

**Preston Redevelopment Agency  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
Teleconference Call  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)  
James Bell (JB)  
Joseph Biber (JBi)  
Robert Congdon (RC) – arrived at 7:07  
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier (S A-G)  
Merrill Gerber (MG)  
Bill Legler (BL)

**Also present**

John Harris

Roberta Charpentier (recorder) 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. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.

**2. Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021**

**A motion was made by MG and seconded by BL to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**3. Communication**

**S A-G**

Attorney Bruce Chudwick – telephone  
Senator Kathy Osten – telephone

**JBi**

Newmind Group - email

**BL**

Sue Nylén - email  
Kathy Warzecha - email  
Jim Bell - email  
Nancy Musa – email

**BC**

Attorney Bruce Chudwick – telephone  
Charlie Duffy - telephone

**SN**

Nancy Musa – email, telephone  
Attorney Bruce Chudwick – email, telephone, webx  
Kathy Warzecha – email, telephone  
Jim Olson - email  
Paul Tresnan, Mohegan Tribe – email, telephone  
Newmind Group - email

**JB**

Kathy Warzecha

**4. Administration – SN**

- N. Musa inquiring about the number of people who attend PRA meetings
- K. Warzecha received an email from SHPO re: The Administration Building
- Annual report due to the BoF

**5. 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman – S. A-G**

- James Corley – Public Works Manager

Started March 15<sup>th</sup>

15 years experience in Municipal Works

- Working on the Budget

Will submit to BoF by April 6<sup>th</sup>

\$172,000 increase from last year

Grand List is up

- COVID restrictions are being lifted April 19<sup>th</sup>

When in person meetings resume they will take place in the lower level of Town Hall and/or the school.

**6. Task Group Activity**

**a) Funding - JB**

- Reconciling grant funds with S. Nylen and K. Warzecha

**b) Finance – BL**

- Monthly expense: \$432.64
- YTD expense: \$6269
- YTD balance: \$107,175

**c) Site Operations/Site Clean Up – JB/SN**

- Sent the most recent FAP to the Tribe and received recommendations
- The State wants to standardize all assistant agreements
- The PRA and the Tribe would like to see these agreements before agreement with the FAP is finalized
- Amendment needed to the PDDA
- The Tribe wants to make sure they have the ability to have an affiliate of MGE be the company that would serve as the conveyance company
- Tribe added wording that gives more flexibility regarding the Administration building.

J. Bell noted that Attorney Chudwick suggested looking at the COVID funding and the possibility of converting the 2 million dollar loan to a grant.

J. Bell stated that regarding the Administration building grant contract, after 15 years we can do what ever we want with it.

R. Congdon stated that the Tribe has been very reasonable in their requests. If they are taking ownership of the property, they need to know all the “what ifs” and right now there are too many for them to reasonably say they are okay with it.

S. Allyn-Gauthier stated that in reviewing the FAP and the discussions. The concerns that the PRA thought the Tribe would have are their concerns. So that's good that we have alignment.

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Public Comment**

John Harris stated the Tribe is looking forward to moving forward as much as the Town is.

### **9. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JB to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

*RT Charpentier*

Roberta Charpentier