

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Preston Town Hall - Lower Level**

Call to Order - Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier

Jerry Grabarek

Ken Zachem

Also Present

Keith Wucik - Fire Chief

Russ Holland - Deputy Fire Chief

Kimberly Lang - Recording Secretary

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2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- January 25, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Ken Zachem motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 as presented. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Appointments and/or Resignations

a. Youth Service Bureau (YSB): Appointment Roberta Charpentier Correction

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that back in November the Board approved Roberta Charpentier to fill an alternate vacancy, but the motion wasn't clear and it should have been given a term date.

Ken Zachem motioned to amend the motion made on November 3, 2022 to clarify that Roberta Charpentier is appointed to the Youth Service Bureau as an alternate filling a vacancy with a term ending Dec. 31, 2022. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. Reappointment for Youth Service Bureau (YSB): Roberta Charpentier - Alternate Position for a Term ending 12/31/2023.

Ken Zachem motioned to authorize Sandra Allyn-Gauthier to sign the PDDA Amended Agreement on behalf of the Town of Preston. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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4. Correspondence

a. *Notice of the Number of Electors and Polling Places* from Jill Keith in accordance with the Connecticut General State Statutes. Preston has the following:

- One polling district
- 3 tabulators
- 1,096 Republicans
- 969 Democrats
- 93 Minor parties
- 1,764 Unaffiliated
- For a total of 3,922 electors

b. *Eversource's* notification of tree trimming to be done in Preston.

c. *Providence & Worcester Railroad Vegetation Control Program*, which they are required to give the town annually.

d. *DEEP's Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy Amendment* with more information to be shared in mid-February.

5. Reports - None

6. New Business

a. PSA Agreement

Chief Wucik shared that with the decrease in volunteers and the increase in emergency calls over the years it's become cumbersome for the fire department to continue in its present capacity as a billing entity and would like the Board of Selectmen to support the transfer of PSAR from the fire department to the Town.

There was a short discussion on the topic with multiple clarifying answers shared.

Ken Zachem motioned to support the application of the Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department to transfer its Primary Service Area Responder certificate to the Town of Preston, and that the Board of Selectmen believe this assignment is in the best interest of the citizens. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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b. Fire Chief Vehicle BoF Bid Waiver

Chief Wucik shared that another Town had ordered the truck but didn't take possession. This vehicle is not on a state bid list, but under GM Fleet Account, therefore this bid waiver request needs to go to the Board of Finance for approval. The cost is just under \$45,000 for the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe (CK10706) 4WD 4dr Commercial vehicle. Chief Wucik feels that this vehicle with 23 miles on it is an excellent buy for the Town, and it would replace the 2010 vehicle that has 260,000 miles on it. The fact that the vehicle is available without the traditional year to a year and half wait is an added bonus.

Jerry Grabarek motioned to forward a recommendation of a Bid Waiver for the purchase of 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe (CK10706) 4WD 4dr Commercial vehicle to the Board of Finance for approval. Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

c. Neglected Cemetery Grant

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier shared that the Neglected Cemetery Grant application was submitted on its due date this past Monday. Bridget Park with the support of the Preston Historical Society worked on completing the grant. It's a grant that is awarded yearly for about \$3,000. The grant would concentrate on the Long Society Meeting House and Cemetery. The project would do the following: remove rocks from the foundation of the Meeting House, remove encroaching brush from the perimeter, remove fallen trees and branches, clear saplings on the center island, and clear debris from the cemetery.

Jerry Grabarek motioned to authorize Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, First Selectwoman, to enter into and execute any agreement, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain this grant should Preston be selected for the Neglected Cemetery Grant. Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

d. Budget - None to discuss.

7. Old Business

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier waived onto the agenda the PDDA Amended Agreement which is effective as of January 9, 2023. This finalizes and authorizes Ms. Allyn-Gauthier to sign the letter of agreement based on the October 13, 2022 date. The PRA will be dealing with this later this

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evening, even though authorization was granted at the Town Meeting, it was thought that having this final document was important.

8. Tax Refund - None

9. Public Comment and Questions

Leigh Cremin, 10 Amos Road, stated her concern about the PSA and the possible sharing of personal information. She was dismayed that the Board voted in favor of the certificate being transferred from the fire department to the Town without further investigation and information. She wished for them to retract their motion and decision.

10. Adjournment

Ken Zachem motioned to adjourn at 6:36 P.M.. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lang

Recording Secretary

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BoS Motions from the Special Meeting - Budget Workshop

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