Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2020
Teleconference Call
7:00 pm

BOS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem
Also present: Steve Masalin, Director of Public Works Ledyard (assisting Preston)
Sean Nugent, Chairman Preston Redevelopment Agency (left the meeting at 7:12 pm)

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
July 9, 2020 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the July 9, A 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. All in favor. Motion carries.

Page 2, New Business:
Drive Up Covid – 19 Testing/Food Pantry Partnered with Untied community Family Services To be held at the Senior Center on July 17th.

Correspondence
1. Notification of Appointment of Joreen Mattas as Deputy Registrar dated July 9, 2020 from Andrew Stockton, Democratic Registrar of Voters.
2. Email dated July 16th from Fran Minor, Municipal Agent for the Elderly re: COVID-19 testing and food distribution center;
28 tests
59 food bags given out
August 14th and 28th are tentative future dates
3. Troop E report for the month of June – 178 calls
4. CIRMA – members equity distribution received for $5,798.00.

Reports
None
Appointments and/or Resignations
None

New Business
1. PRA Update
Sean Nugent, Chairman PRA stated that the Bond Commission has approved the 7 million dollar grant to complete the clean up. These funds will be added to the 2 million contingency loan that was approved 2 years ago.
5 million will be used to complete work and 4 million will be put in escrow.
Plans to restart this Fall and complete work in a year.

J Grabarek asked if Manafort Brothers is still hired to do the work.
S. Nugent answered that Manafort Brothers is currently hired to do the remediation and Tighe & Bond are the Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP).
J Grabarek noted that our State Representative Mike France voted against that Bond Package.

2. Public Works
Steve Masalin, Director of Public Works Ledyard (assisting Preston)
- Looked at north end of Shewville Road because it fit in with the available funding and has never been structurally improved.
- Received a quote of $50,000 for milling and 2.5” of asphalt.

S. Masalin explained that chip sealing lasts around 5 years and is not a structural treatment so it is susceptible to the underlying structure of the road you lay it over. Milling and resurface lasts up to 15 to 20 years.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem that the BoS hold a Special Meeting on August 6, 2020.
All in favor. Motion carries.

S. Masalin reached out to 3 companies that provided proposals for a road surfacing management study and informed them the BoS would like to set up interviews.

1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier asked S. Masalin to set up interviews for either August 18th or 20th.

3. Sustainable Connecticut
- Free voluntary certification program
- Allows for funding opportunities
- All Preston's Boards and Commissions could participate and benefit from this

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the supporting of the Sustainable Connecticut program and all action items discussed.
All in favor. Motion carries.
4. Town Hall - lower level
   • 2 trailers will be used during repair
   • 8 week time frame

5. Fuel Tank Update
   • Electrical being hooked up
   • Up and running by next week

Old Business
None

Tax Refunds
1. 24 Route 164 – Mark A. Touchette for $21.51
2. 47 Miller Road – Alan G. Currier for $15.57
3. 32 Route 164 – John J. Odea for $118.94
4. 98 Prodell Road – Walter Wisniewski for $22.65
5. 72 Middle Road – Keith P. Savage for $14.61
6. 52 Prodell Road – Karrie M. Knowles $102.48
7. 319 Route 165 – Clark W. Woodmansee, III for $1,236.77
8. 154 Branch Hill Road – Denise C. Cook for $106.23

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to refund for over payment of taxes for each of the 8 individuals as read.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment
None

Adjournment
A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary