

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021
Preston Town Hall 6:00 pm**

BoS Present: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem

Call to Order

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to approve the August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and/or Resignations

Appointment: IWWC Zach ~~Turner~~ Turner (term through 12/31/2012) A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to appoint Zach ~~Turner~~ Turner as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission with a term ending 12/31/2014.2024 All in favor. Motion carries

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Millie Peringer

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

Correspondence

1. Fuss & O'Neill – Access Agreement Payment
2. TVCCA – Contribution Acknowledgment FY 2021-2022 – Senior Nutrition Program
3. Assistant Treasurer Appointment – Rosemary Rheume (August 31-November 16, 2021)

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

None

New Business

1. Public Works - Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing, Multiple Roads – CRCOG Bid – Waiver Request; CLA Engineering Bridge Services, Line Item Transfer and Waiver Request

James Corley, Preston Manager of Public Works

Steve Maslin, Director of Public Works Ledyard

J. Corley explained that DOT and many other municipalities use crack sealing to prevent water from penetrating the asphalt which prevents road-way deterioration.

Useal USA was lowest bidder for 3 miles of roads (17 roads) in Preston at ~\$40,000.

S. Maslin noted that Ledyard spent \$190,000 on crack sealing this year and has been crack sealing for 10 years. It is the best preservation technique to stretch the life of roads.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to award the crack sealing bid to Useal USA according to the Capital Regional Council of Governments bid number 708 in accordance with Preston's bid waiver of December 2014 Ordinance Bid Opportunity Section 1 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

All in favor. Motion carries.

J. Corley explained that CLA Engineers has been evaluating bridges and culverts in Preston. The findings have shown a back log of necessary work needed.

CLA submitted pricing for design and permitting work for 6 bridges.

Public Works is requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$29,000.

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the Public Works Department transfer of funds from account 10.5.72.4300.4303.5649 Highway Garage: Road Resurfacing to account 10.5.72.4300.4303.5334 Highway Garage: Contracted-Snow, and purchase of engineering services from CLA Engineers, Inc. in accordance with Preston's bid waiver of December 2014 Ordinance Bid Opportunity Section 1 and 4 with the ability to do that under engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Planning & Zoning - Road Dedication Deed - Burton Road

1st Selectwoman S. Allyn-Gauthier explained that Planning & Zoning recommends the BoS accept this land. It was approved as part of a sub-division, application 2021-01, 583 Route 164

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to accept the deed according to the submitted map and deed description for Burton road.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority - Representative Advisory Board Appointment

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to appoint Steve Coli for a two year term on the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board.

All in favor. Motion carries

4. Covid Update

- Keeping an eye on the Mu variant and hoping people get vaccinated
- Vaccination rates;

Preston partial - 63%

Preston fully - 60%

65+ - 95%

- Continue with universal mask mandate

5. Affordable Housing Plan – Planning Grant Update

- Approved

Old Business

None

Tax Refunds

1. 302 Route 164 – Nancy E. & Anna S. Marsh - \$8.05
2. 115 Route 12 – John N. Stuart - \$5.60
3. 20 Mattern Road – Zachary R. Spicer - \$166.05
4. 11 Tanglewood Drive – Michael C. & Elissa L. Devitto - \$655.45

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Megan ?, Preston resident stated that she attended the BoS meeting to hear the Covid Update.

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary