

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
6:00 PM

Meeting being held on zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S NOISE ORDINANCE

Immediately followed by the Regular Town Board Meeting

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PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENTS TO NOISE ORDINANCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our men and women in our Armed Forces.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE NOISE ORDINANCE

Supervisor Oliverio asked Town Clerk Howard to read the Public Hearing Notice. She said the Public Hearing is on the amendments to the current Noise Ordinance. Supervisor Oliverio said these amendments are newly revised. The Town Board went back and made them more livable and agreeable while still tackling the issue of noise harassment. This new version also allows life to go on i.e. air conditioners, cars, boats, generators, etc.

Resident Mario DiGangi said he was at the last Public Hearing as well, and he understands that the Town Board is trying to accommodate two (2) positions. One (1) being noise harassment, and the other being normal concerns such as birthday parties. Mr. DiGangi does have questions and concerns about these new amendments though. Firstly, about the 15 minute rule, how is this to be enforced? Do neighbors have to record 15 minutes of music and then show that to the Sheriff for evidence? Supervisor Oliverio said if there is loud music playing or engines revving on a stationary vehicle for more than 15 minutes you have the right to ask your neighbor to stop. If they do not stop you have the right to call the State Police who will come with their calibrated noise detector, or you can call the Sheriff's Department. If your neighbor does this for 15 minutes and then stops, they have used up their 15 minutes for the day, the law states 15 minutes per day. Mr. DiGangi then said if my neighbor starts playing loud music at 1:00PM by the time the State Police gets there, that very loud noise can be going for an hour or even an hour and ½.

He believes even the 15 minute exception should have a decibel level attached to it. Supervisor Oliverio said it is capped at 70 decibels. Mr. DiGangi is also concerned about the birthday party exception. He hypothesized that if a neighbor is having a birthday party at 4:00 PM on a Wednesday and there is no decibel level set for birthday parties' this means the music could go on and on at 80 decibels. The Sheriff could come, but there is the birthday party exception so there is nothing they can do. What if the neighbor does it again the next week and they say sorry but it's now somebody else's birthday? This could go on until midnight. The Police can't confirm that this is a legitimate birthday, and the current law at least stopped loud music after seven (7) PM. This opens the door for people to not be truthful about someone's birthday.

Supervisor Oliverio said you have to be fair to the entire community. There will be birthday parties, but that is limited by the amount of people you have in your family. A family of four (4) gets four (4) birthday parties throughout the year. The Sheriff won't buy it either if they have to come out numerous times; and they are constantly told it's someone's birthday. Mr. DiGangi said the law says they can do this, there is no limit mentioned and no decibel level mentioned either until midnight. People will use it and abuse it. Supervisor Oliverio said it is hard to craft an ordinance that is fair to everyone. This is always a double edged sword. If a neighbor wants to be obstinate about it, the Deputies will get annoyed with them pretty quickly. He added that once you outlaw something completely you are impacting those with a legitimate request to have a birthday or who wants to celebrate the 4th of July. At least this law is enforceable, where the original law was not.

Resident Gary Larson said he feels the same way as Mr. DiGangi. He thinks that the 15 minute time limit is weird and he looked at the noise laws of surrounding towns and no one has that. Why are we not modeling ours after theirs? The exception for one (1) day events is also not in any other noise ordinance and the midnight time limit is worse than the current law. Midnight on a Monday night is outrageous.

Resident Jane Kaufman thanked the Town Board for simplifying the Noise Ordinance, they took the concerns that people had and altered the ordinance to reflect that. Her concern is that a lot of what was written in §82-5 is being removed such as explosives, fire arms, and heavy machinery. When it comes to enforcement, it only refers to an Officer witnessing that noise, but by the time they get there it could all be over. Enforcement doesn't even mention the decibel level. Supervisor Oliverio said the Board has responded to the six (6) complaints that they have received over the last few years. All six (6) complaints had to do with loud music or the revving of a motorized vehicle. This is what they were wanted to prohibit. Except for fireworks on the 4th of July there were no complaints about anything else. We tried to narrow the concerns and not touch anything that was not a problem before.

