

**Preston Redevelopment Agency  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
Preston Town Hall  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)  
James Bell (JB)  
Joseph Biber (JBi)  
Robert Congdon (RC) – arrived at 7:18 pm  
Merrill Gerber (MG) - absent  
John Harris (JH)  
Bill Legler (BL)  
Linda Riegel (LR)

**2. Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2019**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by LR to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2019 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**3. Communications**

**JB**

Site Operations Monday Meeting

Mike Diversa - telephone

Hartford Meeting

- Ryan Drajewicz, Chief of Staff, Governor Lamont
- Mario Kontomerkos, Chief Financial Officer Mohegan Tribe
- Chuck Bunnell, Chief of Staff Mohegan Tribe
- David Lehman, Commissioner DECD

**JH**

Site Operations Monday Meeting

Steve Marien, Mohegan Tribe

**BL**

Nancy Musa – personal communication, email

Sue Nylen – personal communication

**LR**

Kathy Warzecha – telephone

**SN**

DECD – email, telephone

Shipman & Goodwin – email, telephone

Tighe & Bond – email, telephone,

#### **4. Administration - SN**

No comments

#### **5. 1st Selectman - RC**

No comments

#### **6. Task Group Activity**

##### **a) Funding – JB**

- Received check in the amount of \$1,114,000; \$700,000 paid to Manafort Brothers Inc.
- Received \$200,000 in reimbursement for Tighe & Bond.

##### **b) Finances – BL**

- Total monthly expense - \$15,671.00
- Total yearly expense - \$86,024.00
- Current balance - \$26,226.00

SN explained that three more invoices came in that total \$14,959.00 which leaves the balance at \$8,077.00.

CSG, legal, recording fees (R. Charpentier), funding (K. Warzecha), utilities, Mattern, will be submitting additional invoices putting the budget over by \$6,000.00.

SN stated that he and JB looked at why the PRA's budget went over because the Agency is usually pretty good at estimating yearly costs.

- \$11,000.00 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers that the PRA did not know would be required.
- MTI invoice for \$4,100.00 was paid out of Remediation.
- Survey work done by Mattern & Stephon Land Surveyors.

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JH to transfer \$4,115.70 from Grant 21 to the PRA Operating Budget, line item 3860-4552 (PRA Remediation).**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JB to transfer \$16,982.50 from Grant 21 to 3860-4552 (PRA Remediation) to cover the charges from Mattern & Stephon Land Surveyors.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JH that going forward all payments to Mattern & Stephon Land Surveyors will be paid out of Grant 21.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

SN noted that at the request of the Auditor, Sue Nysten will now create and issue a monthly report on PRA grants to the BoF.

**c) Site Operations/Site Clean-Up – JH**

- MBI working on Phase IV of Consolidation Area A.
- Hydro seeded Area S.
- Compaction Area B was completed last week.
- Asbestos was found in root systems. Will be discussed at the Monday meeting.
- Steve Marien requested and received permission to fly a drone on the property.
- Additional ash and cinder was found at Harris Fuller Road.

Attorney Chudwick gave a final cost estimate of \$170,000.00 to get through Phase I completion, which is ready to transfer the site.

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JB to approve encumbering \$125,000 of the \$600,000 for Mohegan Tribe soft costs to provide funding for Shipman & Goodwin. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Tighe & Bond will be conducting a training tour for their staff on the property at the end of the month.

**7. New Business**

**a) Annual Elections**

Elections will take place next month

John Harris stated that he is running for a position on the Mohegan Tribe's Tribal Council. If he is elected he will have to give up his spot on the PRA.

**b) PRA Future Structure**

SN stated that if John Harris does get elected, the PRA will be down to 6 members. So it may be time to change the structure of the PRA to 5 members.

**8. Public Comment**

Andy Depta, Preston resident asked about the signs the Mohegan Tribe put up on the property. SN explained that the Tribe asked and received permission to put the signs up.

**9. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JH to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier  
Recorder