

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2021
Preston Town Hall
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

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021 - Regular Meeting

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

All in favor. Motion carries

Correspondence

1. Report from Captain John Ceuti Commanding Officer Connecticut State Police Troop E Montville re: 201 calls for Service during the month of May in the Town of Preston.

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

None

New Businesses

1. Statistical Revaluation – Bid Award

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier explained that this is the 5 year statistical revaluation. The BoS went out to bid. Millie Peringer suggested accepting Vision Appraisal's bid due to their familiarity with the Town and their price being more reasonable.

John Spang, Preston Director of Finance noted that Vision Government Solutions bid \$45,000 and Tyler Technologies bid \$125,000. J. Spang spoke with Tyler because he thought maybe they misunderstood and they bid on a full revaluation. Tyler said they did not misunderstand the Town's Spec.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to award the five year statistical revaluation to Vision Government Solutions based on Millie Peringer's and John Spang's recommendation and pending the successful negotiation of a contract.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Parks & Recreation line item transfer

Tom Turner, Parks & Recreation Chairman
Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier stated that Parks & Recreation would like to transfer \$12,289.76 from line item Part Time General Staff to three different line items.

A. Brosnan explained that Parks & Recreation would like to transfer funds in order to address some needs the Commission has. The pavilions, concessions, bleachers and maintenance shed need painting. A new storage shed is needed, wood chips for the Playscape, a new cell phone, and COVID supplies for summer camp.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the transfer of \$12,289.76 from Part Time Staff General line item #10.5.71.4500.4503.5171

to

General Rec Park: Repairs and Maintenance line item #10.5.78.4500.4503.5336, \$9,661.00

General Rec Park: Program Supplies line item #10.5.78.4500.4503.5610, \$1393.77

General Rec TH: Program Supplies line item #10.5.71.4500.4503.5610, \$1,234.76

contingent upon the quotes being approved by Parks & Recreation.

All in favor. Motion carries

3. Budget Update

In-Person Town Meeting was held on June 3rd approvals went to a June 16th Referendum. Both budgets passed and the mil rate was set.

4. Covid Update

As of June 16th 53% are fully vaccinated in Preston

Should be at 70 to 80 % for herd immunity

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that the sooner the 5 increases, the sooner we can stop wearing masks and have protection from the Delta variant.

American Rescue Funds paperwork had been filled out and uploaded and the first amount has been received.

It has to be obligated by December 2024 but have until 2026 to spend it.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to waive Fire Chief Position on to the agenda.

All in favor. Motion carries.

5. Fire Chief Position

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that Fire Chief Tom Casey made it known 2 years ago that he would like to retire. He stayed on for the Town's transition with a new Selectman and stayed on through COVID. In anticipation of his retirement the Emergency Services Advisory Committee will be reviewing and if needed updating his current job description.

Old Business

None

Tax Refund

None

Pubic Comment

Tom Turner, Preston resident asked if the data on COVID percentages in Preston show how many had COVID and are they included in percentages as being immune?

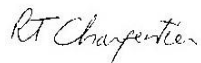
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier answered that she has not seen that data, and it is not clear if you are immune if you have had COVID.

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,



Preston Recording Secretary