Resident Dave Mei said he is mostly concerned about the parties. The law sounds to him like it was written by a noise abuser. This is so open-ended that it is a nightmare. There is no need to celebrate a birthday until midnight on a Wednesday. This is an invitation for abuse. Supervisor Oliverio said it is limited to birthdays and national holidays. Mr. Mei said it doesn't say whose birthday, you could say it's Babe Ruth's birthday or any ones for that matter. The Sheriff's will come around 10 or 12 times and then they will have had it, but the neighbors will have been victimized 10 or 12 times by then. This is not an easy ordinance, it can be interpreted in many different ways. It needs more detail. Supervisor Oliverio said the detail killed the last revision, it was not going to pass. It did not have public support or the needed Town Board votes, and he wanted something that was enforceable. Sometimes we have to compromise. Mr. Mei said there are no decibel levels in the party clause, that needs to be added and the time frames we had before need to be reinstated. If this passes I feel sorry for the neighbors of noise abusers. Supervisor Oliverio said what do you tell someone who wants to have a legitimate birthday party? Are you supposed to tell them no? That is what we are struggling with. You have to consider that.

Councilwoman Annabi said she thinks they just want us to go back and tweak it a little bit more, we could do that. We will sit again with Counsel. She continued and said she has already said this version is unenforceable and the birthday party clause will hurt us. In her case she has a huge family and could have a party everyday (not that she would), so she thinks there should be some tweaking. She added that Supervisor Oliverio and Town Attorney Lusardi did a great job on this new revision, but it needs to be looked at again without shutting out people. She added if people want to break the law they are going to. We don't want to see anybody's rights taken away. Supervisor Oliverio said the original law did not allow for anything after 8:00 at night which was also not feasible because some gatherings can last until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. We are not passing this tonight so we could tighten it up a little bit more. Whenever you define something you limit it on both ends.

Resident Roseanne Walsh asked if there has been any conversation about repeat offenders. If someone has a birthday party and they are quiet the rest of the year most people wouldn't care. It's only if somebody is doing it all the time, not the occasional birthday party. Can something be acknowledged or added if it keeps happening at the same address over and over? Councilwoman Annabi said that is a great idea. Supervisor Oliverio said he also thinks it's a great idea and maybe the fine can keep going up per offense; but how can you put a limit on it? What if you have ten (10) people in your family and they want to celebrate each individual's birthday party you are penalizing them. If you say the noise is a disturbance you have to decide how much is allowed in one (1) month. Councilwoman Annabi said is it three (3) times in one day or three (3) times in one (1) week or three (3) times in one month, it is something that they have to talk about. Ms. Walsh said if you live in a community where the houses are this close together you don't get to blast your music ten (10) times in one (1) month. That is not okay, ten (10) times in one summer.

Councilman Smith said we need specific written examples handed into Supervisor Oliverio that could be written into the law. It is not productive to keep coming back, making suggestions, and then going back again.

Resident Gary Larsen said a lot of people on this zoom meeting want the exemption clause completely removed. An outdoor party should not be playing music over 70 decibels, which is not necessary. If you can't have a party within the 70 decibel limit, it is too disturbing to your neighbors no matter what time it is. Supervisor Oliverio said he has been to adult parties where the talk is loud and there is music in the background that has gone on into the night. These were get-togethers not birthday parties. We cannot outlaw stuff like this. Mr. Larsen said we are not trying to stop people from having a party. This is a remedy for someone who has a neighbor where the noise level is over 70 decibels, this is not unreasonable. Of course you should try to talk to your neighbor first, but if that does not work there should be some recourse.

Supervisor Oliverio said this is a delicate balance between respecting people's right to have a party versus people using noise for harassment purposes. He added that we received almost 100 emails and voice mails against the noise law completely, they want things left alone the way they were. Many of you heard their comments last time. We have to be careful and walk cautiously so we don't step on the rights of others. We are not going to be able to eliminate the party clause completely. Mr. Larsen said please look at the surrounding Town's noise laws. None of them mention parties. If you pass it without the exemption you can always add it later if you see it's an issue.

Resident Mario DiGangi suggested that when he heard people objecting to the new Noise Law that this was just misunderstanding and fear. People don't understand that 70 decibels is very loud. This is not about little kids having a birthday party. This is about neighbors having music blasting that shakes the windows of his house until midnight. The Town does have a right to stop that. It is perfectly within the rights of a Town to say you can't torture your neighbors. You should be able to have liberty but not traumatize your neighbors. Mr. DiGangi added that every year he is glad that spring is coming but in the back of his mind he knows that this is when the abuse starts. It is traumatizing and we need to be protected from this abuse. We are not talking about a neighbor that has a party once a year, this is about specific abusers who flaunt it and make no bones about it. They use it for harassment.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to keep the Public Hearing open for letters, phone calls and emails until April 7th at 3:00 PM.

Councilwoman Annabi said we are only closing the zoom portion of this meeting.

Town Attorney Lusardi responded to a comment made by Councilwoman Annabi. He said Bruce Barber, the Town Planner and I, drafted the first draft of this new Noise Law; and after those subsequent drafts were done by others, I was not involved, nor was Bruce. Councilwoman Annabi said she did not know that.

Supervisor Oliverio said he was the one (1) who made the revisions after the first one (1) done by Attorney Lusardi and Mr. Barber.

Members of the Putnam Valley Town Board,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

As I stated during the March 17 meeting I think a great job was done simplifying the wording on hours and making sure the concerns of residents about air conditioner, generators and such were addressed. **I very much appreciate that this proposed revision leaves most of the law already on the books intact.**

The current wording on the books in 82-5 (which was completely overhauled in this proposed revision to the law) specifically **prohibits during the hours of 8pm-8am** the use of heavy noise-making equipment and the use of explosives, firearms or similar devices. This is very specific wording with a very specific cutoff. The proposed revision appears to allow such noise for 15 minutes during the overnight hours. I strongly oppose removing these specific words and cutoff from the existing law for these types of noises.

(The same could be applied to the specific wording in 82-7 Exceptions. Removed was the specific wording for municipally sponsored celebrations, individually permitted assembly, and noise from churches and schools....)

I'm concerned that 82-8 Enforcement has not been revised to include a complainants recording of dB levels/time stamped video. The current wording states an official has to be witness to the noise. This needs to be addressed.

In my first email I spoke of sound waves so powerful they can be felt in every room in my house. This comes from someone on the other side of the lake. A dB meter at MY property line would not pick this up. But it would at THEIR property line. Just because I don't live next door to them doesn't mean their unreasonably loud noise doesn't disturb me. The dB law wont help with this unless one can record from THEIR property line.... thoughts?

Finally, I would love to see in the law examples of 60dB and 70dB.

thank you for your time,

Jane Kaufman

319 Lake Drive

Lake Peekskill, NY 10537

March 16, 2021

Town of Putnam Valley Board Members

Town of Putnam Valley Town Supervisor

265 Oscawana Lake Road

Putnam Valley, NY 10537

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 82; "Noise" Ordinance

I write to amend and withdraw my earlier support for the Amendment to Chapter 82. Enactment of metrics to enable enforcement of a meaningful noise standard is essential to the peaceful environment and enjoyment of Lake Peekskill and the community. The proposal advanced in December 2020, the public hearing and the Board's deliberations are deeply appreciated. However, the inclusion in the current draft that is under consideration makes provisions to provide exceptions to noise standards for one day events such as birthday parties and other celebrations. And does so with few boundaries. This will create a situation worse than the current state. I oppose the inclusion of this language.

I previously submitted testimony that a neighbor diagonally across from me has consistently disturbed the peace by use of a "nightclub grade" amplifier sound system. I have repeatedly approached the individual to play his music at a lower volume without the vibrating bass. He has ignored my requests. I have submitted comments that describe the negative effect on me, on my house and my neighbors that his intransigence has produced. I have also described the seeming vendetta he has against his immediate neighbors wherein he weaponizes the vibrating bass and at unpredictable moments sends short blasts of the tone directly at them, hitting all of us neighbors with adjacencies. I will not repeat my prior statements. I have asked the Board, the Supervisor and the Sheriff for relief from these conditions by adding measurable metrics into local law that could be enforced by the Sheriff or other appropriate authority. That such metrics have been included in the current draft is admirable and deeply appreciated.

However, of concern in the new draft Amendment to Chapter 82 are the provisions providing exceptions to the noise standards for celebratory events such as parties and holiday observance. When I have asked my neighbor to lower his volume, his standard reply is "it's a birthday party, get over it". With the exception language as presented, a person can begin a party in the morning, continue throughout the day and up through midnight. On any day of the week. Continue day after day by simply naming the event someone's birthday, a celebration of virtually any family accomplishment. The language as written provides no boundary or limitation of any kind as long as it is named in honor or recognition of a person or holiday. This language as presently written removes all obligation that a person might have to hold

their noise below a reasonable level. Moreover, there is no restriction on the length of time that neighbors or the community will have to experience the conditions.

In addition, there is no limit established on how many parties there can be nor how often. No one wants to be policing someone else's celebration. But what prohibits parties back to back or to be held on successive weekends throughout the year.

There may also be a collateral consequence to this added exception. While recognizing that prohibitions against fireworks are nearly impossible to enforce, this exception may provide a loophole for individuals to shoot off shells at random, not just on holidays. It could be argued that as long as it is a designated party, there is no restriction.

Many in our community work, have school and need quiet time to prepare their assignments. There are those who work all week long and look forward to their time off to enjoy the lake, have conversations with friends and family, have peaceful walks, some relaxing time. All of this is bespoiled by loud intrusive music without limit. I am familiar with several boating lakes through New England and the Mid Coast states that are very strict. Boating and loud parties are only permitted on weekends between the hours of noon and 4pm. I'm well aware that this would be a nonstarter in Putnam Valley. But it does evidence the value that some communities place on protecting a peaceful environment. Many areas of Putnam Valley are more elastic and can tolerate noise better than others; properties are larger with varied terrain configuration. In Lake Peekskill, we do not have such amenity. We live in close proximity to each other with oftentimes only the width of a driveway separating us. Excessive sound can be far more malevolent in our circumstances.

This leads to the final point. The inclusion of criteria prohibiting sound over certain decibels continuing for more than 15 minutes should be clarified. The question arises, what if the sound is intermittent? Could a person have sound over the decibels but because they start and stop for less than 15 minute continuous intervals it is ok?

I ask the Board to consider the consequence of providing an unqualified exception to the noise standards for parties and like celebrations, with no limitation on volume, no limitation of the frequency of occurrence, no limitation on the duration save ending at midnight. I ask that further clarifying boundaries for what is permissible or prohibited be included. I oppose adoption of the Amendment with the "exception" language for parties included as written.

In closing I want to acknowledge and thank Supervisor Oliverio for his guidance and support for those of us so negatively impacted by this excessive noise. I cannot fully convey how important it is to recognize how much excessive noise disturbs the peaceful enjoyment and wellbeing of our Lake Peekskill Community, as well as of our innocent pets and wildlife. And for recognizing the critical importance of providing enforcement tools to the Sherriff and the Town Supervisor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Diaz

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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
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Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Supervisor Oliverio opened the Town Board Meeting at 6:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Oliverio said he wanted to talk about a very special day. April 6th is called National Library Worker's Day. The Town Board is aware of an individual who has devoted 30 years to our own Putnam Valley Library. We would like to change National Library Worker's Day to Joan Stubbs Day in honor our own amazing library employee. Supervisor Oliverio read a proclamation to that effect. Library Director Dede Farabaugh also spoke glowingly about Ms. Stubbs, and acknowledged that she also received a proclamation from County Legislator Mary Ellen Odell. Ms. Stubbs said she can't even put into words how shocked she is and thanked everyone. Councilwoman Annabi said there are more certificates for you besides the one you have from the Town Board and County Legislator Odell. Councilwoman Annabi has one (1) for her from County Legislator Gouldman honoring your years of service; and another one (1) from State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, and a third one (1) from New York State Senator Sue Serino recognizing you for your dedication and hard work. Ms. Stubbs thanked everyone and was very appreciative.

Councilwoman Annabi wished Resident Florence Clifton a very happy 103rd birthday. She is Putnam Valley's oldest living resident and the entire zoom meeting members sang her a very happy birthday.

Departmental Reports

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The first report is from Dede Farabaugh the Director of the Putnam Valley Free Library as follows:

The Library is open 6 (six) days a week for curbside pickup, adult browsing, fax, copier, and computer use. Access to the children's floor is still by appointment only, and limited to one family per 30 minutes. Book your appointment by calling or by website at Putnamvalleylibrary.org. Sign up for our weekly newsletter or follow us on Facebook. She said tomorrow night in conjunction with Planned Parenthood they have a program to give you tools to talk to your child about consent. On Monday, March 22nd you can go on a virtual tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They will be looking at the Roman and Greek art sections – it is a curated tour. Lastly, on April 1st at 7:00 PM long time Met Tour Guide and author Christine Coulson will be discussing her book Metropolitan Stories. You can borrow this book from the Library and please watch our schedule for what is coming up.

Councilwoman Annabi then read the report from Tompkins Corners Cultural Center as follows:

Now through April 1st there is an online art exhibition and contest called, "Driven to Abstraction."

On Sunday March 21st at 11AM the Roaring Brook Lake Garden Club will co-sponsor a virtual tour of "Mysterious Stone Sites of the Hudson Valley" with Author Linda Zimmerman.

Sunday, March 21st at 3PM, Poets Corner Open Mic will welcome featured poet Jonathan Andersen. We are also planning outdoor events, to be held on the lawn as we move into spring. Our website is www.tompkinscorners.org

On Saturday, April 17th on the lawn at 2:00 PM there will be a family event featuring story teller Jonathan Kruk entitled, "Fairy Tales Found in Film." Councilwoman Annabi said Mr. Kruk is amazing and it is a beautiful lawn so everyone should attend.

Councilman Luongo and Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department Member read their report for the month of February as follows:

- 1 structure fire
- 1 vehicle fire
- 1 PIAA's
- 1 Wires Down
- 4 Automatic Alarms
- 4 Investigations
- 2 Stand By/Mutual Aid
- 1 CO Detector
- 1 Other
- 5 EMS Assist
- 2 Fuel Leak/Spill

For a total of 23 calls and 250.0 man hours for the month of February 2021.

Councilman Luongo said people are now starting to do spring clean-up in their yards. There is a New York State DEC Burn Ban in effect from March 16th until May 14th. There are lots of restrictions of what can and can't be burned. Please adhere to that. When May comes, please call the police burn center at 845-225-4860, so we know not to worry when smoke is coming from your home.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Councilwoman Annabi said she did not receive a report from either County Legislator.

Councilwoman Annabi said it has been a year since we have been able to have the public at our Town Hall Meetings. We would like things to go back to normal but we have to make sure everyone is safe. When you are at the Town Park please wear your mask, even a child. Councilwoman Annabi said her Father - In - Law passed from covid and we do not want to see that happen to anyone else. We need to get stronger together. People are now getting their vaccines if they want them. Please just remember to wear your mask!

Councilman Luongo said he has a short report from the Highway Department and the Ambulance Corp. He said the Ambulance Corp swore in their new officers for 2021 in a short quiet ceremony held on March 7th. Councilman Luongo was honored to swear them in.

Councilman Luongo said the Highway Department is looking forward to the warmer weather so they can keep cutting trees and start catching up on the potholes.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #21-59

RESOLVED that the Town Board **ADD** the following item to the agenda

#1C Resolution accepting the NRI and Open Space Inventory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

SCHOOL REPORT

Presented by Councilman Smith

Councilman Smith said we are making progress with the covid thing. Hybrid students have returned to school for four (4) days a week for the next two (2) weeks. After April 6th all of the students who have been partially at home and partially in school will be back five (5) days a week. This is such a hopeful thought to head back to some kind of normal. Councilman Smith added after April 6th that over half of the students who have been fully remote will also be coming back to school too. The fall season of sports is running now. The spring season is soon to come and the first football game is being played this Friday. Spectators are limited, two (2) guests per athlete are allowed. On the academic side, the International Baccalaureate (which is a demanding program); students have just finished their extended essay which is a year and ½ effort. Congratulations to them!

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLAR PANEL REGULATIONS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #21-60

RESOLVED that the Town Board strike the setting of a Public Hearing for Solar Panel Regulations from the agenda, along with the setting of a Public Hearing for Agricultural Code Changes.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said we need to get some clarification into certain legalities before we go ahead with these two (2) Public Hearings. We need to go into Executive Session with our Counsel to discuss these items.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AGRICULTURAL CODE CHANGES

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

SEE ABOVE

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CINTAS

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R21- N/A (see below)

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Cintas for bi-weekly rug service in the Town Hall and Parks and Recreation Buildings. The contract will run for 60 months (industry standard), and the cost is \$120.30 per month, a savings of \$11.30 from the previous vendor. This expense has been included in the 2021 budget. Contract approval pending the Town Attorney.

Attorney Lusardi said he has been speaking with Susan Manno about this contract and she is still in negotiation with Cintas. He does not feel she has gotten a final draft yet, and this should be held over until she does.

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R21- 61

RESOLVED, that the Town Board table this Resolution until next month when the contract has been completed.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

ACCEPT OPEN TOP CONTAINER BID

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Councilwoman Annabi said they did not get the bid package results in their meeting packets. Supervisor Oliverio said AAA was the lowest and they won the bid. They came in with the same price as last year. We do need to move this because we need to get started. They are not charging us for metal and the trash is the same price as last year.

RESOLUTION #21-62

RESOLVED that the Town Board award the 2021 Open Top Container Bid for Bulk Drop-Off to AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, 480 Furnace Dock Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567.

Bid I: No Charge – Thirty yard containers for disposal of White Goods and Metal only. (No alternative size containers accepted). No weight limit.

Bid II: \$575 per thirty yard container, (1st container free) for disposal of Mixed Bulk Items. (No alternative size containers accepted). No weight limit.

10a & 103d were signed and bidder enclosed check for \$500.00. Additional bid can be found in Town Clerks Office.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE NATURAL RESOURCE AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY FOR THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #21-63

PUTNAM VALLEY RESOLUTION NO. __
March __, 2021

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE NATURAL RESOURCE
AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY FOR THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**

WHEREAS, the Putnam Valley Town Code Sections 8-19 through 8-26 sets forth the powers and duties of the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment (CCE); and

WHEREAS, among the duties of the CCE is the preparation and maintenance of an inventory of the natural resources of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the CCE recognized a need to revise and update the Town Natural Resources Inventory; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Town of Putnam Valley the CCE prepared the *Natural Resources Inventory Town of Putnam Valley, NY (NRI)* to assist the Town, its various Boards and Agencies and the General Public in identifying and considering important natural resources located within the boundaries of Putnam Valley; and

WHEREAS, the NRI was made possible working with the CCE along with a group of Putnam Valley resident volunteers who helped prepare the NRI with technical support from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and the New York State Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program. This work is a part of a partnership project between HHLT and the Cornell University Department of Natural Resources with funding provided from the Environmental Protection Fund through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program

WHEREAS, the NRI includes maps and shapefiles displaying the Town's mineral, water, biological, wetlands, open space and other natural resources and a narrative report summarizing the inventoried resources and associated data; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NRI is to provide information for comprehensive land use and conservation planning, and to allow natural resource information to be included in local planning and zoning; and

WHEREAS, members of the CCE dedicated a substantial amount of time to the project through monthly meetings, public outreach, review and guided revision of the resource maps; and writing and reviewing the NRI report; and

WHEREAS, the NRI is posted in its entirety on the Town's website for access by the public; and

WHEREAS, the NRI data files belong to the Town of Putnam Valley and can therefore be updated as necessary in the future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley hereby acknowledges and accepts the *Natural Resources Inventory Town of Putnam Valley, NY* ("NRI"), as a resource for the inventory of data collection identifying important community resources within the Town of Putnam Valley and thanks the CCE for its tireless effort in developing the NRI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the acknowledgement and acceptance of the NRI, it is the intent of the Town Board that the NRI be used as a reference tool in the amendment of the Town's Master Plan and for future development of environmental policy within the Town of Putnam Valley.

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved: _____

Sam Oliverio, Town Supervisor

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Whetsel explained that the CCE worked with the DEC and Hudsonia to put together current mapping for all the natural resources that exist in Putnam Valley. There are about 28 maps that reflect all of the natural resources that are here. These maps can be found on our Town's Websites under "Boards and Commissions". Councilman Smith said this was a monstrous undertaking and he congratulates them.

PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R21-64

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the following addition to the Parks and Recreation personnel:

Sydney Goldberg, PV Children's Center, @ \$12.30 per hour.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

BAN ISSUANCE TO PURCHASE WEED HARVESTER

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R21-65

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the remaining cost of the purchase of the new Aquatic Weed Harvester for the Lake Oscawana District. The total purchase is contracted to be \$218,874.00. A \$50,000.00 down payment was issued in January 2021. This BAN is to cover the remaining amount owed upon delivery.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, seconded for discussion.

Councilwoman Annabi said the old harvester in Lake Oscawana is shot, so they have to have a new one (1) built. The company making the harvester sends us updates weekly and this one (1) should last well over 20 years. The harvester is the first step in keeping the lake clean and algae free. There are other methods as well which will be discussed in District Meetings. Supervisor Oliverio said this BAN is only for the members of the Lake Oscawana District.

The Town Board voted unanimously for this Resolution, so the motion is carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R21-66

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the February 17, March 3, and March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R21-67

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
34074 – 34194	323,161.55

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

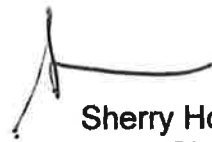
Councilwoman Annabi said right now the Governor has put a limit on outdoor events. People have been asking her about Town Day. She cannot say yes right now, we have to wait until we see how the Governor is going forward. We may not know what is happening until June or July. If this is the case then it may not be as big; but we will still have something. Right now Councilwoman Annabi said she cannot imagine putting 3000 people on the field, and having all the kids running around with all of the vendors selling food etc. Supervisor Oliverio said we may not be able to have it again this year. We don't know yet.

Councilwoman Annabi added that this Sunday there will be people on Peekskill Hollow Road and Oregon Corners cleaning up the sides of the road. Please be mindful and look out for them.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go in Executive Session to discuss two (2) legal issues, i.e. solar panels and agricultural code changes. No new business will be conducted after.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
03-25-2021