

MAYOR AND SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 7th 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Putnam Municipal Complex,

Room 109

200 School Street, Putnam, CT

Also. via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 890 8525 9775

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 3 minute maximum per person
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Minutes from September 16, 2024, Mayor and Board of Selectmen's Meeting
5. Petitions & Communications
 - A. Town Clerk "I Voted" contest winner announcement.
6. Reports of Special Committee
7. Reports of Standing Committee
 - A. General Government Committee
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. EMS Update
9. Grant Considerations and Updates
10. New Business
 - A. Accept the resignation of Dave Vitale from the Recreation Commission.
 - B. Consider the appointment of Oliver Ian Williamson (R) to the Economic and Community Development Commission with a term to expire 11/30/27.

- C. Consider the reappointment of Laura Moorehead (I) to the Putnam Arts Council with a term to expire 11/30/29.
 - D. Consider the appointment of Penny Ann Paquette (U) to the Recreation Commission with a term to expire 11/30/26.
 - E. Accept the resignation of Carolyn Riendeau (D) from the Board of Education.
 - F. Accept the resignation of Laure LaBonte (R) from the Board of Education.
 - G. Consider the reappointment of Beth Johnston (I) to the Putnam Arts Council with a term to expire 11/30/29.
 - H. Notice of Recreation Commission decision regarding sports field.
 - I. Public Restroom – Kennedy Drive
 - J. Reval Update
11. Public comment – 3 minute maximum per person
 12. Executive Session – Highway/Parks & grounds Union Negotiations, WPCA Union Negotiations, Real Estate
 13. Adjournment

Mayor and Selectmen Meeting
 Minutes of September 16, 2024
 Also available via: Zoom
 Meeting ID # 862 9260 8175

TOPIC	Discussion	
PRESENT:	Mayor Seney, Deputy Mayor Simmons, Selectman Paquin, Selectwoman Marion, Selectman Hayes, Selectman Paquin and Selectman Pomes	
ABSENT:		
1.	Call to Order	Mayor Seney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Mayor Seney
3.	Public Comment	Diane Trembley- Grove Street, thanked the Mayor and Selectmen for the work that has been done on the River Trail. She presented the Mayor with a thank you flag to be flown as he sees fit.
4.	Approval of the Minutes	A. Minutes from September 3, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting Selectman Paquin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.
5.	Petitions & Communications	A. Letter from OPM regarding STEAP The letter was shared with the Selectmen and was part of the agenda packet. B. Plaques from Planning Commission Members Former Members of the Planning Commission were presented with an appreciation plaque by Mayor Seney. The recipients were Edward Briere, Warren Salvas, Patricia Gilman, Marnie Ciquera and Robert Greene (absent)
6.	Reports of Special Committees	None
7.	Reports of Standing Committees	A. General Government Committee Nothing to report currently
8.	Town Administrator Report	
9.	Unfinished Business	Selectman Paquin asked if there was an update regarding EMS. Town Administrator Sistare informed the Selectmen that the Ad-Hoc committee has been meeting and will be meeting again next week, as well as meeting with the architect.

10.	Grant Considerations and Updates		None
11.	New Business	A.	<p>Consider the appointment of Ricky Hayes to the WPCA Commission with a term to expire 11/30/27.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to appoint Ricky Hayes to the WPCA Commission with a term to expire 11/30/27. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed with Selectman Hayes abstaining.</p>
12.	Public Comment		None
13.	Adjournment		Selectman Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.
			Respectfully submitted: Denise A. Geeza, Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary.

CLERK - PUTNAM CT

2024 SEP 25 A 8:40

September 24, 2024

TO: The Putnam Recreation Commission, Putnam Town Clerk
RE: David Vitale Resignation from Recreation Commission

Please accept my resignation from the Recreation Commission as of September 25, 2024.

My last meeting as a commission member will be the September 24, 2024 meeting.

Thank you,


David Vitale

Mr Oliver Ian Williamson

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Status

Name Mr Oliver Ian Williamson
Application Date 7/26/2024
Expiration Date 7/26/2026
Board Member [Oliver Ian Williamson](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Economic and Community Development Commission	1	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Mr Oliver Ian Williamson
Date of Birth
12/1/1978
Resume File
[Download](#)

Contact Information

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Putnam, CT 06260
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Yes
Ward/District
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Business Phone
8609282466
What are your political party affiliations?
Republican

Additional Information

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Laura Moorehead

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Status

Name Laura Moorehead
Application Date 9/24/2024
Expiration Date 9/24/2026
Board Member [Laura Moorehead](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Putnam Arts Council	2	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Laura Moorehead
Date of Birth
1/4/1957

Contact Information

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Yes, I am a resident
Yes

Ward/District

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What are your political party affiliations?
Independent

Additional Information

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Penny Ann Paquette

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Status

Name Penny Ann Paquette
Application Date 9/26/2024
Expiration Date 9/26/2026
Board Member [Penny Ann Lamoureux](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Recreation Commission	1	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Penny Ann Paquette
Date of Birth
1/3/1981
Resume File
[Download](#)

Contact Information

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Yes, I am a resident
Yes
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Cell Phone
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What are your political party affiliations?
Unaffiliated

Additional Information

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Carolyn J. Riendeau
35 Mechanics Street
Putnam, CT 06260

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally announce my resignation from the Putnam Board of Education, effective September 18, 2024. After much reflection, I have decided to step down in order to focus on my family following the unexpected passing of both my father and father-in-law over the past year. Serving on the board since March 2023 has been a deeply rewarding experience, and I have greatly valued the past 1.5 years. I want to express my appreciation to Superintendent Steven Rioux, my fellow board members, and the citizens of Putnam for the trust and support they have shown me in this role.

Respectfully,

Carolyn J. Riendeau Carolyn J. Riendeau

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2024 SEP 16 P 3:05

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2024 SEP 27 A 11: 46

September 23, 2024

Jamie Purdon
Chairman, Board of Education

Dear Mr. Purdon

After much consideration, I am submitting my resignation from the Board of Education. This has not been an easy decision, as I have learned so much over the past three years and have worked diligently to ensure our students are guided by the values of education and community.

However, due to changes in my work and family commitments, I find it necessary to step back and make adjustments to better manage these responsibilities.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board. It has been a truly rewarding experience, and I am confident that the Board will continue to move in a positive direction for the benefit of our students and community.

Thank you once again for your trust and support.

Sincerely,



Laure LaBonte

Beth Beth Johnston

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Status

Name Beth Beth Johnston
Application Date 9/30/2024
Expiration Date 9/30/2026
Board Member [Beth Johnston](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Putnam Arts Council	2	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Beth Beth Johnston
Date of Birth
11/2/1955
Resume File
[Download](#)

Contact Information

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Cell Phone
[4016332463](tel:4016332463)
What are your political party affiliations?
Independent

Additional Information

Notes
Requesting Reappointment, as my appointment expires this Nov. 30.

AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Item Submitted by: WILFRED Bousquet

Date: October 7, 2024

Legal advice required: NONE

Item Summary: Proposal From Jeff Rawson
on Behalf of the Rawson Family,

Letter to Recreation Commission Concerning wanting
to donate Logee Field and a pond to the
TOWN OF Putnam. (see enclosed letter)

Financial Summary: 0

Staff Recommendation:

The Putnam Recreation Commission voted to not
accept the land acquisition proposal.

Board Action Required:

(see Rec minutes)

The Recreation Commission will be presenting to the
SELECTMAN the reasoning behind declining
the proposal.

Supporting Materials (if yes, list attachments):



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 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX ~ TOWN HALL
 200 SCHOOL STREET, PUTNAM, CT 06260
 860-963-6800 ~ www.putnamct.us

PUTNAM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Minutes
TUESDAY September 24, 2024 *(last Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted)*
 TIME: 5:30 PM Room #112/First Floor/Municipal Complex

Meeting called to order	Time: 5:32 pm By: Rec Director Wilfred Bousquet
Members Present:	Nathan Brodeur, Stephen Faucher, Eric Sabourin, Dave Vitale (arrived 5:40), Rec Director Bousquet, plus 1 guest
Absent:	Peter Pezanko
1) Motion to approve minutes:	Motion: Steve F, 2 nd : Nate B, Discussion: none, So moved
2) Public Participation:	none
3) Correspondence / Approval of Requests:	none
4) Parks & Maintenance Report(s) / Projects:	<p>*Vet's Park Committee: dedication update details tbd</p> <p>*Rotary Park: Replacement pole delivered</p> <p>*Tennis Courts: Fall planning, details to come (3 pickle balls & 1 tennis court)</p> <p>*Miller Park: nothing to report</p> <p>*St Marie-Greenhalgh: 2025 complex work in scope: fence, resurface track, 2 new scoreboards (track & softball), seat covers home side bleachers. Est 3-4 weeks work, \$350-450,000. Concessions update: propane changed out to Spicer (Rec pd for swap, WPTP pays for propane), old grill out, ansel syst updated, 2 new fryolators in (WPTP).</p> <p>*Lions Dog Park: nothing to report</p> <p>*Tarr Park: nothing to report</p> <p>*Murphy Park: nothing to report</p> <p>*OTHER: River Trail: Tree carving w/town logo, PUTNAM, PAF sponsor – to be painted (E Turner team)</p>
5) Events Reports:	<p>PAST: 9/8 Savor the Flavor (honey), good success</p> <p>COMING: 10/4 Zombie, 10/19 Great Pumpkin Fest, 10/26 Downtown Trick or Treat</p>
6) Activities/Leagues/Programs:	Report given: WPTP and high school games in progress
7) Senior COA (Commission on Aging) Activities:	<p>PAST: 9/11 Sr Disco Dance, 9/19 lunch bus trip to WHM & Olive Garden in Worcester</p> <p>COMING: 10/1 Linda Lamoureux Forum (scams), 10/9 Sr Halloween Dance, 10/17 lunch bus trip to UConn & Royal Buffet</p>
8) Any Other Business:	<p>Consideration of naming property at Rt 44 berm/green "Washington Park": discussion: State owns 2/3, Town owns 1/3 zoned residential. Zoning to research if it can be rezoned to park & named "Washington Park" due to existing circumstances. If yes the process is to go before Rec Commission, Selectmen, Town Meeting.</p> <p>Rec director retirement date: Willie Bousquet announced his retirement date of 1/3/25. Steve F was asked to sit on search committee for new director as rep from Rec Commission.</p> <p>Dave Vital resignation from Rec Commission submitted.</p>
9) Executive Session:	EXECUTIVE SESSION held on Land Acquisition

	Commission came out of Executive Session Motion to reject land acquisition proposal by Dave V, 2 nd by Steve F, So Moved
Adjournment:	Time: 6:38pm Motion: Steve F, 2 nd : Nate B, So Moved
Respectfully Submitted:	<i>Marcy B. Dawley</i> , Acting Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday October 29, 2024 @ 5:30 pm, Room 201

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Members: Peter Pezanko- Chairman, Stephen Faucher, Nathan Brodeur, Dave Vitale, Eric Sabourin

Dear Mayor Seney, Recreation Director Bousquet, and Recreation Commission Members:

The Rawson family believes that children should have access to social, emotional, and physical wellness opportunities. This is the reason behind the birth of Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW). Specifically, regarding the physical well-being of children, the Rawson family constructed Logee Field in Putnam and Blackwell Field in Canterbury to support the physical and recreational activities of children.

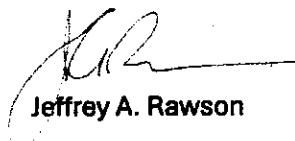
Many years prior to the formation of NOW, however, our family was resolved to supporting children of the quiet corner as we helped to construct the St. Marie-Greenhalgh and former "Glass" (now Rawson) fields in Putnam by offering our time and equipment. I can fondly recall working alongside my cousin Ben Rawson, directed of course by my father, Allan Rawson, as we moved piles and embankments and turned brown, dusty areas into green playing surfaces. Proudly, we observe, as those fields are still in use today and enjoyed by the children of Putnam.

The primary reason for this correspondence is to express our interest in entering into conversation with the Town of Putnam, whereby the Rawson family would donate land containing Logee Field and a pond in East Putnam so that children could have an additional place to support their physical and recreational aspirations in perpetuity.

For the past several years, Logee Field has been used by NECONN, Putnam Science Academy, NOW, and many other organizations to provide a playing surface to support their programs. These programs, however, find themselves confined budgetarily and cannot commit the financial resources necessary to support the mowing, watering, and fertilizing routinely required to ensure that the playing field remains in a condition worthy of play. We believe that under the Town of Putnam's ownership and with the Town's leadership through its recreation director and highly capable staff, the field could flourish and be maintained in a manner that the town and its constituents would be proud to own and use to the benefit of the children.

At this time, there is immediate demand for field usage. For example, my three children who are Putnam residents, play soccer on NECONN Putnam teams, but have had Killingly designated as their home field for lack of space/time available on the Putnam fields. Further, I have witnessed the public backlash regarding playing surfaces at the former Owen Tarr park having been replaced with a new municipal complex, library, and senior center, and while I firmly believe the construction of those buildings was necessary and the site ideal, there is still a lack of recreational fields in our town. This is an opportunity to address those concerns and to help our children. We are excited at the opportunity to further these discussions and formally request that you consider this offer.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Rawson

On Behalf of the Rawson Family