

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 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

**New Business**

**Preston Redevelopment Agency, DECD Financial Assistance Program**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier explained that last July the Bond Commission approved the 7 million dollars and then the PRA entered into discussion with DECD to fine tune the Financial Assistance Program.

Sean Nugent, Chairman Preston Redevelopment Agency stated that in 2019 it was found there was significantly more ash cinder contamination at the site than previously calculated.

In Connecticut ash cinder has to be trucked off site or consolidated and capped, it can't be re-used.

DECD and DEEP asked for a Master Plan so the areas that needed to be cleaned were apparent.

At this time a Master Plan is not possible:

- For the Tribe to have a Plan they have to have a partner
- The Tribe needs to own the land in order to have a partner
- The land has to be conveyed in order to own it
- DEEP has to release in order to convey the land
- The clean up must be completed before DEEP releases
  
- The Tribe originally wanted the property to be residential clean but have compromised and it will now meet a different criteria.
  
- Since August the PRA and DECD have been in discussion on how to move forward with the Agreement
  
- All three parties had the same end in mind which was how to make it work so conveyance occurs, but all three parties had different expectations and requirements.

DECD wanted the 2 million loan to be spent before the grant.

S. Nugent noted that makes no sense because the loan was always seen as a contingency and Preston is a distressed municipality so it makes more sense to put it at the end.

It was finally added to the implementer bill and now it is the grant first and the loan will be part of the escrow account.

The final FAP was received in September and the PRA met on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> and approve recommending the Board of Selectmen approve as well.

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem that the BoS accept the Financial Assistance Program dated September 9, 2021 and authorize 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier to sign it.  
All in favor. Motion carries**

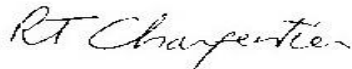
**Public Comment**

No public present

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.  
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier