

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Addonizio & Crowley

Tuesday

July 9, 2024

(Immediately following the Personnel Meeting at 6PM)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes – April 16, 2024 Meeting**
- 4. Discussion/Hudson Valley Regional Council/Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels and HVRC Executive Director Carla Castillo**
- 5. FYI/Unemployment Report**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Adjournment**

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
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Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Addonizio & Crowley

Tuesday

6:30PM

April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Addonizio, Crowley and Chairman Gouldman were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance of Minutes – March 18, 2024 Meeting

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Discussion/Hudson Valley Regional Council/Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels

Chairman Gouldman stated Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels had a conflict in her schedule and was unable to be in attendance.

Chairman Gouldman made a Motion to Table Agenda Item #4; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Item #5 - FYI/Unemployment Report – Duly Noted

Item #6 - Other Business – None

Item #7 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:33PM Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.



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July 3, 2024

To: Putnam County Legislature

I would like to request that Carla Castilla, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC), be on the agenda for the July 9 meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Putnam County Legislature. This is to ask for financial support from the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Previously, each of the seven counties in the Hudson Valley were billed a flat \$11k annually. Under current HVRC Executive Director Carla Castillo, dues are now prorated by the number of municipalities in each county, dropping Putnam's annual contribution down to \$5,641. Below are the 2024 requested contributions to the HVRC to support their services:

Dutchess County	\$ 17,486.00
Orange County	\$ 24,255.00
Putnam County	\$ 5,641.00
Rockland County	\$ 14,102.00
Sullivan County	\$ 12,409.00
Ulster County	\$ 14,102.00
Westchester County	\$ 25,947.00

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The HVRC has been providing technical assistance and guidance for grants for Climate Smart Communities certification and for Clean Energy Communities to several of our Munis, resulting in substantial funding from NYSERDA. Attached are letters of support from the Towns of Kent and Philipstown and from the Villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

As the above programs make Putnam County a better place to do business, the PCIDA and the PCEDC have each agreed to pay \$1,880.00 toward the total annual requested contribution of \$5,641.00. Therefore, Carla's request will be that the Putnam County Legislature approve the County's proportional annual funding of \$1,881.00 for 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Abels".

President
Enc.



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ROBERT DOWNEY JR, HIGHWAY DEP'T CREW CHIEF

May 8, 2024

Dear County Executive Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature,

The Village of Cold Spring provides this letter in strong support of Putnam County's membership to the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) and payment of its annual dues.

Putnam municipalities benefit greatly from HVRC's services. For the Village of Cold Spring, HVRC staff have provided technical assistance on our Climate Smart Communities certification actions, including community and municipal greenhouse gas inventories, leading to our application this spring for Bronze Certification. HVRC staff also provide us guidance on drinking water source protection, stormwater management funding, and flooding and resiliency planning.

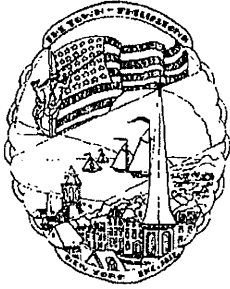
Importantly, HVRC coordinators also work closely with Cold Spring on the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program, which has resulted in significant grant funding. The HVRC coordinators have walked us through actions and projects from start to finish and answered our questions throughout the process. As a small municipality with limited personnel, we would not have been able to accomplish our clean energy work without the coordinators' support. As a result, Cold Spring has earned over \$140,000 in NYSERDA clean energy grants thus far.

The Village of Cold Spring strongly supports Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels' application to the Putnam County Legislature to approve the County's proportional annual funding for the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Respectfully,

Kathleen E. Foley

Mayor



TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUTNAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION PRESIDENT KATHLEEN ABELS' APPLICATION TO THE PUTNAM
COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONAL ANNUAL
FUNDING FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL (HVRC)**

WHEREAS, The HVRC was established in 1977 as an organization of county governments comprising Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties, funded largely by the federal government (EDA planning grant) with matching funds from the seven counties, to provide a regional perspective, offer planning, education and outreach, and advocacy for the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS; Philipstown is a Town located in Putnam County and has participated in the Clean Energy Communities Program administered by the HVRC; and

WHEREAS, Philipstown has qualified for more than \$300,000 in NYSERDA grant funding through the Clean Energy Communities program, with the help of HVRC representatives; and

WHEREAS, HVRC's Elizabeth Sun and her predecessor Eleanor Peck have provided Philipstown with invaluable ongoing support and guidance, which has enabled Philipstown to qualify for this unprecedented grant funding from NYSERDA; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money that Putnam County is being asked to contribute is small compared to the grant funding that HVRC helps our communities access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Philipstown supports Putnam County Economic Development Corporation President Kathleen Abels' application to the Putnam County Legislature to approve the County's proportional annual funding for the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Councilwoman Cotter presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Angell,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting AYE

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting AYE

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting AYE

Megan Cotter, Councilwoman, voting AYE

John VanTassel, Supervisor, voting AYE

CERTIFICATION

I, **Tara K. Percacciolo**, the duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an extract from the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, held on May 2, 2024, and that the Resolution set forth herein is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Town Board of said Town adopted at said meeting.

I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that pursuant to section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town, this 2nd day of May, 2024.



Tara K. Percacciolo

TOWN CLERK

(seal)

A true copy of this Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on May 2, 2024.



Tara K. Percacciolo

TOWN CLERK

May 16, 2024

Honorable Kevin Byrne
County Executive
Putnam County
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

Dear County Executive Byrne:

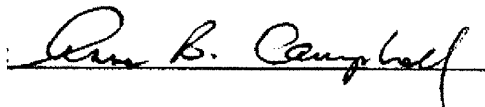
I am writing to inform Putnam County of the valuable assistance that the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) has provided to the Town of Kent. The support of the HVRC has been vital to the town as we work to reduce energy costs, promote sustainability, protect our water resources, and maintain the town's environmental quality. We have utilized HVRC's technical assistance and received funding from NYSERDA thanks to their support.

The HVRC staff have made us aware of funding opportunities and helped us navigate the complex network of Climate Smart grant programs. Our staff have attended multiple training courses held by HVRC, including the MS4 General Permit Workshop and Energy Code Enforcement Training. We completed a community climate action plan with their assistance as part of a cohort of other municipalities. HVRC's team also reviewed our Climate Smart Communities application before we submitted it. Without HVRC's support, we would never have progressed far enough to be able to apply.

HVRC staff also have supported us in accomplishing and documenting actions for the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program. They helped us receive obtain a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA for completing a community solar campaign with Sustainable Putnam. This gave us the funds to complete other projects towards Climate Smart certification. Some of our actions also support county-level Climate Smart efforts. We are working with HVRC to secure additional grants and continue our efforts to benefit the town.

The value that this organization adds to our community is immense. I urge you to support the HVRC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne B. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anne B. Campbell
Kent Town Board member and Coordinator, Kent Climate Smart



VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE

258 MAIN STREET, NELSONVILLE, NEW YORK 10516, (845) 265-2500

May 23, 2024

Honorable Kevin Byrne, County Executive
Putnam County Legislature
Putnam County
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

Dear County Executive Byrne and Putnam County Legislature:

I am writing to inform Putnam County of the assistance Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) has given the Village of Nelsonville. We have utilized HVRC's technical assistance and received funding from NYSERDA thanks to HVRC's support. HVRC is working with us to submit actions in the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program. As a result of this support, we have become eligible for a \$10,000 no-match CEC grant from NYSERDA. We are working with them to secure additional grants which we plan to put towards solar panels, or converting streetlights to LEDs. The support HVRC provides is very helpful and complements our municipality's efforts and goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Winward".

Chris Winward
Mayor

Chris Winward - Mayor

Melissa Harris - Village Clerk/Treasurer

Douglas K. Anderson, Travis Biro, David Moroney & Maria Zhynovitch - Trustees



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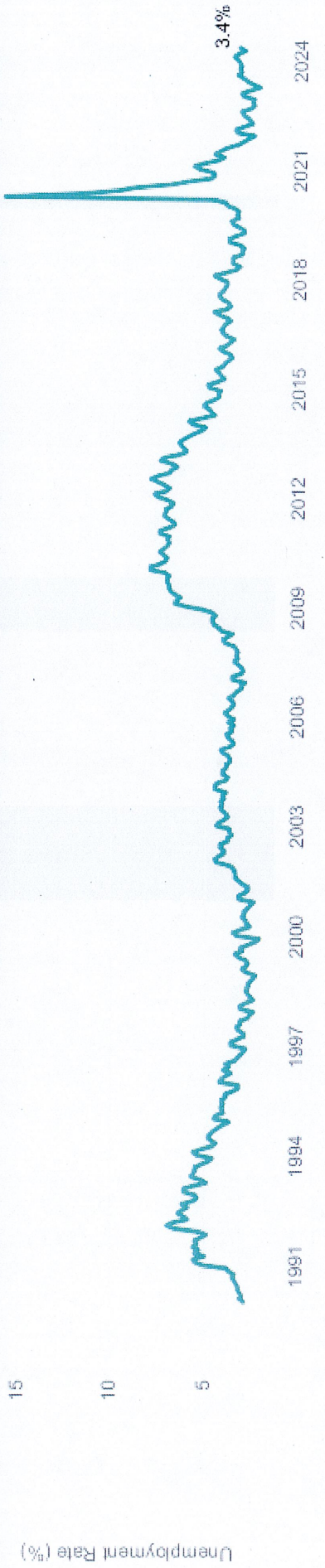
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Area: Putnam County Measure: Unemployment Rate Adjustment: Not Seasonally Adjusted Date Range: January 1990 to May 2024



Note: Shaded areas represent New York State recessions.

Year	Month	Area Name	Employed	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
2024	May	Putnam County	49,800	1,700	51,600	3.4%
	April	Putnam County	49,900	1,600	51,500	3.1%
	March	Putnam County	50,000	1,800	51,800	3.5%
	February	Putnam County	49,800	1,900	51,700	3.7%
2023	January	Putnam County	49,700	1,800	51,600	3.5%
	December	Putnam County	50,100	1,800	51,800	3.4%
	November	Putnam County	50,800	1,800	52,500	3.3%
	October	Putnam County	50,700	1,800	52,400	3.4%
	September	Putnam County	50,700	1,700	52,400	3.3%
	August	Putnam County	51,000	1,900	52,800	3.5%
	July	Putnam County	51,400	1,700	53,100	3.2%
	June	Putnam County	51,300	1,600	52,900	3.0%
	May	Putnam County	50,700	1,400	52,100	2.7%
	April	Putnam County	50,700	1,400	52,100	2.7%
	March	Putnam County	50,700	1,400	52,100	2.7%
	February	Putnam County	50,700	1,400	52,100	2.7%
January	Putnam County	50,700	1,400	52,100	2.7%	

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