Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm

BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko
BOS Excused: Lynwood Crary

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

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019 – Special Joint Meeting
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the March 12, 2019 Special Joint Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

March 14, 2019 Special Budget Workshop Meeting
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the March 14, 2019 Special Budget Workshop Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

March 21, 2019 – Special Joint Meeting
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the March 21, 2019 Special Joint Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to waive the agenda by listing Appointments and/or Resignations next.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and/or Resignations
1. Appointment: Board of Assessment Appeals – Norman J. Gauthier
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to appoint Norman Gauthier as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals.
All in favor. Motion carries.
2. Re-appointment (2): Conservation & Agricultural Commission – Lynwood Crary & Margaret Gibson
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to re-appoint Lynwood Crary and Margaret Gibson as members of the Conservation & Agricultural Commission.
Discussion:
M. Sinko stated that they are both continuing members and are both known by the Selectmen
All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Sustainable CT
1st Selectman Congdon stated that he recommends forwarding this brochure to the Conservation & Agricultural Commission.

2. Budget
1st Selectman Congdon stated the Library Board of Trustees was asked to reduce their budget by $1,000. The budget being presented tonight has been reduced by $753.00 and adds $300.00 in revenue. M. Sinko stated that he is okay with the budget as presented.

1st Selectman stated that the Library has been working on a Strategic Plan for the library to better meet the needs of the residents of Preston, and noted that the Library is present to also discuss Strategic Planning.

Library Board of Trustees present:
Ann Legler
Patricia Bell
Katherine Allingham
Kelly Ennis-Davis

Katherine Allingham read the vision, mission, and Strategic Plan for the library.
Kelly Ennis-Davis noted that libraries are changing circulation is down but attendance is higher.
1st Selectman Congdon noted that the library should proceed with next steps. Have someone who knows about libraries come in and assess the building to see what changes could be made.
Katherine Allingham stated that they will be reaching out to the community to see what kind of services is wanted.
1st Selectman Congdon suggested meeting again with the BoS in 6 to 8 weeks.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to forward an electronic version and paper version of the General Government Budget to the Board of Finance.
All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Town Meeting – April 4th
1st Selectman Congdon read the Call of the Meeting:

TOWN OF PRESTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Preston and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Preston Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Preston Plains Middle School, 1 Route 164, Preston, Connecticut 06365, to consider and take action on the following three questions:

“Shall the Preston Plains Memorial School located at 1 Route 164, Preston, CT be the polling place for all Town elections, primaries and referendums?”
“Shall the Town of Preston join the Uncas Health District?”

“Shall a proposed General Government Budget and a proposed Education Budget be submitted to the Board of Finance in electronic and paper format no later than the first Tuesday in the month of April?”

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the call of the Town Meeting and schedule a Town Meeting for April 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Preston Plains Middle School, 1 Route 164, Preston, Connecticut 06365.
All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Reason to Ride – Highway Permit Request
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the Reason to Ride highway permit.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business
None

Reports
None

Tax Refunds
None

Correspondence
Will discuss at next BoS meeting

Public Comment
None

Adjournment
A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by R. Congdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder