

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm**

BoS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem

Call to Order

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated *Per Lamont's Executive Order 7b, Participants are reminded to state your name and title before speaking. Please help us make this conference call as useful as possible by keeping your phone on mute when not speaking. We are keeping the line open to all participants by default, but if background noise becomes a problem, we will mute all participants and ask participants to use "chat" to be selectively unmuted. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.*

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by S. Allyn-Gauthier to approve the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

None

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

None

New Business

1. Recognition of Parke Spicer

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that we were saddened to hear of the passing of Parke Spicer and wanted to publicly acknowledge his years as First Selectman and his dedication to the Preston community.

Ken Zachem stated that Parke was my first mentor besides my parents regarding dealing with people. He could talk to people and treated everyone the same.

He dealt with some major issues, back then both tribes were getting started and people were scared. He pulled the Town together. The incinerator split up a lot of people. He led us on the straight and narrow on that deal. His smile and conversations will be missed by many, he did a lot for the town that

people don't know about.

Jerry Grabarek stated Parke's whole family was extremely kind to my family for many years. He was a kind person and no one knew more about Preston history than Parke Spicer. We will miss him dearly. My sympathy to his family; Donna, Deb, Michele, young Parke and his two brothers George and Mick. He was a great man, great for the town of Preston and I will miss him.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier asked the Selectmen to think about a longer term way to remember him.

J. Grabarek suggested planting a tree at the Park.

2. Public Works

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated the the search for a Public Works Manager is under way and has been posted.

3. Budget 2021-20222

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that departments and Boards were told they can move money around within the line items, but to keep budgets as flat as possible.

- Regular salaries were taken out; salaries will be discussed and handled centrally.
- Budgets are due January 25th , then BoS will schedule budget meetings
- If budget is flat and less than \$100,000 the BoS will review
- Budgets between \$100,000 and \$150,000 will be asked to meet with the BoS.
- Budgets of \$250,000 and higher can present at a BoS budget workshop

Old Business

None

Tax Refunds

None

Public Comment

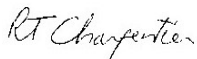
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Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary