

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2018
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm**

**BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary
BOS Excused: None**

Call to Order

1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

· March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

All in favor. Motion carries

Page 2; M. Sinko stated that the duties of the ~~ZOE~~ ZEO appear to be analogous with the Blight Officer. L. Crary stated that the BoS need to meet with the ~~ZEO~~ ZEO because the whole purpose of the blight ordinance is to work with people to address blight.

Page 2; A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to appoint Kenneth Schroeder to the Housing Authority Board to April 30, 2018 with the caveat that he meet with BoS before that date to be re-appointed to a ~~four~~ five year term.

New Business

1. Connecticut Commission on Economic Stability

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the State had a study done on Connecticut's economic growth.

- Budget deficit in 2020 – 2 billion
- Budget deficit 2021 – another 2.5 billion
- Budget deficit 2022 – another 3 billion
- United States job growth increased 6.2% since the 08/09 recession, Connecticut's job growth is -2.2% for the same time frame.

2. Inland Wetlands Application

The PRA submitted an Inland Wetlands application this week.

The IWWC will hold a Public Hearing on the application next month.

3. State Matching Grant Program for Elderly & Disabled Responsive Transportation

Fran Minor explained that the Town of Groton is the fiduciary for the program.

The biggest participation currently, is the mileage reimbursement program. Family members get reimbursed mileage for driving loved ones to appointments.

There are currently 3 residents who are members of this program. \$24.00 per year which gives 48 one way trips.

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to authorize 1st Selectman Congdon to sign the Maintenance of Effort Certificate and the Grant Assignment Certification.
All in favor. Motion carries**

4. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

1st Selectman Congdon explained that FEMA money is available to the Town if they adopt a Resolution.

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to authorize 1st Selectman Congdon to sign the Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2017.
All in favor. Motion carries**

5. Reason to Ride

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve the request to support the Annual A Reason to Ride Bike Run coming up June 10, 2018 by authorizing the highway permit.
All in favor. Motion carries**

Old Business

None

Reports

None

Appointments and/ or Resignations

1. Jerry Morales -Appointed as Regular Member on 1/25/18. Ratify Term to 12/31/2020

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve Jerry Morales' term as a Regular Member of the IWWC as 1/25/18 to 12/31/2020.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Tax Refunds

None

Correspondence

1. Letter dated March 15, 2018 from Hattie Wucik Preston Town Clerk re: vacancy on the Inland/Wetland Commission as an Alternate Member.
2. Letter dated March 5, 2018 from State of Connecticut Department of Housing re: Small Cities (Grant Monitoring Report Preston Housing Rehabilitation
3. United States Coast Guard Academy Ethics forum March 22-23
4. Letter dated March 12, 2018 from David Demchak, President & CEO, CIRMA re: NLC RISC Trustee Conference
5. Memo dated February 9, 2018 from Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments re: Opportunity for consultation -SCCOG community rating system study (National Flood Insurance

Program)

6. TVCAA Meals On Wheels April 21, 2018 at Mohegan Sun.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to add Reason to Ride to the Agenda under New Business.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
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