

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 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

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

None

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. Appointment: IWWC Zach Turner (term through 12/31/2012)

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to appoint Zach Turner as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission with a term ending 12/31/2014.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Zoning Enforcement Officer – Millie Peringer

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that Millie Peringer has resigned as Preston's ZOE but will continue as Preston's Assessor. Building Official, Tom Weber will take the Zoning Enforcement position.

New Business

1. Covid Update

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that cases have increased and Preston is in the Red Category. To get back to Orange there must be less than 9 cases in a 2 week period.

- 1st dose - 61.54%
- fully vaccinated - 58.25%
- 65+ - 92%

Preston Library is hosting two vaccination clinics with Hartford Health Care on September 2nd and 23rd

2. Town Meeting

- **5 Year Statistical Revaluation Appropriation**

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to hold a Town Meeting on September 9, 2021 at 8:00 pm at Preston Plains Middle School to consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Preston allocate available funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance (Surplus) a sum not to exceed \$26,000 for the 5-year Statistical Revaluation?

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Affordable Housing Plan

- **Planning grant**

The state requires an affordable housing plan be submitted no later than June 1, 2022 and at least every 5 years there after.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve a resolution to authorize 1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier to apply for an affordable housing planning grant from the State Department of Housing in the amount of \$15,000 to assist in preparation of the Plan according to Connecticut General Statute 8-30J.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Fire Chief Search Update

- Oral Board date set for September 16th

Old Business

None

Tax Refund

1. 61 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard – Frederick W. Keith - \$66.98
2. 15 Freedley Road, Pomfret Center – David & Lori Bennett - \$11.17
3. 66 Long Society Road – Thao Rosen - \$65.91
4. 120 Branch Hill Road – Gene Coviellon/Frangenco LLC - \$84.32
5. 149 Krug Road – Michelle A. Jacobik - \$194.24
6. 485 Route 2 – Iva L. Lawrence - \$24.92
7. 29 Miller Road – Frances A. & Julianne C. King - \$706.45

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.

Public Comment

None

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Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RT Charpentier".

Roberta Charpentier
Preston recording secretary