Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm

BOS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem
Also present: Dave Aldridge, Executive Director SCRRRA
Attorney Ken Slater
Steve Masalin, Director of Public Works Ledyard (assisting Preston)
John Spang, Preston Director of Finance

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
June 11, 2020 – Regular Meeting
June 18, 2020 – Special Meeting

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the June 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence
None

Reports
None

Appointments and/or Resignations
None
New Business

1. Proposed Amendments to Solid waste Ordinances – Executive Order 2020-7JJ
Dave Aldridge, SCRRRA explained;
- SCRRRA formed in the 80s as the bonding agent for the waste energy plant on Route 12.
- Waste energy plant was paid for in 2017
- Negotiated the sale of electricity that the plant generated; SCRRRA recipient of a good amount receipts from that contract and used funds to subsidize.
- In addition to being the Agent for disposal of waste for the 12 towns that make up SCRRA, also manage single stream recycling, support the towns transfer stations tires, freon, etc.
- D. Aldridge presented a list of what SCRRRA does for the towns (attached to minutes)
- SCRRRA subsidizes tip fees at $58.00 which are the lowest in the state.
- Preston savings benefit YTD are $73,964
- SCRRRA's goal now is to keep the current subsidies going for as long as possible and by moving forward with this new contract, expected savings are 8.5 million over the life of the contract with Wheelabrater, compared to what Covanta would have been paid.

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier stated that Attorney Slater will discuss the Resolution and Ordinance changes that needed to be made in order for the Addendum to work.

Attorney K. Slater explained that the Resolution sites the Executive Order that gives the BoS the ability to take action on something if it is time sensitive, that would normally require a Town Meeting. The Resolution declares that this is a matter that is time sensitive based on a contract that has been negotiated.

Because the Ordinance is to be adopted before July 1st and the inability to have a Town Meeting, the Governor's Executive Order gives the BoS the ability to adopt the Ordinance.

Adopting this Resolution will make changes in 2 ordinances. Delivery of solid and commercial waste, which will now be delivered to the Lisbon facility. The amendment is adding 2 paragraphs to the existing Ordinance, that pertains to this contract and the delivery of waste to Lisbon.

- Public Comment regarding Amendment
No Public Comment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the ordinance to amend the waste recycling and operation of the Preston refuse disposal area.
All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Public Works Update – chipsealing, road surface management
Steve Masalin,
- Chipsealing – Preston uses the State bid
S. Masalin explained the State bidding process and the possibility of a bid waiver.

K. Zachem stated that he has never been a fan of chipsealing and asked if the money should be saved
for alternative road improvement.
K. Zachem noted that the BoF has encumbered the funds so it does not have to be done by July 1st.
S. Masalin answered that he would need to gather more information which could lead into pavement surface management. If Preston transitions to a broader array of resurfacing options, the roads should be comprehensively evaluated and professionally analyzed.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve Steve Masalin to organize an online meeting with three companies he's suggested to present their proposals All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business
None

Tax Refunds
None

Public Comment and Questions
None

Adjournment
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Roberta Charpentier