

**Preston Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)
Joseph Biber (JBi) - excused
Robert Congdon (RC) - excused
Frank Ennis (FE)
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier (S A-G)
Merrill Gerber (MG) – via telephone
Bill Legler (BL)

2. Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023

A motion was made by BL and seconded by FE to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Communications

BL

Erin Gizio – personal communication
Leigh Pappas – personal communication, email
Kathy Warzecha– personal communication
Manafort Brothers - email

FE

Kathy Warzecha – personal communication
Tighe & Bond – personal communication
CLA– personal communication
Manafort Brothers – on site meeting

SA-G

Attorney Bruce Chudwick - email
Paul Tresnan – email, personal communication
Chuck Bunell – email, personal communication
Chris Larose – email

SN

Shipman & Goodwin EURL Team – email, virtual
Tighe & Bond – email, virtual, personal communication, telephone
Attorney Bruce Chudwick – email
Mike Daversa – email, personal communication
Joe Barone - telephone

Chris Larose – email
Attorney Bruce Chudwick – email, telephone
Jim Corley – email, telephone
Cindy Varricchio - email
Jason Westbrook - email

4. Administration

- Submitted annual report for July 2021 to June 2022 to Board of Finance
- Submitted article to the Pipeline
- Cindy Varricchio requested PRA information while finalizing report to auditors
- Jim Corley had a request from contractor to park 4 trucks near cemetery at Preston Riverwalk

5.1st Selectwoman – S A-G

- Writing and submitting grants
recreational trails
neglected cemeteries
- Budget workshops

6. Task Group Activity

a) Finances – BL

- MTD \$1,324
- YTD \$ 67,159
- Balance \$46,116

SN noted that the FY24 PRA budget was submitted to BoS

BL noted that all Tighe & Bond invoices have been signed and submitted

A motion was made by BL and seconded by FE to accept Eversource check #52362 dated February 1, 2023, in the amount of \$6,000 as part of the agreement with Eversource on the lease on Parcel 4.

All in favor. Motion carries

b) Site Operations/Site clean up – FE/SN

- Sampled material at Consolidation Area A that washes into the pond and sent for testing
- Discussions with Manafort and Tighe & Bond on final cost for last clean up
- Continuing to clean up debris on site

S A-G explained that a meeting took place with Chuck Bunnell and Paul Tresnan re: Mohegan Bridge and the EDA, Coordination the LOTSIP route 2A project; they will conduct a high level engineering study.

Meeting with Chris Larose, NPU next week re: connecting the sewer on Route 12

FE noted that several years ago when Tom Casey was Preston's Fire Chief, NPU agreed to put 5 fire hydrants on Route 12 at Tom Casey's request.

A motion was made by MG and seconded by BL to move forward with and authorize Chairman Nugent to sign the letter with effective date agreement between the Mohegan Tribe and the Town of Preston/Preston Redevelopment Agency.

All in favor. Motion carries.

SN explained Eversource they would like to extend the time they lease their "lay down" area for another 6 months, and will bring back the final agreement for amendment and approval by the PRA.

8. Public Comment

Leigh ? (informed recording secretary she is a Preston resident, but would not provide her last name) asked if there have been any discussions for the Mohegan Pequot Bridge to have lanes for non vehicular traffic.

S. Nugent answered that early on that concept was presented, but that won't be known until there is a final design.

Leigh ? Asked for a synopsis of the property.

S. Nugent spoke briefly about the Hospital closing, the location of the property and Preston acquiring it for \$1.00 from the State, and receiving grants for clean up.

Leigh? stated that there was a vote on a document, but she did not understand what the document was. She believes it is a lot to expect someone to suddenly be explained this document and then vote on it. At this point she will petition the state of Connecticut and the matter will be decided by the court.

S. Nugent asked what Leigh's request of the PRA is

Leigh ? Answered please submit to the Town of Preston General Council to make a request for a Prerogative Writ.

S. Nugent answered that it is not his responsibility to do that filing.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by FE and seconded by BL to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

RT Charpentier

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Charpentier

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