

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm**

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

Call to Order

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

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **April 25, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to approve the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

New Business

1. CME Proposal – Bertway Gas Station

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that the BoS authorize Lynwood Crary to sign a contract with CME Engineers to review the Gas Station located on Route 2.
All in favor. Motion carries**

2. Connecticut's Admission Tax

- 1st Selectman Congdon stated that Towns, by Ordinance can have an admission tax, and found that Hartford and Bridgeport have an admission tax.
- Tabled for further information

3. Budget

A Public Hearing is scheduled tonight for 7:30 pm at Preston Plains School

4. Avalonia

Avalonia requested that the Town partner with them on the purchase of some properties using the Town's Open Space funds.

1st Selectman Congdon suggested that the Conservation and Agricultural Commission address it and then refer it to the Planning & Zoning Commission who over-sees the Open Space funds.

5. Saint James Episcopal Church –Liz Harris/Cannonball Run Road Race

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve a road closure on Thursday June 20th at School House Road from 6:55 pm to 8:0 pm for the annual Liz Harris Cannonball Run.

All in favor. Motion carries

6. Preston Historical Society – Reimbursement Request

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to reimburse the Preston Historical Society \$2,000 for upkeep and maintenance of the Long Society Meetinghouse.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

1st Selectman Congdon explained that the application deadline for the Public Works position is Friday May 10th at 3:30. Someone called who is out of the country until Sunday and requested the deadline be extended.

M. Sinko questioned whether this would be acceptable because the position was advertised to close tomorrow.

M. Sinko suggested getting a legal opinion.

1st Selectman Congdon noted they wanted to apply on-line, but an on-line application was not available.

The BoS decided to leave the dead line as published. May 10th at 3:30 pm.

Reports

None

Appointments and /or Resignations

None

Tax Refunds

None

Correspondence

1. Letter dated April 26, 2019 from James Smith re: March 14th Board of Appeals Meeting did not address his concerns.

2. Letter dated May 2, 2019 from Preston Planning & Zoning Commission re: Zoning Enforcement Officer's monthly report.

3. Letter dated April 30, 2019 from Mildred Peringer, Zoning enforcement Officer to Daniel Sperduto re: exceeded the number of allowable tag sales.

4. Letter dated April 26, 2019 from Tony Sheridan, Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut President re: membership renewal.

5. Letter dated May 3, 2019 from Connecticut Education Association re: shifting teacher pension costs to cities and towns

6. Letter dated May 3, 2019 from First Selectman Robert Congdon to Representative Mike France re: SB 1135 an Act Concerning the Municipal Interest Rate Applicable to Delinquent Property Taxes.
7. Letter from Andrew Stockton re: notification regarding Town's budget.

Public Comment

Mike Clancy, Preston resident asked where the 2 properties are located that Avalonia is interested in purchasing for Open Space.

1st Selectman Congdon answered Tri-Town Forest Preserve and Rude Road/ Lewis Road.

Mike Clancy asked what the enforcement is for a blight complaint.

1st Selectman Congdon answered there hasn't been any where the Town had to take it past a letter.

Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by R. Congdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder