

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2008**

**Selectmen Present:** Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko and Gerald Grabarek

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Guests:** Rosemary Rheame (Recording Secretary), Kathy Nichols (Building Department), Megan Bard (The Day), Andrew Bilodeau, Chester Sajkowicz, Norm Gauthier (Residents), Christopher Thompson.

1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda:**

**1. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

March 13, 2008 – Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko to approved the minutes of the March 13, 2008 Regular Meeting as presented. **So Voted**

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Permit Tracking Software for Land Use Departments:**

Kathy Nichols provided the Board with her report on permit tracking software. Ms. Nichols stated that she had originally looked at six vendors and narrowed it down to three vendors that should meet the Town's needs.

Ms. Nichols when asked for her preference recommended Business Automation Services, Inc. This firm is currently being used by the Town Clerk's office for their record keeping. The firm can meet all of the needs of the Land Use Offices.

Board members requested additional information from Ms. Nichols for the next meeting.

**2. David Bobbin – Prospect Street:**

The Town had abandoned a section of town road in Happyland. The roads in that area had never been deeded to the Town and Mr. Schulz was concerned that he would owe back taxes on the property. Mr. Bobbins has asked Mr. Schulz to deed the former road to each of the adjoining property owners. He is requesting that the Board assure Mr. Schulz that if he deeds the property to the two adjoining property owners that he will not be charged for back taxes. Board members noted that now town roads are deeded to the Town once they are accepted.

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko that Ted Schulz is not liable for back taxes on roads in the Happyland section of town. **So Voted**

The following items are tabled until next meeting:

Policy & Procedure Manuel; Permit Tracking Software; Land Use Departments

**Reports:**

**1. Left Turn Lane from Route 2 into Town Hall/Library Complex:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman reported that after two accidents involving town vehicles being rear ended while trying to make a left turn into town building parking lots that the state DOT has agreed to a relook at a left turn lane from Route 2 into the Town Hall/Library Complex and the Public Works Garage.

**2. Proposed Hiking/Biking Trial between Bluff Point and the Preston Community Park:**

Doug Wheeler has requested to be on the steering committee for the Proposed Hiking/Biking Trial between Bluff Point and the Preston Community Park.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman suggested that Mr. Wheeler be appointed as his alternate to the Committee.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by G. Grabarek that the Board of Selectmen appoint Doug Wheeler as an alternate to the Steering Committee for the Proposed Hiking/Biking Trial between Bluff Point and the Preston Community Park.

**So Voted**

**New Business:**

**1. Preston Housing Authority Rehabilitation Project (Small Cities Grant) – Waive Town fees for Contractor(s):**

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko to waive the building fees for the Preston Housing Authority Rehabilitation Project (Small Cities Grant) for the two handicapped apartments. **So Voted**

**2. DSS Grants for Senior Affairs (\$5,000 and \$3,450):**

Meals on Wheels is changing vendors and Fran Minor had to change the way several portions of the Meals on Wheels program works. The warming ovens also have to be replaced for the congregate meals. Ms. Minor has applied for and received notification that she will get two grants for \$5,000 and \$3,450 for the changes.

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko to approve the executing of the two grants for the Meals on Wheels program with Sue Nylen as the signatory for the checks as requested by Fran Minor. **So Voted**

**4. Tax Refunds:**

Nothing at this time.

**Appointments and/or Resignations:**

**1. Parks & Recreation Commission (2 appointments; 2 resignations):**

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko to accept the resignation of Len Johnson from the Parks & Recreation Commission and to appoint Paul Green to complete his term from 4/1/08 to 3/31/2010 **So Voted**

A motion was made by G. Grabarek and seconded by M. Sinko to accept the resignation of Jill Keith from the Parks & Recreation Commission and to appoint Patricia Jancewicz to complete her term from 4/1/08 to 3/31/2010. **So Voted**

The Board noted and thanks both Mrs. Keith and Mr. Johnson for their years of service to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

**Correspondence Received/Sent Out: For Review:**

1. DEP Letter – applications for the open space program, which has been forwarded, to the Conservation Commission.
2. Letter from Kathy LaCombe to Millie Peringer:  
Letter regarding reconciling her site plan to the spreadsheet prepared by the Building Inspector.
3. Letter to James & Diane Holdsworth and Mr. & Mrs. Rankin informing them that the boundary line with North Stonington has been resolved.
4. Notification to JS L&R regarding illegal signs.
5. Notification of Armed Forces luncheon on 5/16/2008.
6. COG Letter looking for candidates for local road accident reduction plans.
7. COG Letter that CT. DOT photo log is available.
8. DOT Letter regarding the State Bridge Program.
9. North Stonington Clean Energy Fair this Saturday at North Stonington Elementary School.
10. Guideline for LoCIP from OPM.
11. Annual Report from the Southeast Water Authority.

**Public Comment and Questions:**

Andrew Bilodeau asked if the Board members had received any comments, opinions, letters or complaints regarding the Tuesday night Planning & Zoning Commission decision regarding vineyards and wineries of 50 acres or more?

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon had received no phone calls. He has followed the comments in the newspaper blogs.

Selectman Grabarek had received no comments, phone calls, etc.

Selectman Sinko had received no comments, phone call, etc.

**Adjournment:**

The motion for adjournment was submitted, seconded and approved at 7:00 p.m.

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Robert Congdon

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Gerald Grabarek

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Michael Sinko