

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 27, 2021  
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 7:00 pm

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier 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**

May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

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**Appointments and/or Resignations**

*1. Resignation: Parks & Recreation – Paul LoPresti, Patricia Jankowski*

*A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to regretfully accept the resignation of Paul LoPresti and Patricia Jankowski.*

*All in favor. Motion carries.*

**Correspondence**

**1.** Email dated May 18<sup>th</sup> from Andrew Stockton, Registrar of Voters to the BoS re: Republican Registrar Vacancy.

**Appointments and/or Resignations**

**1.** Re-appointment: PRA – Merrill Gerber, term expires 10/26/2025

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the re-appointment of Merrill Gerber to the PRA with a term expiring 10/26/2025 to be brought forward at the next Town Meeting.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

## **New Businesses**

### **1. Budget Update & Timelines – Town Meeting, Referendum**

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve holding the Town Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at Preston Plains Middle School and Referendum Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Preston Plains Middle School.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

### **2. Covid Update**

Preston vaccination rates;

55% for first dose

48% for fully vaccinated

65+ age group;

92% for first dose

88% for fully vaccinated

Preston will follow the Universal indoor mask requirement.

Hand sanitizer and gloves will be available

## **Old Business**

None

## **Tax Refund**

None

## **Public Comment**

Bob Congdon stated that he has three things he will be bringing forward to the Board of Finance.

1. Transfer from Public Works to the Transfer Station that never went through the Board of Finance.

2. The waiving of bid requirements for Pasteryak Paving to do Savage Road. I don't think it's in the Board of Selectmen's purview to waive bid requirements and is solely in the purview of the Board of Finance.

3. The contract to do tree cutting at \$1500 a day with no guidelines as to the upper limit or the amount of that contract. If it's 1 day you don't have to go out to bid but if it's 4 days you do have to go out to bid.

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

*RT Champagne*

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**Roberta Charpentier**  
Preston recording secretary