

**Preston Redevelopment Agency  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
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 (JB*i*)  
Robert Congdon (RC) - absent  
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier (S A-G)  
Merrill Gerber (MG)  
Bill Legler (BL)

**2. Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2021**

**A motion was made by MG and seconded by JB*i* to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2021 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**3. Communication**

**S A-G**

Senator Osten - telephone  
Attorney Bruce Chudwick – email

**JB**

Mike Diversa – telephone  
Trooper Armando Bettini - telephone  
Trooper Ray Sulich - telephone

**BL**

Kathy Warzecha – personal communication, email  
Nancy Musa - email  
Tighe & Bond - email

**SN**

R. Charpentier - email  
Nancy Cowser, seCTer– email  
Dan Jahne - email  
Mohegan Tribe – email, personal communication  
Tighe & Bond – email, personal communication  
Manafort Brothers, Inc. - email, personal communication  
Steve Ballirano – telephone  
Random call - telephone  
John Harris - email

Susan Mattern - email  
Representative Mike France – email, telephone  
Senator Osten – text, telephone

#### **4. Administration – SN**

- R. Charpentier informed S. Nugent that the CAC/Gary Piszcek has concerns about impacts on the Cove due to the Riverwalk development.

S. Nugent stated that the PRA cannot modify anything at this time, but would like Gary to attend a PRA meeting with a document stating his concerns that the PRA may share with the Tribe.

- Nancy Cowser asked for and received an executive summary of the PDDA which was also forwarded to the EDA.
- Implementer Bill was approved.

Clause in it that indicated grant funds are spent before loan funds

- M. Gerber was re-appointed as a PRA member on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Steve Ballirano, Preston resident inquired as to the status of the Hospital property.
- Anonymous caller inquired as to where the Riverwalk is located so she could go walking.
- SeCTer is searching for a new executive director.

#### **5. 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman – S. A-G**

- As of June 16<sup>th</sup> 57.3 % have had a first dose and 53.5 % are fully vaccinated
- 90% of 65+ are full vaccinated
- Everything passed at the Town Meeting and Referendum.

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

##### **a) Funding - JB**

- Nothing to report

##### **b) Finance – SN**

- YTD balance: ~ \$100,000

##### **c) Site Operations/Site Clean Up – SN**

- FAP status;  
Attorney Bruce Chudwick spent time typing up and highlighting the most recent changes.  
Issued to DECD and the Tribe's lawyer  
The Tribe has 2 issues with the negative pledge;  
The Tribe would like Preston's land records changed at the time of conveyance; the State has not agreed to that.  
The Tribe would like use of escrow to include parcels 2, 5 and 7.
- Amended PDDA;

Attorney Chudwick is working on adjustments and modifications that are needed.

Possible Town Meeting for approval

- June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting with PRA, Tribe, Tighe & Bond, Manafort re: resuming clean-up

Agenda:

Review past data

Review engineering control application

Review RAP addendum

Review estimated time lines

Identify path for re-start

Identify permitting gaps

- Actions:

Estimate cubic yards in consolidation area A (700)

Bob Russo follow up – beach rose

Tight & Bond to send data to Paul Tresnan

Topo information needed; drone flyover will be used to obtain volume of fill needed

Consolidation B needs to be extended and Sue Mattern will again assist with keeping track of volume

Technical review with Jim Olson and DEEP

Comments on RAP came back and have been reviewed

Assuming an August 1<sup>st</sup> date to re-start clean-up

Contact G&W for permit to cross rails in order to work on Parcel 5

Working on permitting process where needed

- Covanta made and submitted comments on the Agreement for the study they are conducting
- MBI and the PRA agreed to share expenses for the trailer. MBI has been covering the full expense from shut-down until March. The PRA has agreed to take care of current cost up until start-up

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by JB to approve payment of \$8056.02 to Manafort Brothers, Inc. as reimbursement for the cost that they paid for the months of April, May and June of 2021 for utilities and trailer rental at the site.**

**All inf favor. Motion carries.**

## **7. New Business**

None

## **8. Public Comment**

None

## **9. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by MG and seconded by JB to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

*RT Charpentier*

Roberta Charpentier

Preston recording secretary