

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 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 28, 2021 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the January 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

1. Reports from Lt. Todd Harbeck, Commanding Officer, Connecticut state Police Troop E Montville; during the month of January there were 208 calls for service.

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. Resignation: Zoning Board of Appeals – Roberta Charpentier, Member
2. Resignation: IWWC – Roberta Charpentier, Alternate Member

New Business

1. CCM Legislative Agenda Update

- Governor's budget was discussed by speaker Keith Phaneuf, reporter from the CT Mirror
- 4.6 million budget was designed to maximize State reserves
- Possibly 4 million in rainy day fund by FY23
- Funds in rainy day fund shifted to Pension fund

- Federal relief and corona virus
- Educational cost sharing
- Minimum budget requirements
- Municipal revenue sharing; supposed to be fully implemented in 2018 but has not.
- Mileage tax; estimated to generate 45 million per year. To insure the transportation fund does not become insolvent.
- On-line betting
- Projected various sales tax for marijuana
- 33 million in saving in labor from turnover, attrition and efficiencies.
- Property tax reform
- PILOT
- Special Education

2. Regional Recovery Steering Committee

- Find broad un-met needs in the Community

3. Budget 2021-20222

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that the Town received the projected estimated Municipal Aid and most of the areas were flat.

- Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan funds were slated to be flat for the next 2 fiscal years
- Town Aid Road, LOSIP, Educational Cost Sharing, Adult education small increase
- Projected to receive the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund in 2022 and 2023 for ~\$140,000.
- Additional support of \$421,000 because Preston is classified as a distressed municipality.
- Grand List is up 2.74% 12,500,000 due to subdivisions and an increase in PA490 and motor vehicle values.
- Social Security increase is at 1.3%, current inflation 1.4% , CPI 1.6%
- Projected increase for health benefits through the State partnership ~3%

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier noted that not many Town budget workshops will be scheduled because the majority is flat, but she would like the BoS to meet with the Fire Department and Public Works.

Tentative dates;

Fire Department, February 25th

Public Works, March 11th

Old Business

None

Tax Refunds

1. Corelogic – Kory Iovino, 65 Middle Road for \$3347.71
2. Corelogic – Michael Hinton, 41 Long Society Road for \$1969.08
3. Corelogic – Jarrod Stratton & Amy Richey, 253 Old Jewett City Road for \$1326.17
4. Chelsea Groton - Dustin Falco & Kelsey Slonski, 14 Kimball Farm Road for \$1162.08
5. Chelsea Groton – Alexander Munro, 83 Brown School Road for \$2009.71

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve tax refunds for the above 5 entries for overpayment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment

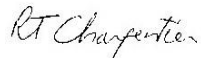
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary