99 each for a total of \$65.97. This total combined expense equals \$1,892.97. As this has been an unforeseen situation and not budgeted for, the funding will need to come from the General Fund.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R20-226

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following bills, after audit, being paid:

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
N/A	N/A

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said that next week's Regular Meeting will be live at Town Hall at 5:00 PM. Things got messed up this month due to the Tropical Storm we had, which was deemed as bad as Hurricane Sandy with all of the damage. The Town had 79 trees go down, so kudos to the Highway, Fire Department and all the other Emergency Services who did so much to get us back and running again.

Supervisor Oliverio moved adjourned this meeting at 5:25 PM and motioned to go directly into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue that concerns the Town Board. No business will be conducted afterward.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Howard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
08-21-2020**