Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm

BOS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem

Call to Order
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the January 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Page 2; Re-appointment: Ethics Commission – Hank Podzra Podraza

Public Comment
Vicky Rabowsky, Preston resident stated that she read Parks & Recreation was purchasing a new Playscape and at a meeting she attended last year it was stated they did not need a new one. J. Grabarek noted that he was the one who said that. He thought it still had a few years left in it, but apparently they don’t.
1st Selectwomen Allyn-Gauthier noted that LoCIP funds are being used to purchase the Playscape.
Leilani Parker, Preston resident stated that the Town Garage never called her back when she was looking for sand bags, but Chief Casey had a Fireman come to her house with 5 sand bags an hour after calling him.

Correspondence

Reports
None

Appointments and/or Resignations
None
New Business

1. Fuel Tanks

*John Spang, Finance Director present to answer questions.*

1st Selectwomen Allyn-Gauthier stated that 5 proposals were received. The most inclusive proposal came from WILDCO PES at ~$78,000.

1st Selectwomen Allyn-Gauthier noted that they are not on the state Bid List so the BoS will have to go to the BoF to request a waiver of the bid ordinance.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem that the BoS request a waiver of the bid ordinance from the BoF.
All in favor. Motion carries

2. Budget

- CIRMA predicted the Town’s LAP will decrease by 1% and Worker’s Compensation will increase 3%.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to hold Budget workshops on February 20th and 27th at 6:00 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Town Hall Security – Proposals

1. keys with serial number - ~$684
2. key fob with software - ~$4800
3. hardwired - ~$7,000 to $9,000

1st Selectwomen Allyn-Gauthier stated that she does not want to spend $5,000 at this point in time.

K. Zachem stated that he does because he’d like to know who is in and out of Town Hall.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that you still wouldn’t know if using the key fob system unless you have a camera.

1st Selectwomen Allyn-Gauthier and J. Grabarek noted that there is not money for this in the current budget and asked if K. Zachem would like to build it into next year’s budget.

J. Grabarek suggested installing security cameras.

4. Library

- Furnace will be shipped on February 14th.
- Due to an OSHA complaint an OSHA inspector inspected the library on Tuesday.

5. Parks & Recreation

- Parks & Recreation will be requesting to be on BoF’s agenda next week to revisit getting the tennis/basketball courts repaired or replaced.
- Last year’s quote to repair the tennis courts was ~$49,000.
6. Road Race Request – PVMS PTO
   - Saturday April 18th (rain date April 19th)
   - 5K
   - Miller Road
   - Requesting road closure

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the closure of Miller Road on Saturday April 18th with a rain date of Sunday April 19th, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Public Works
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier has been investigating short and long term solutions;
   - Met with Salem Public Works
   - Ledyard Public Works
   - CCM who has a Public Works director available for consulting,
   - SCCOG

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier thought the best short term solution at this time is to hire Ledyard's Public Works Director, Steve Masalin for 3 hours a week on Fridays. He could offer management support and evaluation and assessment.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to hire Steve Masalin as a consultant to be the Public Works Director in the town of Preston as needed.
All in favor. Motion carries.

8. Route 2A Bridge Update
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier attended DOT's pre-construction meeting.
- gas line work
- utilities temporarily moved
- demo shield
- dust control
- native plant to be relocated
- traffic plan


A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to give 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier authority to sign the following updated certificates: Affirmative Action Policy Statement, Municipal Grievance Procedure, ADA Notice, Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement, Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
All in favor. Motion carries.
Tax Refunds
1. Reg. AD39708 – Hyundai Lease Titling Trust
   A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Hyundai Lease Titling Trust $117.06 for over payment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. 376 Old Jewett City Road – Shaun Toland
   A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Shaun Toland $28.74 for over payment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

3. 97 Branch Hill Road – Heather B. Chaves-McCaslin
   A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Heather B. Chaves-McCaslin $94.88 for over payment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Reg. AC80944 – Toyota Lease Trust
   A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Toyota Lease Trust $428.75 for over payment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. Reg. AC09066 – Toyota Lease Trust
   A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Toyota Lease Trust $494.51 for over payment of taxes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment and Questions
Jack Smallwood, Preston resident noted that Fuel is always separated by Town and Fire Department. Ownership of the fuel once it is in the tank is the Town. Last snowstorm, I saw a Town truck coming out of a private driveway mid-day. The perception is that the Town is plowing personal driveways, something we should keep tabs on.

Adjournment
A motion was made by 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier and K. Zachem to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder