

**Preston Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)
James Bell (JB)
Joseph Biber (JB*i*) - excused
Robert Congdon (RC)
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier (S A-G)
Merrill Gerber (MG)
Bill Legler (BL)

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 March 24, 2021

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021 as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

3. Communication

JB

Kathy Warzecha

BL

Kathy Warzecha – telephone, email

Sue Nylén - email

S A-G

Attorney Bruce Chudwick – virtual, email

Senator Kathy Osten – email, telephone

Representative France - email

Senator Somers email

Binu Chandy, DECD - email

EDA -Webex

SN

Shipman & Goodwin – email, telephone, webex

Paul Tresnan, Mohegan Tribe – email, telephone

Ben Gassaway – email, telephone
Nancy Musa – email
Representative France – email, telephone
Tighe & Bond – email
Dan Jahne - email
EDA - webex
Kathy Warzecha – email, telephone
Jill Kieth - telephone

4. Administration – SN

- Annual Report sent to BoF
- N. Musa email – Ethics training

5. 1st Selectwoman – S. A-G

- 91% of Town has been vaccinated
- submitted budget to BoF
- New Building Inspector Tom Weber
- Town Treasurer changed to an appointed position

6. Task Group Activity

a) Funding - JB

- Vendor complaints re: delay in payment.

b) Finance – BL

- Monthly expense: \$1582.75
- YTD expense: \$5586.27
- YTD balance: \$101,419.56

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

- Senator Osten and Somers and Representative France sent a letter to Commissioner Lehman requesting that the loan commitment be moved to the end instead of requiring it be spent up front as written in the Draft FAP.

Commissioner Lehman requested additional information which S. Nugent provided to Representative France.

- Tribe is concerned with wording in four areas of the FAP.

7. New Business

Conflict of Interest – SN

S Nugent explained that a conflict of interest document is needed because Shipman & Goodwin also represents Covanta.

A motion was made by J. Bell and seconded by M. Gerber to approve Chairman Nugent signing the Conflict of Interest document dated April 25, 2021.

All in favor. Motion carries.

PRA Meetings Post May 19th – SN/SA-G

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that Covid restrictions will be lifted on May 19th . If that happens the town will be returning to in person meetings. The Town will be using the lower level of the Town Hall, School and Fire House.

S. Nugent asked PRA members if members were comfortable to returning to in person meetings.

PRA members indicated that they were comfortable with it.

S. Nugent noted that he was not entirely comfortable with in person meetings.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by BL and seconded by JB to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

RT Charpentier

Roberta Charpentier
Preston recording secretary