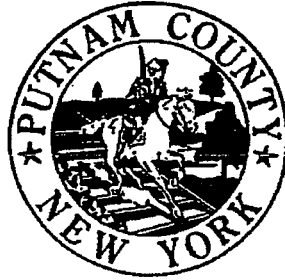


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AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Chairwoman Russo, Legislators Crowley & D'Angelo

Monday **6:00PM** **April 27, 2026**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion - Update - Putnam County Business Council - Nat Prentice, Government Liaison**
- 4. Discussion - Update - Putnam County Industrial Development Agency – Chairman Bill Nulk and Executive Director Paula Hernandez**
- 5. Approval - Memorialization of NYS Senator Rolison Proposed Utility Tax Holiday Amendment – Legislator Gouldman**
- 6. Approval - Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S5506 & Assembly Bill A89378 - Energy Storage Systems – Legislator Sayegh**
- 7. FYI – Unemployment Report**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjournment**

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Edward Gordon

From: Nathaniel Prentice <natprentice@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:55 AM
To: Putnam Co Legislature
Cc: Nat Prentice
Subject: Request to be included on the April Agenda of Eco. Dev. & Energy Comm Meeting

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TO: Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature
FROM: Nat Prentice, Government Liaison, Putnam County Business Council
DATE: March 31, 2026

Dear Diane.

I am emailing to request that the following item be included on the agenda for the April meeting of the Legislature's Economic Development & Energy Committee:

Nat Prentice, Government Liaison for the Putnam County Business Council (PCBC), to provide an update on the Council's activities.

Thank you, Nat 845-661-8937

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Edward Gordon

From: Chair PCIDA <chair.PCIDA@putnamida.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 12:32 PM
To: Laura Russo
Cc: Putnam Co Legislature; ExecDir PCIDA
Subject: PCIDA: Attn: Laura Russo, Econ Dev Committee, re: 4/27 Meeting and test of email system

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April 6, 2026 (copy of March 11, 2026)

Dear Chairwoman Russo,

[Congratulations](#) on your appointment to lead the Putnam County Legislature Economic Development Committee.

I would appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself and our Putnam County Industrial Development Agency to you and your committee at the April 27th ~~March 30th~~ Legislative Committee meeting.

We have some new projects to report as well as our progress in completing our 2025 audit and the annual PARIS report.

Please let me know if you will have a few minutes for our Executive Director, Paula Hernandez, or myself in your agenda.

Thank you,

Bill

Bill Nulk, Chairman
Putnam County Industrial Development Agency
(c) 845 721-9216
William.Nulk@putnamida.com

PS: Please confirm receipt of this message.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 21, 2026

TO: Laura Russo
Chairwoman of Economic Development & Energy Committee

CC: William Gouldman
Legislator, District #2

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/det*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Legislator Gouldman March 31, 2026 Request – Memorialization of NYS
Senator Rolison Proposed Utility Tax Holiday

Pursuant to Section III(C)(2)(b) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring this item to the Economic Development & Energy Committee for consideration. Please include this matter and any other information relating thereto on the next agenda of the Rules Committee.

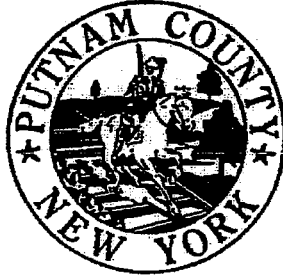
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2026

TO: Dan Birmingham
Chair, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Laura Russo
Chair, Economic Development & Energy Committee

FROM: William Gouldman
Legislator, District #2

RE: Memorialization of NYS Senator Rolison Proposed Utility Tax Holiday Amendment

Respectfully, I request that you add for discussion and consideration for approval the attached memorialization of NYS Senator Rolison's proposed Utility Tax Holiday Amendment to the April 27th Economic Development & Energy Agenda.

I believe it is critical that this matter be reconsidered by the Legislature of New York State.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

**APPROVAL/ MEMORIALIZATION OF NYS SENATOR ROLISON PROPOSED
UTILITY TAX HOLIDAY AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is aware that on March 9, 2026, 29th District Senator Rob Rolison proposed an amendment on the Senate floor on Senate Bill S8463 proposing a “tax holiday,” for certain utility taxes; and

WHEREAS, the failure of said legislation to advance deprives residents critical financial relief and sends a troubling message that the financial burdens from certain utility taxes are being ignored by the Legislature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, there is successful past precedent for such a measure; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County residents have reported to their local representatives that skyrocketing utility costs are posing a financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Putnam County Legislature to be a voice for its constituents, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature memorialize the Legislature of the State of New York to revisit, advance and pass legislation that will provide a one- year utility bill tax and surcharge holiday and a two- year green energy tax holiday, as proposed by Senator Rolison; and be it further

RESOLVED, Putnam County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Putnam County Representatives in New York State Senate and Assembly, and the Commissioner of the Public Service Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2026

TO: Laura Russo
Chairwoman, Economic Development & Energy Committee

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/md*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Legislator Sayegh's Request – Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S5506 and
Assembly Bill A8378 – Energy Storage Systems

Pursuant to Section III(C)(2)(b) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring this item to the Economic Development & Energy Committee for consideration. Please include this matter and any other information relating thereto on the agenda of the Economic Development & Energy Committee meeting on April 27th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Amy Sayegh
Legislator, District #8 

RE: Resolution Opposing State Senate Bill S5506 and Assembly Bill A8378 – Energy Storage Systems

Earlier this year, the Town of Carmel unanimously passed the attached resolution, opposing the State Legislature Bills which propose to amend Public Service Law and Labor Law to expand the authority of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting to site and permit Qualified Energy Storage Systems. This Legislation would greatly impact home rule.

Respectfully I request you assign this matter to the appropriate committee to consider a similar resolution opposing these State bills.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S5506 AND
ASSEMBLY BILL A8378 RELATING TO THE SITING OF QUALIFIED ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill S5506, sponsored by Senator Kavanagh, and Assembly Bill A8378, proposes to amend the Public Service Law and the Labor Law to expand the authority of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) to site and permit Qualified Energy Storage Systems across New York State; and

WHEREAS, while the stated intent of Senate Bill S5506, and Assembly Bill A8378, is to advance the State's renewable energy goals and reduce emissions, the bill would significantly limit local municipal control over land use, zoning and public safety decisions by transferring permitting authority from local governments to a centralized state agency; and

WHEREAS, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have been shown to pose serious risks to public health, safety, and welfare, including but not limited to fires, explosions, toxic smoke, thermal runaway events and the release of hazardous chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the dangers of such systems are not theoretical, as demonstrated by three separate battery storage fires in Warwick, New York, which resulted in documented health hazards to nearby residents, emergency response challenges, and ultimately led the local municipal government to condemn the site for safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, these incidents underscore the reality that battery storage facilities can overwhelm local emergency services, expose first responders and residents to toxic conditions, and render surrounding areas unsafe for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S5506, and Assembly Bill A8378, would enable the siting of large-scale energy storage facilities through ORES in a manner that may override local zoning laws, emergency preparedness standards, and community-specific safety concerns, despite the fact that local governments are most familiar with their infrastructure, population density, environmental conditions, and emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the bill acknowledges that many local jurisdictions have enacted moratoria on battery storage systems due to safety, staffing, and expertise limitations, yet instead of addressing these legitimate concerns, Senate Bill S5506, and Assembly Bill A8378, seeks to circumvent local authority rather than strengthen local oversight and protections; and

WHEREAS, protecting residents from known and demonstrated hazards must remain a priority over expedited development timelines or statewide permitting uniformity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Carmel Town Board formally opposes New York State Senate Bill S5506, and Assembly Bill A8378, in its current form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this governing body affirms that local municipalities must retain full authority over the siting, permitting, and regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly, Senator Kavanagh, and all relevant state and regional representatives, urging them to reject or substantially amend Senate Bill S5506, and Assembly Bill A8378, to preserve local control and prioritize public safety.

Resolution

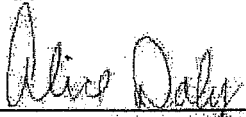
Offered by: Supervisor Cazzari
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Schanil	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Lugo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

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I, Alice Daly, Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy of the original on file in my office which was adopted by the Town Board of said Town at a duly called and held meeting on the 21st day of **January, 2026**; and of the whole thereof.

January 22, 2026
Dated



Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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2026	February	Putnam County	52,300	2,000	54,300	3.8%
	January	Putnam County	52,600	1,800	54,400	3.3%
	December	Putnam County	54,100	1,600	55,700	2.8%
2025	November	Putnam County	54,100	1,600	55,700	2.9%
	September	Putnam County	53,700	1,800	55,500	3.2%
	August	Putnam County	53,400	1,800	55,200	3.3%
	July	Putnam County	53,800	1,700	55,600	3.1%
	June	Putnam County	54,000	1,500	55,500	2.7%
	May	Putnam County	53,600	1,400	55,000	2.5%
	April	Putnam County	53,800	1,400	55,100	2.5%
	March	Putnam County	53,500	1,800	55,300	3.2%
	February	Putnam County	52,800	2,000	54,800	3.6%
	January	Putnam County	52,700	1,800	54,500	3.4%
	December	Putnam County				

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