Preston Board of Selectmen
ESAC Public Safety Sub-Committee
Special Joint Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary
ESAC Public Safety Sub-Committee: David Paige, Jim Bell

Call to Order
1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

1st Selectman Congdon noted that Ledyard was scheduled to attend this meeting and give a presentation on the emergency services they can offer to Preston. Ledyard has not shown up; will try to reschedule for Thursday.

Emergency Services – Provided by Ledyard
- 24/7 365 coverage
- 1 trooper 3 shifts per day
- Cost to Preston – low end -$550,000 per year – high end $610,000
  Purchasing a car the first year - $45,000 – brings total to $650,000
- Ledyard could not start immediately as they would need to hire 5 additional officers to provide 3 full shifts.
- Preston would pay ¼ of the overhead costs because Preston would comprise of ¼ of the population receiving services.
- Scope of Services:
  - Full time police coverage for Preston, 24/7/365 with Patrol Officers and Supervisor(s)
  - Law Enforcement Administration for Preston
  - Crime and Accident Investigation/Reconstruction
  - Regional Traffic Crash Unit
  - Police/Fire/EMS Dispatch Services, 911 PSAP
  - Police/Dispatch Records Management and retention according to state regulations
  - Emergency and Event Planning
  - Arrestee Detention, care and custody, court transportation
  - Traffic enforcement and management
  - Public information sharing, emergency notification, Social Media
  - Law Enforcement Grants Administration and Management
  - Available School Resource Officer Services/DARE Instruction
  - Crisis Intervention Team Services/Follow-up visits
  - Investigative Services by Detective Division
  - Marine Patrol Response
  - Special Response Team (SRT)
  - Vacant House/Vacation Checks
  - Crime and Accident Mapping and Analysis
  - Available Juvenile Review board
  - Public Presentations/Safety Education Programs
  - Issuance of Temporary State Pistols/Revolver Permits
Presently Preston has 2 Resident Troopers – 1 top step – 2nd is lower step
- Next year’s cost will be $345,000
- Current Resident troopers have 2 shifts. When they’re not on duty Troop E has 2 patrols that cover Preston.
- If they assign a top step trooper to Preston the cost will be $400,000.

Public Comment
Andy Depta asked if Ledyard’s proposal includes 1 vehicle 24/7 that is shared by 5 officers.
1st Selectman Congdon answered yes.
A. Depta asked if the proposed cost includes any overtime.
1st Selectman Congdon answered no.
A. Depta asked who they would report to
1st Selectman Congdon answered they would report to the Police of Chief in Ledyard.
Mike Clancy asked what would be the difference in the Town’s mil rate for the cost of Ledyard.
1st Selectman Congdon answered a little less than a mil, about ¾ of a mil.
Merrill Gerber asked would we still retain the state Troopers.
1st Selectman Congdon answered if we partnered with Ledyard, no.
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier asked if the projected increase with benefits included for the State Troopers is 3%. Do we know the projected increase over the next few years for Ledyard?
1st Selectman Congdon answered Ledyard just finished negotiations and it is 2 to 3% for the term of the contract and their fringe is a fraction of what the State Police fringe is.
A. Depta asked if the cost for Ledyard could be reduced by eliminating some things on the scope of work list.
1st Selectman Congdon answered that Ledyard is not interested in bifurcating their program.
Dave Paige noted that the list is very standard and is what most Police Departments would provide to their communities.

Adjournment
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder