

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 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

January 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

1. Letter dated January 22, 2021 from Alan Carey, Eversource Manager of Vegetation Management re: Tree trimming Plan

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. Ethics Commission: Nancy Bartlett – Request for Term Revision (to 12/31/21)

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve Nancy Bartlett's term revision.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Youth Services Bureau

Resignations – Robert Onderdonk, Stanley White, Hannah Crary

Appointments – Amanda Phelps

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the appointment of

**Amanda Phelps to the Youth Services Bureau.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier thanked resigning members and Amanda Phelps for their service.

New Business

1. SCCOG Update

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier remotely attended Legislative Agenda Meeting with area Representatives and Senators.

Concerns discussed were;

Education

Provide municipalities with stability in budgeting

Federal level funding is supposed to be 40%, CT is getting 6%; senators are looking at legislation for reimbursement

Solid Waste Management and Recycling

Increasing the bottle bill

Put a deposit put on nips

Market for Multi strain but not single strain

Pilot - Payment In Lieu of Taxes

Reassessing criteria

Financial burden on Municipalities for fire and EMS

Storm Water Management

Does not apply to Preston due to the Town's size

Internet Gaming

This will assist the Tribes

Unemployment in South Eastern Connecticut

Amount of jobs lost the past year

Grant opportunities for dead and dying trees

Senator Osten will forward information

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier noted that the grant was not funded for Regional Code Enforcement, but they will be looking at this again for Building Officials, Zoning Enforcement, Wetlands Enforcement and Blight Enforcement.

2. Budget 2021-2022

Budgets are due this week

Salary increases will be decided by the BoS

Ledyard 2%

North Stonington 2%

Salem 3%

J. Grabarek suggested a 1.5% increase as a starting point that can then be revisited

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that for discussion purpose the BoS will use 1.5% and she will

do some research on inflation and CPI.

Old Business

None

Tax Refunds

1. 5 Pendleton Road – Lauren Falade - \$8.13
2. List #2019-01-0002107 – Lereta, LLC - \$1,641.00
3. List #2019-01-000448 – Capital Real Estate Services, Inc. - \$157.11

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Lauren Falade, Lereta, LLC and Capital Real Estate Services, Inc. for overpayment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

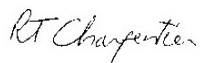
Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary