Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm

BOS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem

Call to Order
1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

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 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.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting
April 28, 2020 – Special Meeting
May 5, 2020 – Special Meeting

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the April 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the April 28, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the May 5, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence
2. Email dated April 27, 2020 from Paul Andruskiewicz re: June 11, 2020 St. Catherine's road race cancellation.

Reports
None


**Appointments and/or Resignations**

Appointment: Parks & Recreation – Mikel Brockway, Regular Member (term through 3/31/2025)

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to appoint Mikel Brockway as a Regular member of the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term through 3/31/2025.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointment: Parks & Recreation – Katherine Iozzie, Regular Member (term through 3/31/2025)

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to appoint Katherine Iozzie as a Regular member of the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term through 3/31/2025.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Resignation: Parks & Recreation – David Verhasselt

The Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of David Verhasselt as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier will send a letter thanking him for his many years of service.

**New Business**

Request from Shipman & Goodwin LLP regarding conflict of interest waiver

Attorney Bruce Chudwick explained the basis for Shipman & Goodwin's request

Attorney Chudwick explained that the Mohegan Tribe requested legal representation regarding the National and State funding offered due to COVID-19.

Because Shipman & Goodwin represent the Town of Preston and the Preston Redevelopment Agency (PRA) it is necessary to inform them that Shipman & Goodwin would be representing another party they are working with and ask that a conflict waiver be signed.

Attorney Chudwick noted that the matters which the Tribe are asking for assistance on are totally unrelated to any projects associated with the Town or the PRA

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that she had Town Attorney Forsyth, Halloran Sage review this conflict of interest.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to authorize 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier to sign approval on a waiver allowing Shipman & Goodwin LLP to represent the Mohegan Tribe with matters relating to the recent pandemic for the State and Government related programs without a conflict of interest.

All in favor. Motion carries.

**Budget Update**

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that the BoF reviewed the BoS budget at their May 13th meeting.

No changes or voting took place. Decisions will be made at their May 20th meeting.

**Executive Order – 7HH**

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier explained that executive order 7HH states that the Board of Selectmen is going to authorize the budget making authority to adopt a budget from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
and set a mil rate. Public Hearings and Public Comment are required. Dates will be picked and the BoS will put together a resolution that makes the dates and format clear. This will be posted to the Town's web site and the Town's Face Book page to try and make everyone aware as to how the process is going to move forward after the May 20th BoF meeting.

**Local Disaster Recovery Manager**
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier explained that the State and Region will have a Recovery committee. The manager's tasks will be to work with the state and Regional group, coming up with strategy, recovery planning process, coordination, maximizing resources, etc.

K. Zachem suggested appointing the BoS so the work can be split up between the the three of them. 1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier will ask Jim Butler at SECOG if this is a possibility.

**Old Business**
None

**Tax Refunds**
None

**Public Comment**
None

**Adjournment**
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier