Preston Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Budget Workshop  
Thursday, February 7, 2019  
Preston Town Hall  
5:30 pm

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary  
BOS Excused: None

Call to Order  
1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

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- **Senior Affairs**  
  Fran Minor Preston Municipal Agent for the Elderly was present to answer questions.  
  F. Minor explained there is an increase in the Repairs and Supplies line item because the building is in need of repair. The past year a sagging wood floor needed to be repaired, there were moisture problems which rotted wood in the crawl space.  
  For this year’s budget a seasonal fan is needed to ventilate the crawl space, new gutters are needed, the front ramps need repairs, the parking lot needs handicapped parking spaces assigned, and the building needs to be painted.  
  1st Selectman Congdon stated that his only change to this proposed budget would be to reduce the Municipal Agent’s requested salary increase from 3% to 2%.

  A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjust the Senior Affairs Budget by decreasing the Municipal Agent’s requested salary increase of 3% to 2%, for a FY19 budget total of 39,108.00.

  All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Pension & Wages**
  The State sent information disclosing that Pensions will be increasing by 35% based on the State’s increase in contribution rate and the MERS program and the increase in wages. Medicare will increase 2% because of the 2% salary increase.

- **Workers Compensation & Liability Insurance**
  10% reduction in Liability Insurance. A $5,361.00 reduction.  
  3% increase in Worker’s Compensation. A $852.00 increase.  
  An estimated 5% increase for Health Insurance comes to $14,463.00. the estimate has now increased to 8%.  
  If co-pays were increased from 5% to 7% it would decrease the health care increase by $6, 200.00.

- **Social Security & Medicare**

- **Grand List**
  Last year the Grand List went down by 6%  
  This year it has gone up by 1.7%
Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
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