

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 22, 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 7:00 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the July 8, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

All in favor. Motion carries

2. Parks & Recreation line item transfer

General Rec TH: Program Supplies line item #10.5.71.4500.4503.5610, ~~\$1,234.76~~-\$1234.99

Correspondence

None

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

None

New Business

1. Historic Documents Preservation Grant – Town Clerk

Preston Town Clerk, Jill Keith applied for and received approval for a Historic Preservation grant through the Connecticut State Library office of the Public Records for \$5,500.

The funds will be used to purchase a fire proof storage cabinet for Preston Historical Society to store documents dated 1655 to the present and records storage shelving needed in Town Hall.

2. Covid Update

Residents who have received a 1st dose is at 58.81%

Residents who are fully vaccinated is at 55.72%

Preston is still not at the 70 to 80% that is required for herd immunity

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that universal mask wearing has been extended.

3. Corona Virus Relief Fund

- \$687,000
- Obligated by December 31, 2024

- Spent by December 31, 2026

Municipal Virus Relief Funds

- \$149,000 earmarked to Preston
- John Spang explained that Chief Casey said the Town needs another firefighter so the funds will be used for a new hire.
- Due to age, new servers are needed
- Upgrade to Town's technology with MFA

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier stated that UNCAS Health had asked for all of the SCOGS in his district to designate 10% to Uncas Health to help support all of the things they do for the communities that are above and beyond covered by dues.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier noted that it is a reasonable request and the \$7,450 will be split with the Board of Education.

Small Cities Grant Program

Professional and technical services grant administrator retired.

Would like to award contract to Peter Testa, A&E Services Group

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to award the Small Cities Program professional and technical services to A & E Services Group, Peter Testa contingent upon a successful negotiated contract.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

None

Tax Refund

Leonard J. Burton, 6 Linda Court - \$15.31

Leonard J. Burton, 6 Linda Court - \$26.54

Douglas M. Pervine, 366 Old Jewett City Road - \$112.61

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to refund the above amounts for overpayment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Pubic Comment

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

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Respectfully submitted,

RT Charpentier

Preston Recording Secretary