Preston Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, March 19, 2020 
Preston Town Hall  
6:00 pm 

BOS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Ken Zachem, Jerry Grabarek (telephone at 6:02 pm) 
BOS Excused: 

Call to Order  
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. 

1. Corona Virus  
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier explained that the Governor has declared executive orders. One was to extend budget deadlines by 30 days. Preston's budget was scheduled for April 7th so the extension moves that date out to May 7th. 

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by 1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier to accept the 30 day extension and extend the submission of the budget to May 7th with other dates corresponding.  
All in favor. Motion carries. 

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier explained that a Federal and State emergency has been declared. If the Town of Preston declares a local state of emergency. Any hours hours and resources impacted by these emergency conditions due to COVID-19, it will allow access to the Stafford Act which allows Federal dollars to trickle down to the local level and allow reimbursement for eligible expenses. 

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by 1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier to accept the declaration and local state of emergency for the town of Preston due to Covid-19.  
All in favor. Motion carries. 

2. Teleconferencing  
Governor Lamont suspended open meeting requirements.  
Training is taking place that will allow Preston to do this and comply with the requirements.  
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that effective tomorrow all of the Town's meeting should be held by teleconferencing. 

Public Comment  
None 

Adjournment  
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm.  
All in favor. Motion carries. 

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Charpentier