

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512  
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)**

**Thursday** **5:30PM** **June 20, 2019**  
**(Rules Mtg. Immediately Followed)**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Nacerino and Chairman Albano were present.

Chairperson Albano stated that he will have to go out of order on the agenda. He stated Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Fred Pena nor Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities John Tully are present yet.

First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro stated Commissioner Pena will not be attending this evening. He stated that he will be speaking to Item #11 in Commissioner Pena's absence.

**Item #3 – Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ May 22, 2019**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Discussion/ Bus Stop Shelters/ Legislator Nacerino**

Chairman Albano stated that Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna was requested to be present for this discussion regarding a request from a constituent. He stated he is not present he will move on with the agenda. If Transportation Manager Tamagna does arrive, he will return to this item. If he does not arrive, the matter will be placed on the July agenda and another request will be sent to the Administration to have a representative from the Planning, Development and Public Transportation Department at the July meeting to speak to this matter.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Transfer of Inoperative Ambulance to REACT Inc. Not-for Profit Organization/ Senior Deputy County Attorney DiBlasi**

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated Senior Deputy County Attorney Dina DiBlasi prepared the proposed resolution and provided a detailed cover letter providing the details of this request. He stated it is a procedural resolution to transfer this vehicle, which is not operable anymore, back to REACT Inc. He stated the approval of this transfer via the resolution will permit the County the ability to remove the vehicle from the County's insurance.

Chairman Albano made the motion to Approve the Transfer of Inoperative Ambulance to REACT Inc. Not-for Profit Organization; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

## **Item #6 - Approval/ 2019 Agricultural Inclusion Recommendations/ Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board**

Liaison Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (PCAFPB) Lauri Taylor stated there were five (5) applicants who petitioned to be in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

### **Town of Southeast: The Landon Farm**

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor stated this farm petitioned last year for inclusion, and they were approved. She stated however they had a current violation so they did not get in last year. She stated that they have expanded their operation and they no longer have any violations, therefore the PCAFPB does recommend this farm for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

### **Town of Southeast & Town of Patterson: Wind Horse Stables**

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor stated this farm is made up of three (3) parcels. She explained the parcels are in the Towns of Southeast and Patterson. She stated this horse stable operation provides therapy experiences with the horse. She stated the PCAFPB does recommend this farm for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

### **Town of Putnam Valley: Valley View Farm**

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor stated during the site visit to the farm there was no sign of any agricultural production or operation occurring on the property. She stated further it was not considered viable for agricultural. She stated the PCAFPB does not recommend this farm for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

### **Town of Patterson: Hidden Valley Ranch**

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor stated two (2) individual Farmers have purchased this property and are reestablishing some of the hay fields. She stated that they are also planning to be growing pumpkins. She stated that they will be selling the hay. She stated the PCAFPB does recommend this farm for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

### **Town of Patterson & Town of Carmel: O'Mara Family Farms**

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor stated the Town of Patterson parcel has Christmas trees planted. She stated the portion of the Patterson parcel that is not being used for the Christmas Trees is seeded for hay. She stated the parcel in the Town of Carmel is a wooded lot that the owner is planning on tapping the Sugar Bush. She stated the PCAFPB does recommend this farm for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

Chair of the PCAFPB Marjorie Thorpe stated for clarification, the O'Mara Family Farm is already in the Putnam Agricultural District, these are additional properties.

Alexander Kaspar Owner of the Valley View Farm stated that he would like his request for inclusion to the Putnam Agricultural District to be reconsidered. He continued to express his counter position to the decision of the PCAFPB.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is a current violation on his property.

Alexander Kaspar Owner of the Valley View Farm stated no.

Liaison PCAFPB Taylor clarified the current violation is not on the 60.41 parcel Mr. Kaspar petitioned for inclusion to the Putnam Agricultural District.

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion.

Legislator Nacerino stated there is specific criteria that must be met to be approved for inclusion to the Putnam Agricultural District and it has not been met.

Chairman Albano stated regarding the documents that you would like a copy of, they can be obtained through the FOIL process. He stated also Mr. Kaspar stated he would like to review the audio recording from this meeting; that will be uploaded to the Putnam County Website and available on the Legislature's webpage as of tomorrow, June 21, 2019. He stated at this point this committee will be moving forward with the recommendations presented by the PCAFPB.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the 2019 Agricultural Inclusion Recommendations (*Four (4) Putnam County Properties*); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval/ Re-Appointments to Soil and Water Conservation District Board: Marjorie Thorpe, Chris Ruthven/ Senior Environmental Planner and District Manager Taylor**

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Re-Appointments to Soil and Water Conservation District Board: Marjorie Thorpe, Chris Ruthven; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Approval/ Appointment to Soil and Water Conservation District Board: Dave Vickery/ Senior Environmental Planner and District Manager Taylor**

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Appointment to Soil and Water Conservation District Board: Dave Vickery; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #9- Approval/ Re-Appointment to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board: Marjorie Thorpe/ Senior Environmental Planner and District Manager Taylor**

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Re-Appointment to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board: Marjorie Thorpe; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #10 - Approval/ Appointment to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board: Jocelyn Apicello/ Senior Environmental Planner and District Manager Taylor**

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Appointment to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board: Jocelyn Apicello; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #11- Approval/ Lease Columbia University at Tilly Foster Farm/ Highways and Facilities Commissioner Pena**

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated it is his understanding Commissioner Pena, along with the Administration, are working with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Columbia University to develop a project at Tilly Foster Farm (The Farm) to design and implement a zero energy Greenhouse project. He stated the lease agreement presented this evening for approval is a short term lease agreement to rent Building #5 on The Farm. He explained the renter will be a PHD Student from Columbia University who will be an integral part of the project. He stated the proposed lease is between the County and Columbia University. He stated the rent paid to the County will be \$1,800 per month for the time period of July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. He stated that there will be no work done to Building #5, also known as the Cottage. The Student would move in as is. He explained that Columbia University has secured a grant that will cover the rent payment in accordance to this lease agreement.

Chairman Albano questioned if this would be classified as a residence or office occupancy.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated it would be a residence.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she believes this is a great opportunity.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve A Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and Columbia University for Building 5 at Tilly Foster Farm; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #12 - Approval/ 2019 U.S Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (CFDA #20.526) Proposal For Project Funding/ Planning, Development & Public Transportation Commissioner Fusco**

Chairman Albano stated Commissioner Fusco has submitted this request to apply for a grant in the amount of \$1,786,000, there would be a County match of \$446,500. He stated the proposal of the work that would be done with this funding, if awarded, would be to rehabilitate the Putnam County Transit Facility (PCTF) and replace those components at the facility that have exceeded their respective useful life. He stated the last report of projected costs to address all that needs to be rehabilitated at the PCTF is over \$2 million. He stated that there is an opportunity to secure some New York State funding in addition, which would help offset the County's match. He stated that he is in support of moving forward with the application of the grant.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Application of the 2019 U.S Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (CFDA #20.526) Proposal For Project Funding; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

### **Item #13– Update/ Capital Projects Report – Duly Noted**

Chairman Albano stated unfortunately Commissioner Pena nor a representative from the Highways and Facilities Department is present to answer any questions.

Legislator Gouldman stated for the record he would like an update on the following Capital Projects:

- Peekskill Hollow Road
- Horton Hollow Road Bridge
- Putnam Valley Sub- Station

Legislator Gouldman requested clarification. On the Capital Projects Report under “Projects In Closeout” there is a Mill Road Bridge listed, is that the Mill Street Bridge? Also in relation to the Mill Street Bridge, he stated that it is in very poor condition, and requested an update on the plans for that bridge.

Chairman Albano stated that he will send a memorandum to the Administration requesting an update to these matters. He will also request to have a representative who can address the Capital Projects Report at the July Physical Services Meeting.

### **Item #14 –Other Business**

Chairman Albano made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

#### **a. Approval/ Putnam Veterans’ Resident One (1) Month Lease ( William Freeman – Room #1)/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro**

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the leases at the Veteran Residences typically run from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the following July 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated the proposal in front of the Committee is to approve a lease that will expire on July 31, 2019. He stated then it would be renewed with all of the other leases, for a year.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Putnam Veteran’s Resident One (1) Month Lease For William Freeman Room #1; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

### **Item #4 - Discussion/ Bus Stop Shelters/ Legislator Nacerino - Continued**

Legislator Nacerino stated in light of the fact that Transportation Manager Tamagna did not show up to this meeting. She would like to move agenda item # 4: **Discussion/ Bus Stop Shelters** to the July Physical Meeting, she requested that Chairman Albano send a memorandum requesting that Commissioner Fusco attend or have a representative from the Planning, Development and Public Transportation Department attend the July meeting. This is a matter that was presented to her by a constituent, and she would like to have this consideration addressed.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to Table to the July Physical Services meeting Agenda Item #4 Discussion/ Bus Stop Shelters; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Chairman Albano confirmed that he would send a memorandum to the County Executive, Commissioner Fusco and Commissioner Pena requesting representation from the respective departments be present at the July Physical Services meeting.

**Item #15 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:10PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.