

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Teleconference Call**

Call to Order – Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Members

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – 1st Selectperson

Jerry Grabarek – Selectman

Ken Zachem – Selectman

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier read Governor Lamonte’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.*

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021

Ken Zachem motioned to approve the March 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Correspondence

4. Reports

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier reported that Troop E received 200 calls, which is about average for the town.

5. Appointments and/or Resignations

a. Resignation: Youth Services Bureau, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier; Effective 3-17-2021

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that it was felt it would be better for her to serve as a liaison to the Bureau and would be resigning her position there.

Ken Zachem motioned to accept Sandra Allyn-Gauthier’s resignation from the Youth Services Bureau; effective March 17, 2021. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. Ken Zachem and Jerry Grabarek voted in favor of the motion. Sandra Allyn-Gauthier abstained. The motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Capital Improvement Plan - Public Works – Change of Bond Title

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that the Town Garage has 3 trucks and only one is reliable. Recently one of the trucks needed \$7,000 in repairs while its Blue Book value is only \$7,500. It is thought that rather than spend the entire \$65,000 Capital Improvement funds on one F550 truck that the town should purchase a F550 truck for \$55,000 and a F150 for \$10,000 to best meet the town's needs.

Ken Zachem motioned to move the request to the Board of Finance. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Budget 2021-2022

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier stated that the General Government budget was given to the Board of Finance on April 6th as they requested.

c. Covid Updates

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that many of the Governor's Executive Orders have been extended, however some Orders will expire on April 19th, while others will stay in place until May 20th. Because there are no Orders in place that should alter the traditional budget process we should prepare for the normal process. As it looks now Preston could have a Public Hearing May 20th, a Town Meeting June 3rd, and the Referendum between June 10 –17th. May 20th could be either a virtual or an in person Public Hearing depending on whether Executive Orders expire that day or not. Also, the Board of Selectmen could alter dates under the new Executive Order #10 E, but hopefully we wouldn't have to.

d. Boards and Commissions: Training Meetings

It was stated that *all* Boards and Commission members will need to take Ethics Training and while it's not mandatory it is strongly suggested that they also take Sexual Harassment Training.

e. Resident State Trooper Update

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier informed the group that there presently seems to be a great deal of movement within the ranks of the State Police and that Trooper Brown has left Preston for a new post. The temporary trooper will start tomorrow, Trooper Sulich. The process for finding a new permanent trooper should take about a month and Ms. Allyn-Gauthier has been invited to participate in the selection process.

f. Authorization Form Updates: Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Police Statement, Municipal Grievance Procedure, Affirmative Action Police Statement, ADA Notice, Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Jerry Grabarek motioned to give Sandra Allyn-Gauthier authorization to sign Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Police Statement, Municipal Grievance Procedure,

Affirmative Action Police Statement, ADA Notice, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Old Business

8. Tax Refund

a. Theresa A, Gaines – List #2019-03-0051752

Ken Zachem motioned for Theresa A. Gaines receive a \$90.80 refund for over payment of taxes. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Comment – There was none.

10. Adjournment -

Ken Zachem motioned to adjourn at 7:18 P.M. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lang

Recording Secretary