Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Lynwood Crary
BOS Excused: Michael Sinko

Call to Order
1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019 Regular Meeting
January 31, 2019 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
February 7, 2019 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by L. Crary to approve the January 24, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by L. Crary to approve the January 31, 2019
Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by L. Crary to approve the February 7, 2019
Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business
1. Budget
   - Workshops
     Building Department and Parks & Recreations budget workshop will be next Thursday
     February 21st.
   - CMERS
     The town's contribution is going from 11.74% to 14.22% and in 2024 it goes to 21.79%.

2. Board of Finance Meetings
   - Request to video/audio tape
     1st Selectman Congdon spoke with Salem and Ledyard. It costs those towns ~$9,000.00 per year.

3. Department of Public Health
• **Uncas Health**  
A Town Meeting will be scheduled to approve joining Uncas Health District.

4. **Long Term Planning**  
   • **Fire, Police, Town Management**  
     Received estimates from CT State Police and Ledyard Police  
     A meeting will be scheduled with the Public Safety Committee and the BoS in early March.  
     • Received a Town Manager job description from North Stonington to review.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to waive the Agenda by adding on Fire Department - Capital Purchase.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

5. **Fire Department - Capital Purchase**  
1st Selectman Congdon received a letter from both deputy chiefs requesting to seek bids to replace the tanker truck using funds from Capital Improvement.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to authorize the Fire Department to create n RFP and go out to bid for a tanker truck.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

**Old Business**  
None

**Reports**  
None

**Appointments and/or Resignations**  
None

**Tax Refunds**  
210 Brickyard road – Chelsea Groton  
A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to refund Chelsea Groton $993.05 for over payment of taxes.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

81 Brown School Road – Manuel Kadish  
A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to refund Manuel Kadish $663.77 for over payment of taxes.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

**Correspondence**
1. Letter dated January 22, 2019 from Eversource re: vegetation management plan
2. Letter dated January 15, 2019 from DOT re: Changes to the Local Road Network -FORM ENG-029 and Local HPMS Surface Improvement Data
5. Email dated February 12, 2019 from Melissa Lennon re: Request for information about CMERS membership
7. Letter dated January 21, 2019 from National Land Realty re: solar developer’s interest in property Tax Map #21-0-12-54
8. Letter dated January 11, 2019 from Lynn Rugan, Enbridge Planner/Scheduler re: AGT Liaison Meeting
9. Invitation to TVCC’s Annual Benefit for Meals on Wheels
10. Request for donation dated February 1, 2019 from BSA, CT Rivers Council
11. Letter from Last Green Valley re: Walktober 2019
12. Notice dated December 14, 2018 from IRS standard mileage rates for 2019
13. Approval from CT Traffic Authority re: school zone lighting designations.

A motion was made by R. Congdon and seconded by L. Crary to waive the agenda by adding Poquetanuck Fire Department Donation.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Poquetanuck Fire Department Donation
Deputy Chief Russell Holland stated that Poquetanuck would like to have an additional paid person to cover the hours that are not currently covered. The Department is willing to put $20,000.00 in to cover the expense for the rest of the year. There will be no cost to the Town.

T. Casey noted that it will be an evening shift from 4:00 pm until midnight seven nights a week. 1st Selectman Congdon asked T. Casey to put that in writing and noted that even though there is a revenue source it will require an appropriation, which BoS does not have the authority to authorize. The BoS will have to bring it before the BoF for approval.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon that the BoS recommend the BoF appropriates a sum not to exceed $20,000.00 to provide additional Per Diem hours at the Poquetanuck Fire Department to be offset by a revenue source from Poquetanuck Fire Department.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment
Mike Clancy, Preston resident asked for an explanation regarding North Stonington's “hybrid” Town Manager job description.
1st Selectman Congdon answered that he will give M. Clancy a copy of the job description.

Adjournment
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder