

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm**

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

1. Call to Order

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

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2019 - Regular Meeting

May 16, 2019 - Special Meeting

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the May 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to change the order items listed under New Business to;

- 1. Fire Department-New Tanker and**
- 2. Abandonment of Indiantown Road & Shewville Kate Swamp Road**

New Business

1. Fire Department-New Tanker

Deputy Fire Chief Jarred Harris was present to answer questions

1st Selectman Congdon read the letter submitted by the Preston Fire Apparatus Committee

The Preston Fire Apparatus Committee, at the direction of the Preston Board of Selectmen, has reviewed the three bid proposals received for the new tanker apparatus to be put into service at the Preston City Fire Department. After careful consideration of all of the information contained in the bid proposals it is the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that the Town of Preston accept the proposal by US Tank for the 3000-gallon tanker for the sum of \$379,433.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to award the bid by US Tank for \$379,433.00.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Abandonment of Indiantown Road & Shewville Kate Swamp Road

1st Selectman Congdon explained that he received a letter from Thomas Quinn, Verde Group, LLC sent requesting the Town abandon Indiantown Road & Shewville Kate Swamp Road for \$50,000.00 and a letter from the Town of Ledyard indication that they have abandoned the portion of this road that is located in Ledyard.

Jim Rossman, Stadia Engineering

Attorney Robert Avena

Tom Quinn, Verde Group

1st Selectman Congdon stated that he would like to see something in writing from the Allyns.

1st Selectman Congdon explained that the request first has to be sent to Planning & Zoning for a recommendation.

L. Crary asked if the engineer's role was to just develop the road way.

Jim Rossman answered that they are in the process of design of reconstruction of the road for access purposes.

1st Selectman Congdon asked Tom Quinn to introduce himself.

T. Quinn stated he is originally from East Lyme and is a real estate developer in Massachusetts. They own the land out back and want to develop a private driveway. They hope to develop the land back there and service it with a large enough road to get heavy equipment back there.

T. Quinn stated that he is in the data building business. Basically they are big boxy buildings with very few people in them and they have computers.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to forward the request that Preston abandon Indiantown Road & Shewville Kate Swamp Road to Planning & Zoning for a recommendation.

All in favor. Motion carries

3. Annual Town Meeting & Referendum -Rescheduled Dates

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the warning of the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday May 30th and Referendum on June 11th at Preston Plains School.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Library strategic planning

Library Board of Trustees

Ann Legler

Katherine Allingham

Kelly Davis

Patricia Bell

Mary Jo Nugent

Kelly Davis noted that the Library Board met with the BoS six weeks ago and discussed doing a “needs assessment” to provide guidance to the Library Board with strategic planning.

- Demographic data
- library usage for the past 10 years
- conducted a survey of residents of Preston
- interviewed local community leaders
- met with current library staff
- on-line CT library resources that help analyze library facilities

Needs for updating library facility;

- clean-up, repairs and maintenance schedule
- Evaluate collection
- Better communication in terms of accessing E-books and inter library loan
- More children programs
- Considering staff orientation and protocols in order to improve quality of service
- Web site needs updating
- Use Social Media
- Develop community volunteer program
- Assess library hours
- Funding for reorganization of space

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the next steps should be;

- to evaluate and prioritize Capital needs and then look at sources of money, and meet with Building Inspector once decision on building changes are made.
- Schedule another meeting with the BoS

5. Delinquent Tax Fee-23 Long Society Road

1st Selectman Congdon explained that a resident submitted a check to the tax collector on time, however the check bounced twice and came back with a “do not redeposit “stamp.

There were sufficient funds in the account. It was a bank error so the bank should cover the late fees; it is not the Town’s responsibility to waive the fees.

6. Senior Affairs -Request for Line Item Transfer

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the Preston Senior Affairs Committee request that a Line Item transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 be made from: Acct. 3710-5101-0083 -Senior Affairs -Bus Driver Wages into Acct. 3710-5101-0084 Senior Affairs - Senior Center Staff Line Item.

All in favor. Motion carries

7. Parks & Recreation -Capital projects

1st Selectman Congdon found that both projects at the Park can be funded using the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP).

M.Sinko asked what the project is.

1st Selectman Congdon answered that both the basketball courts and tennis courts need to be re-done,

due to cracks causing safety issues. The estimate for the project is \$92,000.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that the Parks & Recreation Capital Project be forwarded to LoCIP for approval.

All in favor. Motion carries

Old Business

None

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. Appointment -Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission -Doug Fox

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that Doug Fox be appointed as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Tax Refunds

1. Toyota Lease Trust -Leased Vehicle -2015 Toyota/Camry XS

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary that Toyota Lease Trust be refunded \$62.08 for overpayment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

1. Letter dated May 10th from Lt. Todd Harbeck, Troop E stating Trooper Kalen Brown Trooper has been appointed as The Preston Resident Trooper effective 5/24/2019.

2. Letter from Health Care Consultant re: Approval of CT Plan.

3. Letter dated February 27, 2019 from DOT re: Traffic control signal Revisions State Project No. 0172-0484.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder