

**Preston Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 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
May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve the May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Aye: R. Congdon, L. Crary

Abstention: M. Sinko

Motion carries

New Business

➤ **Referendum – June 12th - Results**

- BOE votes were 352, no - 240, yes
- General Government votes were 309, no - 283, yes
- Joint meeting scheduled for June 19th at 7:00 pm with BOS, BOE and BOF
- BOS will set a Town Meeting and Referendum

➤ **Planning & Zoning – 17 Prodell Road**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to Accept a strip of land on 17 Prodell Road for road purposes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

➤ **Budget 2018-2019**

1st Selectman Congdon noted that this will be done in July because he does not have all the information on the transfers yet.

➤ **Long Range Planning**

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the Town is a year away from transferring the Riverwalk property to the Mohegan Tribe and in a year and a half he will retire, so some long range planning should be done.

1st Selectman Congdon noted he has been talking with Mike Clancy about police protection and would like to look into splitting the cost of a consultant with Ledyard.

Once the property is transferred and developed, Preston will need more than 1 resident trooper.

L. Crary asked what type of consultant would be hired.

Mike Clancy suggested going to the International Association of Chiefs of Police for direction.

L. Crary asked if the BOS would be just looking at police.

1st Selectman Congdon suggested that the BOS request assistance from the Town's Public Safety Committee and expand the search to all public safety; fire, safety and police.

1st Selectman Congdon stated that the State is pushing all towns into going to a health district

1st Selectman Congdon reached out to Pat McCormack, Director of Health, Uncas Health District to discuss. This would replace the Town's Sanitarian, the Health Inspector and the Director of Health.

Motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to waive the agenda by adding on Shipman & Goodwin legal services for the PRA.

All in favor. Motion carries.

➤ **Shipman & Goodwin Legal Services for the PRA**

1st Selectman Congdon explained that Shipman & Goodwin are providing legal service to the PRA on Preston Riverwalk. There are 2 rate schedules. A municipal rate of \$285.00 per hour is charged for non PDDA related legal services and PDDA related work is billed to the Mohegan Tribe at the firm's normal rate.

Shipman & Goodwin sent a proposal with a 7% increase to their rates on legal services related to the PDDA. The PRA has approved the new rate; however the BOS has to act on this as well.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve Shipman & Goodwin's proposal for legal services

All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

➤ **Housing Authority – Tax Abatement**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that the Housing authority have a 4% PILOT and another 4% goes into a Capital Fund, to be used for Capital projects.

All in favor. Motion carries

➤ **Bonding**

- Paperwork was signed last week.
- Money came in and short term PRA loan was paid off.

➤ **Public Works - Loader**

L. Crary checked into the warranties;

- John Deer has 12 month, unlimited hour, full machine warranty.
- Caterpillar has 60 month 5,000 hour, full machine warranty.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to award the bid to H.O. Penn to purchase a Caterpillar 926M

Discussion:

1st Selectman Congdon stated that H.O. Penn offered to take the Town's old loader in trade and suggested before doing that, soliciting sealed bids and if nothing comes in higher then the Town can trade it in.

No further discussion

All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

None

Appointments and/or Resignations

- Planning & Zoning resignation of Alternate Member Fran Coviello,
- Board of Finance resignation of Regular Member Daniel Duprey.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to waive the agenda by adding on Youth Services.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Youth Services

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to re-affirm Bob Onderdonk as a member of the Youth Services Board.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Tax Refunds

1. Toyota Financial services-Leased vehicle

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Toyota Financial services \$351.00 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Jason Pelletier-675 Route 165

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Jason Pelletier \$33.94 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries

3. Jason & Melissa Pelletier -675 Route 165

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Jason & Melissa Pelletier \$44.54 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries

4. Jason & Melissa Pelletier-675 Route 165

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Jason & Melissa Pelletier \$16.82 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries

5. Matthewchamberlain-122 Route 2A

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Matthew Chamberlain \$250.47 for over payment of taxes.

All in favor. Motion carries

Correspondence

1. Letter dated May 22, 2018 from DOT re: Bridge Inspection Reports for Local Structures Tour of Preston.
2. Letter dated June 1, 2018 from GZA Engineering re CT State Police Training Facility, CEPA Scoping
3. Letter dated June 4, 2016 from John Gauthier, Custom Carpentry to Fran Minor, Preston Senior Center re: repair work in crawlspace.
4. Correspondence from Jacob Rossen, student Preston Plains Middle School re: fossil fuels and climate change.

Public Comment

1st Selectman Congdon noted that Sandra Gauthier was present and had met with last week to express her interest in the 1st Selectman's position.

1st Selectman Congdon stated that Sandra has a 25 year career in banking and a Master's Degree in Business Administration so she has the tools to be a viable candidate.

Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder