

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, August 30, 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 6:31 pm**

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**August 16, 2018 Special Meeting**

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to approve the August 16, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**New Business**

**BOE Budget - Referendum results**

The vote was 410 to 300

The tax rate was set to 26.03

1.7 of this increase is due to property revaluations.

**Application for Special Town Meeting**

Shall the Preston Veterans Memorial School located at 325 Shetucket Turnpike, Preston, CT be the polling place for all Town elections, primaries, and referendums?

L. Crary asked what the driver for this petition was.

Norm Gauthier, Preston resident explained that he saw elderly residents struggle to get up and down the ramp at Town Hall, and the increased traffic on Route 2 makes it difficult to get in and out of the Town Hall.

Desiree Majcher, Republican Registrar stated that there is curb side voting available for handicapped residents. We would have to pay someone to move everything over to the school and then back when the polls are open for voting. Then the school has to be cleaned up when the voting is done, and all the files and computers are located at Town Hall.

Desiree Majcher noted that the Registrar's handbook stated that it is up to the Registrar where the voting will take place.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon stated that he contacted the Town's Attorney who indicated this is a legal question.

Desiree Majcher and Cheryl Roberts, Democratic Registrar noted that often during voting they have to go into files located at the Town Hall to verify residents voter registration because residents don't realize they can't vote in the primaries if they aren't registered as a Democrat or Republican.

Cheryl Roberts, Democratic Registrar noted that if it is moved to the school, more people will have to be hired, such as a security guard or a police officer.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon stated he asked Dr. Seitsinger if security would be needed and Dr. Seitsinger did not feel security would be necessary because they could block off access to the building except for the doors where the polling would take place.

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to hold a Town Meeting at Preston Veteran's Memorial School on September 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm.**

**With the question: Shall the Preston Veterans Memorial School located at 325 Shetucket Turnpike, Preston, CT be the polling place for all Town elections, primaries, and referendums?**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

#### **Code Revisions**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon explained that the Town Clerk, Hattie Wucik and Town Planner, Kathy Warzecha applied for and received a grant to revise Town Codes.

K. Warzecha requested the Selectmen review the draft and provide input.

#### **2017-2018 Line Item Transfer Requests**

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that the Board of Selectmen approve Senior Affairs line item transfer request of \$21.47 from Operating Expenses to Electricity and to encumber \$6106.00 for the installation of an intrusion alarm system at the Preston Senior Center.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary that the Board of Selectmen approve Parks & Recreation's line item transfer request of \$881.06 from Office Assistant, \$629.45 from Maintenance Employee, \$237.07 from Program Supplies for a total of \$1747.58 to Maintenance.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko that the Board of Selectmen approve Parks & Recreation's line item transfer request of \$114.58 from Recorder to Youth Employment.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Old Business**

None

**Reports**

None

**Appointments and/or Resignations**

None

**Tax Refunds**

675 Route 165 – Jason & Melissa Pelletier

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Sinko to refund Jason & Melissa Pelletier \$199.50 for overpayment of taxes.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

675 Route 165 – Melissa Pelletier

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to refund Melissa Pelletier \$115.15 for overpayment of taxes.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

**Correspondence**

1. Department of Transportation access approval
2. Kathy Warzecha re: gifting of 41 Matthewson Mill Road to the Town of Preston.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by M. Sinko and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier  
recorder