

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 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**

**February 25, Special Meeting Budget Workshop**

**a motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the February 25, Special Meeting minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

**February 25, Regular Meeting**

**a motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the February 25, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

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**New Business**

**1. Budget 2021-20222**

- *Fire Department has presented to ~~BoF~~ BoS*

**Correspondence**

**1. Letter dated March 5, 2021 from Colonel Stavros Mellekas, Connecticut State Police Re: Dashboard cameras and body worn cameras**

**Reports**

None

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to amend the agenda by adding**

**appointments to Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.  
All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Appointments and/or Resignations**

1. Appointment Jerry Grabarek member – term expires December 31, 2024

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by S. Allyn-Gauthier to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Grabarek as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**K. Zachem and S. Allyn-Gauthier in favor. J. Grabarek abstained**

**Motion carries.**

2. Appointment Jerry Morales – term expires December 31, 2024

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Morales as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**New Business**

**Budget 2021-2022**

- Budgets to be kept flat; re-allocation within line items is allowed.
- Salaries will be handled by the BoS
- Grand List is up ~2.75%, This produces ~ \$336,000 even without a mil rate increase
- 1.5% increase in salaries
- Health care increase is 3%
- Employee contribution will increase from 5% to 6%
- Restore part time administration
- Looking at CRF funds for hardware server upgrade needed
- Eversource is proposing a 13.5% increase in rates
- CIRMA projected a 3% increase for workmen's compensation and property liability
- Restore funding to Public Works
- Improvements need to Town Hall
- Funds for Plan of Conservation & Development needed to be complete by 2024

Increase of \$173,000

Budget of \$4,432,906

4.51% increase

Budget Workshop Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Invite Kathy Warzecha to present information on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

**Old Business**

None

**Tax Refunds**

Francis Salbone - \$44.30

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to refund Francis Salbone \$44.30 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 7:37 pm.  
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier  
Preston Recording Secretary