



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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2025 MEETING OF
THE PUTNAM VALLEY COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT (Rescheduled from December 19, 2024)

In Attendance: CCE members: Beth Gorman, Wendy Whetsel, Jeffrey Coren, Julie Rubin (via phone), Aubrey Carter, Mike Usai

Roll call was taken and is reported above.

The main order of business was to fill two vacancies on the commission opened as of December 31, 2024 and to replace the Chair and Secretary.

Three candidates for the vacancies were present and discussed their experience, reasons they want to join the CCE and what they would like to accomplish. The CCE collected their resumes and will reconvene on January 6th to select two candidates to fill the vacant positions.

The vacant Chair position was discussed, and Beth Gorman was asked to serve in 2025. Ms. Gorman expressed interest and asked to take time to consider the offer.

The Secretary position was then discussed, and Mike Usai offered to step into that roll. The CCE agreed and Mr. Usai will be Secretary for 2025.

Allison Hague and Julie Rubin then discussed a proposed food scraps program in Putnam Valley. The program will be piloted with one bin at a location on town property to be determined.

Finally, the CCE will submit a year-end report to the Town Supervisor and Board. Mr. Usai will draft the report and submit to the CCE for review and to be finalized.

The next meeting will be on January 9, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Putnam Valley Town Hall.

Mike Usai, Secretary