Preston Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Thursday, February 27, 2019
Preston Town Hall
6:00 pm

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

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier called the workshop to order at 6:03 pm

Parks & Recreation
Parks & Recreation Chairman Antonio Farinha presented the proposed budget
Total Budget requested: $114,379.00
- Staff Salaries; Assistant, Maintenance and Coordinator – 2.0% COLA
- Camp transportation -2.0% increase for anticipated wage increase of bus drivers.
- Senior Activities- decreased by $500 – due to low attendance.
- Park Maintenance – request a $3,000 increase from last year for a total of $23,000 due to the amount of maintenance needed at the Park.
- All other line item amounts requested were unchanged from FY2019/202

Planning & Zoning
Kathy Warzecha, Town Planner could not attend, but submitted a Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative which 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier presented.
- Requesting an increase in hours from 16 to 18/20 per week.
- Assessor
- No change in amount requested for seminars/dues/guides/ mileage, however all the funds were not spent.

Building Department
Kathy LaCombe, Building Official
K. LaCombe explained that not much changes in the budget except for salary and the amount of time that is governed by the needs of the Town which is driven by the construction permits.
- Salary increase – 2.5%
- Assistant needed for supplemental assistance - $1,750
- Mandates – dues, continuing education and code books.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that the only increase in this budget Operating Budget is $1500 for record storage racks. Town Hall is currently in the process of going threw the vault and figuring out record retention.
- K. LaCombe explained that goal is to organize everything into organized storage (PVC tubes) and create a system

Conservation Agricultural Commission
- Total requested - $1850.00
Zoning Board of Appeals
    ◦ Total requested is for recorder fees - $600.00

Inland Wetland
    ◦ Total requested $1,300.00

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder