

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 8, 2018  
Preston Town Hall  
6:30 pm**

**BOS Present: Robert Congdon, Michael Sinko, Lynwood Crary  
BOS Excused: None**

**Call to Order**

**1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm**

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting**
- **March 1, 2018 Budget Workshop**
- **March 5, 2018 Special Meeting**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the March 1, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the March 5, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**New Business**

**1. Resident Trooper, Garrett Boehm – Introduction**

Resident Trooper Armando Bettini and Garrett Boehm were present

Garrett Boehm stated that he grew up in Waterford. Is married with a 14 month old daughter.

Has been in law enforcement for 10 years, starting out in Montville as a Resident Trooper then switched over to the State for the past 6 years.

Has been in the Coast Guard for 14 years.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon asked if Trooper Boehm has met the Superintendent of Schools.

Trooper Boehm answered, many times and has toured both schools.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon noted that this is a key part to community policing. Trooper Boehm took it upon himself to meet the Superintendent and on his own time attended the opening and closing of the schools.

**2. Bingo – New Public Act**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon explained that because of Indian Gaming, local Bingo became a conflict to the Gaming Act so churches and campgrounds are only allowed to have charity Bingo. The State would take care of the accounting, review, etc. The State now requires the Towns to do this, and it is an unfunded mandate.

### **3. Budget**

BoF meeting will be held Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> to present the budget.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon noted that it is a difficult budget year to present to the public.

- Covanta used to be a revenue and is now a property tax
- The Grand List has shrunk substantially.
- The BoE has Excess Cost figures to explain.

### **4. Capital Projects**

Bonding is progressing.

### **5. PR – Gravel Permit**

Manafort needs a place to put contaminated soils from digging up the roads at the Riverwalk property. A gravel permit needs to be approved by Planning & Zoning, in order to use the gravel pit to dispose of the soil.

Two permits were submitted this week. Work should start by the first week of April.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Blight – process**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to assign the duties of Preston's Blight Officer to Preston's Zoning Enforcement Officer.**

#### **Discussion:**

M. Sinko stated that the duties of the ZOE appear to be analogous with the Blight Officer.

L. Crary stated that the BoS need to meet with the ZEO because the whole purpose of the blight ordinance is to work with people to address blight.

**No further discussion**

**All in favor Motion carries.**

## **Reports**

None

## **Appointments and /or Resignations**

Kenneth Schroeder – Appointment – Housing Authority Board

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to appoint Kenneth Schroeder to the Housing Authority Board to April 30, 2018 with the caveat that he meet with BoS before that date to be re-appointed to a 4 year term.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

## **Tax Refunds**

Patricia A. Macek – 80 Middle Road

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and second by L. Crary to refund Patricia A. Macek \$35.00 for over payment of taxes.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

## **Correspondence**

1. Letter dated March 7, 2018 from Kathy Warzecha re: Land Use application for Gravel Excavation Deposit of Fill.

2. Letter dated February 28, 2018 from Attorney Bruce Chudwick, Shipman & Goodwin re: Bond Counsel Services
3. Letter dated February 28, 2018 from Patrick McCormack, Director of Health UNCAS Health district re: Uncas Health District / Town of Preston
4. Letter dated February 26, 2018 from Jay DonFrancisco, Esq. Legal Affairs Unit Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection re: Resident Trooper contract.
5. Letter dated January 25, 2018 from Susan Jacobson, DEEP re: #201709691-GPCST Statewide General Drainage System Maintenance plan
6. Letter dated February 27, 2018 from John Spang, Preston Director of Finance re: Employment contract -120-Day Notification
7. Letter dated March 2, 2018 from Kevin Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Revenue Services re: Neighborhood Assistance Act.
8. Letter dated February 27, 2018 from Tonya MacKenzie, Covanta re: 2017 Tier2 Certification page Southeastern Connecticut Resource Recovery Facility. Facility I.D. # 114002
9. Letter dated February 28, 2018 from Robert Santy, CERC re: CERC's Municipal Economic Development Self-Assessment.
10. Letter dated January 31, 2018 from Charles Firlotte, Aquarion Water Company re: Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards
11. Letter dated February 15, 2015 from David Aldridge :Executive Director, SCRRA re: Audit Report of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017
12. Letter dated March 1, 2018 from Megan Brown, Thames Valley Council for Community Action re: March for Meals campaign.
13. Letter dated February 26, 2018 from Roy Seitsinger, Superintendent re: payroll
14. Letter dated February 2018 from Maryam Elahi, Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut re: Summary Report on The Status of Women and Girls in Eastern Connecticut.
15. Letter from Preston resident Jerry Grabarek re: More aggressive tree trimming to prevent town-wide power outages due to storms.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon noted that the Town Hall lost phone and internet service right after the storm because a 48 port switch failed. Another one could not be found, so 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon called Preston resident Randy Black who work at NPU. He and a technician brought a switch from NPU and installed it for the Town. 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon noted that NPU really bailed the Town out because it was a tough day to be without a phone system with so many residents calling because of the storm.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon noted that Amy Brosnan offered to open and man the Town's shelter at PVMS from noon to 6 pm so residents could shower and charge their phones.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko ad seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier  
recorder