

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm**

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

Also Present: John Spang, Preston Director of Finance
Millie Peringer, Preston Assessor
Pat Monahan, President Amos Lake Association

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.*

New Business

2021-2022 Budget

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier noted that revaluations are due and asked M. Peringer to take the BoS through that process.

M. Peringer stated that it is mandatory by the State of Connecticut and it is done every five years. Because of COVID the Town did not get an estimate until recently. The quotes have been between \$45,000 and \$55,000.

J. Grabarek asked if this was physical Reval.

M. Peringer answered that it is not a full physical, it is an update.

J. Grabarek thought this Reval would be done mainly via computer.

M. Peringer stated they will view new properties and building permits.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that the tentative dates are August 2021 through December 2022.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that she sees two choices; put it in the budget or go to BoF and request an appropriation.

After discussion the BoS decided to request the BoF an appropriation of \$20,000.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to go to the BoF with a request of \$19,999 appropriation to fund the beginning of Reval and then come back with a final number. All in favor. Motion carries.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated Pat Monahan, Amos Lake Association is requesting \$6,494 from the Town in order to receive a matching grant.

K. Zachem stated that the Amos Lake Association is not a Town authorized committee that funds can be put into by using taxpayer's dollars.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that is why last year the BoS recommended P. Monahan work with the Conservation Commission.

P. Monahan stated that the Conservation Commission had not met from March until October due to COVID.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that as a formal Board the CAC would receive notification of the Budget and if they had been contacted, they may have had time to work through the Amos Lake Association request and possibly moved the request forward.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier asked John Spang if he knew of any ways the Town could assist the Amos Lake Association.

J. Spang noted that a policy would need to be adopted first in order to fund a committee in Town.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier noted that the BoS would get back to P. Monahan with additional thoughts

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier noted that the BoF voted on and approved their budget and currently the Town budget is \$4,030,506.00 which is a 4.45% increase.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier asked if there were any additional thoughts on the fire department.

K. Zachem stated that he is ready for a motion.

J. Grabarek stated he does not see how the town can afford more.

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that the BoS can fine tune the numbers on the 25th.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

RT Charpentier

**Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary**