Preston Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Budget Workshop  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Preston Town Hall  
6:00 pm

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

Amos Lake Association – Projected expenses $25,580  
Requested from Town - $10,000
Pat Monahan, President  
Rich Eliasson

Pat Monahan, President;  
*Watershed protection.*  
- Significant natural resource; Amos Lake Protection District covers 1049 acres.  
- Groundwater classified as GAA; existing public supply of water suitable for drinking without treatment.  
- Visitors to the lake help support economic development in Town.  

*Outreach Projects*  
- Rain barrel workshop  
- Free soil testing  
- Water quality monitoring  
- Lake Management Plan  
- Watershed Management Plan  
- Watershed outreach projects

Rich Eliasson;  
- Educate residents  
- Small amount of funds through dues and grants  
- Limnologist study will show impact of lake quality on the tax basis.  
  a) safe to eat fish  
  b) not safe to swim – 35% decrease in values on the Lake  
  c) not safe to eat fish – 19% decrease in values on the Lake  
  d) not safe to swim or eat fish – 42% decrease in values on the Lake  
- $10,000 budget item for Limnologist and eradication of Milfoil.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier asked how much is available through grants  
Pat Monahan explained that if they are awarded grants the funds will be between $5,000 and $8,000  
1st Selectwoman asked if the Association has done any fundraising  
Pat Monahan answered not a lot because the Association consists of only 14 people.

*Salaries*
Kathy Warzecha, Town Planner
K. Warzecha stated that she is asking for an increase in hours, from 16 hours per week to 18 hours per week.
Hours were cut several years back and currently working 16 hours per week.
  • Worked on zoning regulations
  • Subdivision regulations
  • Plan of Conservation and Development
K. Warzecha noted that developing Zoning Regulations and Plan of Conservation and Development in-house saved the Town between 150,000 and 200,000. Subdivision regulations in house have saved the town $40,000.
  • Apply for Affordable Housing Grant
  • Develop smooth process for Preston Riverwalk development applications.
K. Warzecha stated that the number of hours she has does not give her enough time to do the work that she has.

Kathy LaCombe, Building Official
K. LaCombe stated that she is requesting an additional 1.5 hour per week.
  • Construction has substantially increased.
  • People now use the Building Department as a resource.
  • If things slow down, hours will be decreased.

Resident State Troopers
  • $359,304.52 for 2 troopers

Youth Services
  • $28,000 - $14,000 grant = Net of $14,000

Public Comment
Andy Depta, Preston resident asked if this is the 1st year Amos Lake Association has asked for funds to supplement them.
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier answered that they asked for money before, but it was a long time ago.

Adjournment
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier