

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2018
Preston Town Hall
6:30 pm**

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

Call to Order

1st Selectman Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting

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

All in favor. Motion carries

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to waive the agenda by Moving Appointments and/or resignations up next.

All in favor. Motion carries

Appointments and/or Resignations

1. Appointment, Kenneth Schroeder to Housing Authority Board

1st Selectman Congdon explained that after the BOS requested K. Schroeder come to a meeting to introduce himself per BoS policy.

Kenneth Schroeder stated that he has been a resident of Preston for 7 years. Is presently in between jobs and has extra time to get involved with the Town.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to appoint Kenneth Shroeder to the Housing authority for a term of 5 years.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Appointment, Patricia Jankowski to Parks & Recreation Committee

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to appoint Patricia Jankowski as a regular member to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Budget 2018-2019

1st Selectman Congdon explained that the BoF asked that the BoS (General Government Budget) and the BoE come back with ideas for \$100,000 cut each.

M. Sinko thought the BoS did a good job of bringing people in, considering their budgets and the BoS did make some cuts.

L. Crary stated he would like more direction from the BoF.

M. Sinko noted that's the BoF's job not the BoS.

1st Selectman Congdon stated if the BoF is going to give a number, they need to give the justification and logic for that number.

1st Selectman Congdon noted that Melissa Lennon, Chair of the Board of Finance was present and asked her clarity on the BoF's request.

M. Lennon explained that the BoF felt that the BoS spent time creating their budget and had different departments come in. Because the BoS know the impacts on any cuts on their budget, the BoF chose not to give specific directives.

M. Lennon noted that the \$100,000 cut was to keep the mill rate down.

1st Selectman Congdon stated he has a problem with the BoS choosing to cut the 2nd Resident Trooper after going to a Referendum to do that.

M. Sinko stated that he is very comfortable with the budget the BoS presented.

2. Policy on bereavement/health/recognition acknowledgments

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the Town should have policy defining who the Town sends acknowledgments to and whether Town Boards and Commissions should contribute.

L. Crary stated he's not sure it will be as meaningful if it's policy rather than the Town sending something because they care.

1st Selectman Congdon stated that he will research other ideas.

3. P & Z - Debari Subdivision #2017-05-30 Stanton Lane

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to accept the 25' right-a-way on a subdivision on 30 Stanton Lane.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. FBI -Norwich State Hospital -Indoor Post Blast Training School -May 21-25, 2018

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the FBI was going to use the Norwich section of the Hospital property, but ownership is in question. The FBI has people coming from all over the world to train so the PRA will accommodate them.

5. St. Catherine's of Siena Road Use Permit - June 14, 2018

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve a road Use Permit for the St. Catherine's of Siena road race.

All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) –Designation

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to approve the designation of American Ambulance.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to waive on to the agenda Schedule a Special Town Meeting.

All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Schedule a Special Town Meeting

1st Selectman Congdon explained that one of the approved Capital Projects was to replace the gym floor at PVMS.

The bid came in under the approved amount.

New bleachers are need for increased capacity so the BoE requested the BoF allow bleachers to be purchased under the same bid.

BoF requested the BoS schedule a Special Town Meeting to add the bleachers to the Capital Projects.

1st Selectman Congdon drafted the question:

Shall the Town of Preston allocate in available funds for the 2018-2022 Capital Projects a sum not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase and installation of new bleachers at Preston Veterans school.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Thursday April 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Preston Veteran's Memorial School. All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

None

Reports

None

Tax Refunds

1. Corelogic Tax Service - 198 Branch Hill Road

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to refund Corelogic Tax Service \$1968.00 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries

2. CorelogicTaxservice-32Amos Road

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to refund Corelogic Tax Service \$2533.20 for over payment of taxes.

3. CorelogicTaxservice-79 RadlerRoad

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to refund Corelogic Tax Service \$2892.60 for over payment of taxes.

4. CorelogicTaxservice-16 Mainsway

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to refund Corelogic Tax Service \$2829.60 for over payment of taxes.

Correspondence

1. Pamphlet announcing Freedom Of Information Commission annual conference on April 27, 2018 at Haddam, CT

2. Letter dated April 6, 2018 from state of Connecticut Department of Housing re: Monitoring Small Cities Grant #SC1211401-Closeout Monitoring Preston Housing Rehabilitation Program

3. Letter from Eastern Connecticut Association of Realtors, Inc. re: Membership Meeting to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act on April 18th at the Holiday Inn, Norwich

4. Regional tele-communication

5. Letter dated March 19, 2018 from Deborah Monahan, Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCC) re: Thank you for supporting TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program

6. Invitation from Kevin Blacker to attend a discussion on Thames River Utilization potential.

7. Invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut re: 68TH ANNUAL

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION honoring LOUIS ZIEGLER.

8. Survey from Senator Chris Murphy

Public Comment

Andy Depta, Preston resident stated that the March 27th Planning & Zoning Minutes indicate that Bob Boyd is the director of Public Works.

A. Depta asked if Bob Boyd is the Public works director.

1st Selectman Congdon answered no.

Mike Sinko noted that those minutes have not been approved yet.

Melissa Lennon, BoF Chair stated that the BoF made a recommendation that the BoS ask the Safety Committee to review costs for state Troopers, Norwich Police, and Ledyard Police and asked if any progress has been made with that task.

1st Selectman Congdon answered that he had a lengthy discussion with the Mayor of Ledyard.

M. Lennon asked if the Safety Commission is aware of the BoF's request.

1st Selectman Congdon answered that he spoke with the Vice Chairman of the Safety Committee.

L. Crary suggested the BoS send a written request.

Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder