Preston Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Thursday, January 31, 2019
Preston Town Hall
5:30 pm

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary (via telephone)
BOS Excused: None

Call to Order
1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Budget Workshop
1st Selectman Congdon stated that he has been working on Uncas Health and the Transfer Station:
- Current cost between the Health Inspector, Sanitarian and food inspections $31,309.00 and $800.00 in permit fees was received FY18.
- Uncas Health District will cost $30,967.00
- Currently getting $5.00 per ton for recyclables. It is going up to $30.00 per ton.
- Transfer Station will go from the current budget of $110,000.00 to $122,000.00
- Currently municipal employees pay 2.25% into their retirement and the Town pays 11.74%
- Next year it will be 14.2%
- By 2024 it will be 21.79% so the Town’s cost for retirement will double over the next 5 years.

1st Selectman Congdon asked L. Crary and M. Sinko to review for next week the budget worksheets that show department and line items for FY18 budget and FY18 expenses to date.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee asked to meet with Ledyard Police the first week of March.

Assessors Soft Ware has to be upgraded for a cost of $10,000

M. Sinko stated he will review the budget to date for the next meeting.

1st Selectman Congdon noted that Tom Casey would probably be available to present his budget next Thursday.

1st Selectman Congdon noted that the Governor will be presenting the State’s budget on the 5th, so that information will be available by the next BOS meeting.
1st Selectman Congdon noted that he will have the Grand List available at the next BOS meeting.

1st Selectman Congdon noted that a Town Meeting needs to be held to have an ordinance to set a time line when dealing with the Budget and to approve BoE Capital Projects out of Capital Funds once a dollar amount is established. Uncas Health District will also be discussed at that Town Meeting.

Public Comment
A. Bilodeau, Preston resident asked if this was a Special or Regular Meeting.
1st Selectman Congdon answered Special

Adjournment
A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by M. Sinko to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder