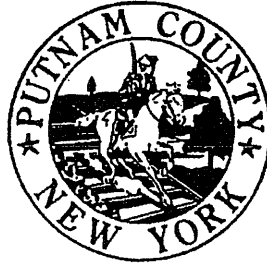


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AGENDA

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Wednesday March 22, 2023
(Immediately following Economic Development Mtg. at 6:00pm)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes – December 14, 2022 & January 19, 2023**
- 4. Approval/ Putnam Arts Council Grants for 2023**
- 5. Discussion/ Decreased Funding for Department of Veterans Services in NYS Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**
- 6. Discussion/ Request by Carl Albano/ Proposal of Cancellation of Delinquent Property Tax Interest, Penalties, and Other Charges**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjournment**

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Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Nacerino & Sayegh

December 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Sayegh lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh and Chairwoman Addonizio were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T354/ Board of Elections/ Costs Associated with Early Voting & Second Primary Election

Board of Elections Commissioner Kelly Primavera stated this is necessary to cover costs due to the second primary election, early voting, and the third site for the general election. She stated the money being utilized is from a vacant personnel line.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 – Discussion/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 220 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Taxation”

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Legislator Albano stated a few months ago he was contacted by someone about if anything could be done about delinquent tax interest. He stated the last few years have been tough on many people due to the COVID pandemic. He stated he knows from personal experience how quickly the interest builds. He stated currently the County charges 12% interest. He stated foreclosure proceedings are so backed up right now, the Law Department is working on ones from 2014. He stated these proceedings are costly and time consuming and there are about 1,300 properties getting ready for foreclosure. He stated he looked into what the County was able to do to help these property owners and found that it is possible for the County to forgive some of the interest. He stated in order to do that, a local law would need to be adopted to amend Chapter 220 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Taxation". He stated he would like to do anything he can to help the taxpayers. He stated he is not suggesting to forgive

the interest in its entirety, rather cut in half to 6% for those who pay their owed taxes by a certain deadline.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned if the 1,300 properties going into foreclosure are also delinquent in their school taxes.

Legislator Albano stated the County makes the towns and school whole. He noted that the towns and schools do not receive any of the interest therefore it is solely in the County's authority to make these decisions. He stated he believes this proposal will increase the revenue collected by the County in interest and penalties.

Legislator Nacerino stated the property owners who are in arrears are unable to catch up at this point to get in front of their debt. She stated even if a small percentage of people took advantage of this, it would alleviate some of the burden on the Law Department as well. She stated it is important to note the adverse effect this could have on the County's budget.

Legislator Sayegh stated she would like to look into this more before making any decisions. She stated there are some property owners who choose not to pay their taxes and look at it as a loan, while there are others who do everything possible to pay their taxes on time.

Legislator Albano stated there are instances when people are going through a tough time financially, which was exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. He stated this would provide an opportunity for the County to collect the money they are due, plus an appropriate amount of interest. He stated in terms of the financial impact, he believes this would have a positive effect on the County's budget.

Legislator Sayegh stated she can understand allowing leniency for property owners during the time period of the COVID pandemic because many people lost their jobs and were facing financial hardship. She stated she is apprehensive to go all the way back to 2014.

Legislator Sullivan stated he likes the concept of this proposal for many different reasons. He stated the financial impact is on money that has not yet been collected. He stated those who take advantage of this would be paying 100% of the back taxes they owe, plus 50% of the penalties and interest which would be a positive financial impact. He stated this may even speed up the collection process since there would be a window of time when this offer was available. He stated 12% interest is very high and believes forgiving some of that interest is a fair thing to do. He stated he would support this. He requested a financial impact statement be requested from Finance.

Legislator Albano stated in terms of the financial impact, this is anticipated money. He stated he believes this would result in the County bringing in more revenue than budgeted. He stated it is not realistic to expect all the delinquent taxes and interest to be paid, therefore the County can only benefit by offering such an opportunity.

Legislator Nacerino stated this would be a good opportunity for property owners facing a real burden. She stated the financial impact this may have on the County is on money that has not yet been realized. She stated she does not believe the County will be inundated with payments, but even if a few are collected it is still a benefit.

Legislator Albano stated property owners are the backbone of the community and he believes this is a good gesture for those it can really help.

Legislator Sayegh clarified that a property owner who has not paid taxes since 2014 could pay their taxes in full with their interest from those eight (8) years halved.

Legislator Albano stated he does not anticipate anyone with that many years of back taxes to come forward.

Legislator Sullivan stated this proposal is for a 60-day window for property owners to take advantage of the decrease in interest.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned how property owners would be notified.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated he was discussing this with the Law Department and per the Code it is required that every property owner be treated fairly. He stated he believes a letter would need to be sent to every property owner notifying them of this.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if other counties have done this. He suggested researching what other counties have done and if this is feasible.

Legislator Sullivan stated similar things have been done.

Legislator Albano stated he does believe it is feasible.

Legislator Castellano stated if the property was foreclosed on, the property owner might settle with the County and agree to pay, for example, \$0.60 on the dollar. He stated in essence, they would be getting that reduction anyway if they wanted to fight it in a foreclosure case. He stated he likes that this would be a 60-day window and he does not believe very many people will come forward.

Legislator Albano thanked the Committee for including this discussion on the agenda this evening.

Item #6 – FYI/ Fund Transfer 22T353/ County Attorney/ NYMIR Invoices through Year End – Duly Noted

Item #7 – FYI/ Fund Transfer 22T356/ Board of Elections/ Purchase Letter Folder, Stuffer, Postage Machine to be Reimbursed by Federal Grant

Commissioner Primavera stated the grant is a State grant, not Federal.

Item #8 – Other Business

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the two (2) other business items; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

a. Approval/ Appointments to Electrical Board

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

b. Approval/ Village of Cold Spring Request to Amend Use of ARPA Funding

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #9 – Adjournment

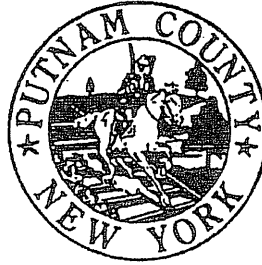
There being no further business, at 6:59pm Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Beth Robinson.

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AGENDA **RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE** **TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318** **PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING** **CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Nacerino & Sayegh

Wednesday **6:30pm** **December 14, 2022**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2022**
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**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Thursday

6:00pm

January 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Ellner and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Chairwoman Addonizio stated Legislator Castellano would sit on the Committee in Legislator Gouldman's absence.

Item #3 – Discussion/ Reapportionment Proposals #1 & #2 from Putnam County Reapportionment Commission

Key:

LD – Legislative District	ED – Election District	CB – Census Block
CA – Carmel	KE – Kent	PA – Patterson
PH – Philipstown	PV – Putnam Valley	SE – Southeast

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated he last provided an update of the Reapportionment Commission in December. He stated at that time it was discovered that there were orphan districts; these were districts that were no longer within any specific LD after the Federal Government re-drew the CBs. He stated the Board of Elections and IT/GIS Department put a lot of time and effort into placing those orphan districts into their proper place. He stated once that work was done the Reapportionment Commission was able to start holding meetings; one was held in December and another in January. He stated as a result of that process, the Commission unanimously agreed upon two (2) proposals. He stated both proposals meet the 5% test, meaning the difference in population between the legislative districts with the highest and lowest population is not more than a total of 5%. He stated these two (2) proposals are not the only possibilities, they are being presented to the Committee at this time because they meet the requirements in the Charter that the resulting districts reflect a community of interest and to respect geographical barriers, historical development, and political subdivisions, particularly town and village lines. He stated the requirements of New York State law were also followed that resulting districts consist of contiguous territory, are compact as practicable, maintain cores of existing districts, and promote orderly and efficient elections, which the Board of Elections was very helpful with as they identified locations of polling places. He stated these guidelines were followed for each of the proposals, which he will now review.

The following referenced spreadsheets and maps are attached:

- Spreadsheets showing the information in numerical format
- Three types of maps:
 - A map for each proposal of what the resulting districts would look like
 - A map for each proposal comparing the current districts with the proposed districts shaded in to show the proposed shifts
 - Zoomed in maps showing full detail of the area being shifted including streets, shorelines, and CBs with population

Proposal #1

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated as shown on the attached sheet labeled "Proposals 1 & 2 – Comparison of All LDs; 5% Test Check" the table shows that Proposal #1 resulted in LD-1 having the highest population at 11,058 and LD-3 having the lowest at 10,550. The differentiation between these districts comes to 4.68% and therefore falls within the 5% requirement, meaning this proposal is a viable option.

On the map showing the shaded areas representing the proposed shifts, Legislative Counsel Firriolo drew the Committee's attention to the shaded area between LD-1 and LD-2. He stated this is a block of 20 residents that the Board of Elections and the IT Department identified were in the incorrect district. He stated in either scenario, these 20 residents would have to be moved and is not necessarily part of the proposals themselves, it was work done as part of fixing the districts.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo reviewed the following proposed changes in LD3, LD-4, & LD-5:

- 171 residents moving from EDs KE-3 and KE-5 in LD-5 into ED KE-6 in LD-3
- 164 residents moving from ED PA-6 in LD-3 into ED PA-1 in LD-4

Legislative Counsel Firriolo reviewed the following proposed changes in LD-2, LD-5, LD-7, & LD-8:

- 286 residents moving from ED CA-9 in LD-2 into LD-8
- ED CA-15 was eliminated and split into ED CA-22 in LD-7 and LD-8
- 625 residents moving from ED CA-15 in LD-5 into ED CA-22 in LD-7
- 473 residents moving from ED CA-5 in LD-8 into ED CA-8 in LD-5

Legislative Counsel Firriolo reviewed the following proposed changes in LD-6 & LD-7:

- LD-6 had the highest population; LD-7 was a little low
- 587 residents moving from ED SE-12 in LD-6 into LD-7
- ED SE-12 was eliminated and split into EDs SE-6 and SE-7
- The Village of Brewster was not interfered with.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo reviewed the net changes of Proposal #1, which are detailed on the attached summary sheet on the table labeled "Net Populations changes per LD by Proposal."

Proposal #2

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated Proposal #1 started with some of the changes from Proposal #1. LD-1 had the highest population. He reviewed the following proposed changes:

- 38 residents moving from ED PV-8 in LD-1 into ED PV-2 in LD-2, which helped balance other changes
- ED CA-9 was eliminated and split between ED CA-25 in LD-9 and CA-26 in LD-8
 - 232 residents moving from ED CA-9 in LD-2 into ED CA-25 in LD-9
 - 445 residents moving from ED CA-9 in LD-2 into ED CA-26 in LD-8
 - This change reunites Carmel EDs, leaving LD-2 with only Putnam Valley EDs. (ED PV-8 remains in LD-1)
- A total of 225 residents were moved into LD-5
 - 473 residents moving from CA-15 in LD-7 into CA-8 in LD-5
 - 249 residents moving from ED CA-6 in LD-9 into ED CA-20 in LD-5
- 171 residents moving from EDs KE-3 and KE-5 in LD-5 into ED KE-6 in LD-3
- 164 residents moving from ED PA-6 in LD-3 into ED PA-1 in LD-4

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the move of 164 residents from LD-3 into LD-4 keeps all Patterson EDs within LD-4.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the 164 residents being moved into LD-4 are from two (2) CBs within ED PA-6. He stated ED PA-6 is comprised of 986 residents, therefore the remaining 822 residents in ED PA-6 are still in LD-3. He stated the movement of the 164 residents from LD-3 into LD-4 allowed 497 residents in the Lake Carmel area to move from ED KE-6 in LD-5 into LD-3. He stated this is a net increase of 333 residents for LD-3.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated to summarize Proposal #2, to remove the portion of Carmel that was in LD-2, changes had to be made throughout the map to balance the population numbers to stay within the 5% rule. He stated the changes in LD-6 and LD-7 are the same in both Proposal #1 and #2.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo reviewed the net changes of Proposal #2, which are detailed on the attached summary sheet on the table labeled "Net Populations changes per LD by Proposal." He stated as shown on the attached sheet labeled "Proposals 1 & 2 – Comparison of All LDs; 5% Test Check" the table shows that Proposal #2 resulted in LD-1 having the highest population at 11,020 and LD-2 having the lowest at 10,611. The differentiation between these districts comes to 3.77% and therefore falls within the 5% requirement, meaning this proposal is a viable option. He stated when the Reapportionment Commission was working on these maps, the only thing they looked at were the population numbers within CBs and how contiguous the districts were as proposed changes were made. He stated no data was available related to numbers of voters, voter registration, or any demographics. He stated they were not allowed to change CBs; all they could do is request that the Board of Elections move CBs from one ED to another. He stated the Committee can choose one of the proposed plans to move forward to the Special Full Legislative Meeting, or it can choose to move both plans to be voted upon by the Full Legislature. He stated once the Full Legislature chooses one of the

plans, a public hearing would be scheduled. He stated the second resolution before the Committee this evening requests the Board of Elections to make the necessary moves according to which plan is approved. He stated if the Legislature does not want to accept either of these plans the Reapportionment Commission would need to continue their work and come up with additional proposals. He stated if one of these plans is acceptable it can be moved onto the public hearing stage.

Legislator Jonke questioned if the Reapportionment Commission has a recommendation.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the Reapportionment Commission does not have a recommendation, both proposals were unanimously agreed upon by the members.

Legislator Ellner stated he has no objection to either proposal; he would prefer Proposal #2.

Legislator Castellano agreed and stated he would like to move forward with Proposal #2.

Legislator Nacerino stated she also prefers Proposal #2 as it is more concentrated. She stated she likes that Proposal #2 reunites Carmel with LD-8 and LD-9, while LD-2 is comprised of only Putnam Valley EDs.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Reapportionment Commission for their work on these proposals. She questioned if the resolution requesting the Board of Elections to make the necessary changes is passed before or after the public hearing.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated it should be approved before the public hearing. He stated the local law needs to be drafted to be presented at the public hearing, and it cannot be drafted until the EDs have been renumbered. He stated when the Legislature adopts the local law that chooses a proposal, it lists each ED with their population.

Legislator Montgomery stated she would like to see the shape file, ideally before she votes on this.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated he requested the file from IT/GIS. He stated the same detail can be seen in the zoomed in maps provided.

Legislator Jonke stated he prefers Proposal #2 because it moves the Carmel EDs into LD-8 and LD-9, leaving LD-2 with only Putnam Valley EDs.

Legislator Crowley agreed with moving Proposal #2 forward. She stated keeping both LD-2 and LD-4 more cohesive makes sense.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Legislator from LD-2 provided a comment since he is unable to be here this evening.

Legislator Jonke stated he spoke with Legislator Gouldman, who expressed his preference for Proposal #2.

Chairman Addonizio thanked the Reapportionment Commission for their work.

a. Approval/ Proposed Adoption of Reapportionment Plan

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution to move Proposal #2 to the Full Legislative Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

b. Approval/ Request to the Board of Elections/ Transfer Portions of Election Districts

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated since Proposal #2 was moved forward, the blank spaces in this resolution will be filled in with "Proposal #2". He stated this resolution asks the Board of Elections to make the changes to the EDs as approved in Proposal #2.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, filling in the blank spaces with "Proposal #2"; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #4 – Discussion/ Approval/ Proposed Adoption of Local Law Providing a Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers

Legislator Jonke stated very late in 2022 the New York State Legislature passed legislation allowing for these exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. He stated County Executive Byrne was a member of the Assembly when this was passed. He stated because this was signed by the Governor so late in the year, there is not much time to implement this, as it needs to be in place by March 1st, the taxable status date. He stated he would like to see this move forward so the volunteers in Putnam County have this option available to them.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated this exemption opportunity is important as it may encourage more residents to become volunteers.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Legislator Jonke for introducing this item. She stated over the last decade there has been a 32% decline in volunteers and this exemption is a way to retain and recruit more individuals to the volunteer force. She stated being a volunteer EMT (emergency medical technician) was one of the most rewarding things she has ever done. She stated anyone willing to do this for their community should receive a benefit. She questioned if individuals claiming this exemption would still be eligible for their tax credit.

Legislator Jonke stated they would not be eligible for the credit.

Director of Real Property Lisa Johnson stated not the way the current law is written. She stated if there are two (2) eligible volunteers in a household, one can get the exemption and the other can get the credit.

Legislator Jonke clarified that the individual would need to have five (5) years of service and after 20 years the volunteer becomes a lifetime member.

Legislator Montgomery stated she thought the minimum was two (2) years of service.

Legislator Jonke stated the State law says two (2) to five (5) years; Putnam County opted for five (5) years. He stated this is a limitless exemption of up to 10%; there is no cap on it.

Legislator Nacerino echoed the remarks made by her colleagues. She stated she sits on the Fire Advisory Board and she has a profound respect and appreciation for the work the volunteers in the County so and this is well deserved.

Legislator Montgomery thanked County Executive Byrne for co-sponsoring this bill in the State when he was still an Assemblyman.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo clarified that similarly to the reapportionment resolution, what is being approved this evening is the Legislature's proposal to adopt a local law implementing this. He stated under this particular local law a public hearing needs to be held by the Legislature prior to the law's adoption.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor. (Proposed Adoption of Local Law Providing Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers)

Chairwoman Addonizio stated the local law has been submitted to the meeting as additional material.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor. (Local Law Amending Chapter 220 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Taxation")

Item #5 – Other Business – None

Item #6 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:50pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.

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AGENDA

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Thursday 6:00pm January 19, 2023

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion/ Reapportionment Proposals #1 & #2 from Putnam County Reapportionment Commission**
 - a. Approval/ Proposed Adoption of Reapportionment Plan**
 - b. Approval/ Request to the Board of Elections/ Transfer Portions of Election Districts**
- 4. Discussion/ Approval/ Proposed Adoption of Local Law Providing a Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

cc: all
Rules Reso #41

Putnam Arts Council @ the Belle Levine Art Center
521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541

To: Diane Schonfeld for the Putnam County Legislature

From: Putnam Arts Council

Date: 3/7/23

Re: *Funding Recommendations for 2023 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts fund)*

The Putnam Arts Council's independent Grant Review Panel determined funding award recommendations for the 2023 Arts Link Community Arts Program (formerly the Putnam Arts Fund) at a meeting held on February 8, 2023. These funding recommendations are submitted for approval to the Putnam County Legislature (see separate listing of funding recommendations). The Putnam Arts Council administers its community re-grant program supported with public funds from Putnam County and with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with support from the NYS Governor and the NYS Legislature. Our Program is essential to the continued growth of the arts county wide and to our ability to foster quality arts programs for the enrichment of our residents. Our Program is comprised of an ongoing and detailed process:

- The first step is to provide technical assistance to each potential applicant through informational seminars and meetings held at sites on both sides of Putnam County. Informational seminars are presented by the Executive Director along with our Grants Coordinator.
- The second step is to create an independent panel of individuals from throughout the County who are willing and able to review the applications and make informed funding recommendations. The review panel is representative of a variety of community members and a variety of backgrounds and interests who reside throughout the Putnam County area.
- The third step is to familiarize new panel members with regrant program goals, policies and procedures and provide the entire panel with copies of applications for review.
- The fourth step is to convene the panel at the annual Panel Meeting where they discuss, review, and consider each application with an eye to reward artistic merit and determine projects that will develop audiences for the arts. Additionally, the Panel is encouraged to support programs that appeal to a diverse range of residents and to support projects that are presented in towns throughout Putnam County.
- The progress and success of each funded project is monitored through mid-year and final reports from the recipients as well as through ongoing audits by PAC representatives.

100% of funding is disseminated to cultural organizations and community non-profits throughout Putnam County to support high-quality arts projects for the enrichment and enjoyment of our residents. These programs also encourage cultural tourism as for every dollar spent on cultural activities, \$8 are raised.

Under separate cover, I have provided:

- An Arts Link Community Regrant Program overview
- A list of Re-grant review panel members for 2023
- A list of the grants panel funding recommendations for the projects supported with Putnam County's \$13,993 contribution to the Program.

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It is our hope that you will be able to approve their recommendations at the next Rules & Enactments Committee meeting followed by a review of the full Legislature. I am available for any questions that may arise.

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President & Executive Director

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Arts Link Community Grant Program 2023 Overview

The Putnam Arts Council serves as an umbrella organization receiving and disseminating public funds from Putnam County Government as well as public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency, with support from the NYS Governor and the NYS Legislature. Through the Arts Council's ***Arts Link Community Arts Grant Program***, applications are received and reviewed, and funding awards are determined. Grant requests to the Arts Link Program always exceed funds available and each year the process is most competitive.

The Arts Link Community Grant Program is managed and monitored by the Putnam Arts Council and provides public funds to artists, arts organizations, and community non-profits, fostering quality arts projects and activities that are open to the public and offered throughout Putnam County. Goals of the Arts Link Program include supporting programs that enrich and elevate the quality of life for County residents, expanding opportunities for artists and arts organizations and developing audiences for the arts. The Program also connects artists with their communities, promotes discussion and interactions and encourages cultural tourism.

The 2023 Program received 25 funding requests totaling \$77,782, with available Program funding at \$44,793. The funding is comprised of \$13,993 in public funds from Putnam County and the balance of \$30,800 through the NYS Council on the Arts. Putnam County provided a 3.5% increase in funding as compared to FY22. Level funding was received from NYS through a multi-year grant. The 2023 Program will support 24 grants, 14 of which will receive funding through County dollars. The Program serves residents of all ages and interests including children and teens with quality arts projects that are open to the public. This year the Program will support projects in music, dance, theater, literature, multi-disciplinary projects, as well as visual arts, arts, and site-specific outdoor sculpture.

An independent panel of community members meets to review and evaluate all applications and to recommend funding for the projects. Evaluations are based on the projects quality as well as its ability to reach a broad audience, generate the most benefit to the community, and support the professional development of artists and arts groups. Panel recommendations are then submitted to the Board of the Putnam Arts Council for their consideration and approval. County funded grant recommendations also need to be approved by the Putnam County Legislature.

PAC does not retain an administrative fee for the County-funded portion of the re-grant program; 100% of funding is disseminated to the applicants.

The Arts Council stays connected to the Program's award recipients year-round and requires interim and final project reports. Audits of funded projects provide details on content, audience, and funding recognition.

2023 Arts Link Grant Funding Recommendations:

Total County funds to allocate: \$13, 993

Total grant requests: \$77,782

DANCE

Arts on the Lake – sponsor for Putnam Dance Company - Kent \$850

2023 season with three dance events

new works, various professional companies, and children from the community

MUSIC

Patterson Library - Cultural Celebration of the Arts – Patterson \$808

music and dance performances with Calpulli Mexican Dance

or John Grady and his African Drums and Dancers

Putnam Chorale - Brewster \$800

Local amateurs and aspiring singers work with a professional music director to present choral works: Bruckner's Missa Solemnis and Haydn's Heilige Mass

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center –Putnam Valley \$800

John Cohen Memorial Concerts

Weekend performances in May, June and July

featuring high level, multi-genre musicians

Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition: – Village of Brewster - \$800

Free Summer Concert Series – Six Saturdays starting in June presenting a diverse selection of bands that appeal to all age ranges and cultures

Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition: – Village of Brewster - \$1750

Concerts around the Corner

4 concerts with world class performers curated by Bob Zubrycki

VISUAL ART

Boscobel House and Gardens – Artist Days – Garrison - \$850

painting on location, free site admission for artists on select weekdays

April through November

Brewster Public Library – sponsor for Nowodworski Foundation – Brewster
Discovering Putnam County- \$1,100
visual arts workshops for children, teenagers and families

Garrison Art Center – Visiting Artist Community Program - \$1,500
Free solo exhibition for a working visiting artist
Free workshops and lectures for the community

THEATER

Arts on the Lake – Kent - \$1,000 Strengthening Connections -
3 theatre events : a new play in conjunction with the Putnam Theatre Alliance,
Credenza by Ron Hutchinson, and a community story-telling project

Patterson Library – summer theater experience – Patterson - \$800
Summer Theater performed and produced working with teens

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival – Garrison \$1,100
BAKE-OFF Community Playwriting
Hudson Valley residents participate in a series of free playwriting workshops
that culminate in a free public reading series

MULTI-MEDIA

Collaborative Concepts Sculpture at Tilly Foster Farm, Brewster/Southeast
\$1085
September – October site specific sculpture installation with reception and music
at opening

Town of Carmel Dept of Recreation, Carmel \$800
Red Mills Historic Park (Mahopac)– Site Specific Sculpture Exhibit
May - November

LITERARY ARTS

Julia L. Butterfield Library – Cold Spring \$800
Writers Reading Series – Spoken Word, Storytelling and Meet the Author

Putnam Arts Council @ the Belle Levine Art Center, PO 156, Mahopac

Grants Panelists 2023



Review panel for 2023 Arts Link Community

Regrant Fund Applications

Meeting convened on 2/8/22

- 1. Connie Gray**
Carmel
- 2. Karen Herbst**
Beacon
- 3. Dutch Pritts**
Peekskill
- 4. Katie Schmidt Feder**
Yorktown
- 5. Susanne DeMarzo**
Mahopac
- 6. Audrey Reiter (alternate)**
Poughquag
- 7. Joshua Brittingham**
Somers

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2023

TO: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

CC: Karl Rohde
Director, Veterans Service Agency

FROM: Toni Addonizio
Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

RE: NYS Budget – Veterans Funding

As you are aware, the Fiscal Year 2024 New York State Budget includes a \$29.9 million allocation for the Department of Veterans Services, which is a decrease of over \$4.5 million from the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. This decrease will surely have a serious impact on Veterans across the State of New York.

The Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee will consider a resolution advocating that the State restore this funding back to the Department of Veterans Services. Respectfully, I request Director of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency attend the March 22, 2023 Meeting to participate in the discussion of this important matter.

Thank you for your attention this request.

ccAll
Rules

#6

Putnam County Legislature
ATT Chairwomen Rules Committee, Toni E. Addonizio

February 8, 2023

As discussed in the December 2022 Rules meeting, It has come to my attention that the County Law Department is backed up on tax lien foreclosures as far back as 2014.

The County guarantees the collection of Town, Village and School taxes. Any past due Town, County, Village and School taxes are owed solely to the County. Taxes that remained unpaid are advertised in the counties designated newspaper. As required, the County makes a list of delinquent taxes around November and records this in the office of the County Clerk. That list creates a notice of Pendency against the parcel. If the liens remain unpaid for two years the county then files a petition of foreclosure. Approximately 1200+ properties are pending foreclosure.

If **County and Town** taxes aren't paid by April 30th the County charges 5% penalty plus 1% interest from February 1st per month for the first year past due. The first-year total interest appears to be much higher than the 12 percent. Interest is then at 12% a year going forward.

With regard to the **School Tax** that's past due, there is a 4% service charge then 7% penalty eventually the interest becomes 1% a month or 12% a year.

Villages taxes not paid past July 1 are charged 5% penalty the first month then 1% each month after . That year total penalty appears to be more than 12 percent. If not paid as of January 31st it's turned over to the County which charges another 7 percent interest penalty plus 1% a month going forward. Once the village tax is relieved the tax cannot be separated out of the Town and County tax bill moving forward.

It should be noticed that the county has financed much of its debt if not all at interest rates in the two or three percent range.

The info above is very confusing and so it is possible my information is not totally accurate. I intend to be able to provide any corrections to above at the rules meeting on February 14. Regardless it is apparent to me that what is being charged for overdue taxes is excessive in these times.

As one can see the process is complicated and, in my opinion, unfair to those Putnam residents that are dealing with financial hardship. I believe the County should be made whole and that should include some interest to cover additional work required to deal with this issue. Some have struggled more than others through the covid period. The 1200+ past due property owners are a good indication of that. Some consideration should be for our citizens facing these issues financially difficult times. I believe Putnam County should do what is right and adjust these charges to a fair number.

If our law department were to clear up three foreclosures a day, seven days a week, it would take over a year to clear up all that is pending. The County budgeted \$5M for interest and penalties for the 2023 budget. That makes up 4% of the budget. That figure does not include taxes due. An incentive in the near future, to clear up some of the Taxes due and penalties would be a wise financial decision.

In my opinion, the County should not look at this as an income generator and every effort should be made to encourage residents to be up to date on past due taxes. My proposal would do that and I'm hopeful the legislature will consider and adopt some version of my proposal.

Thank You, Carl Albano

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