

TOWN OF PRESTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022
AND REFERENDUM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors & citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Preston was held at the Preston Plains Middle School on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Sandra Allyn-Gauthier.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Nicholas Vegliante as moderator.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Jill Keith, Town Clerk read the legal notice as it appeared in the The Day.

The meeting was held for the following purposes:

Item #1: To act on and to adopt the expenditure budget of the Board of Education for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$13,459,495 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #1 on the floor for discussion.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Item #1 was moved to a Referendum on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 pursuant to the Town Ordinance adopted on May 16, 1995.

Item #2: To act on and to adopt the expenditure budget of the General Government for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$4,568,124 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #2 on the floor for discussion.

Discussion followed.

Item #2 was moved to a Referendum on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 pursuant to the Town Ordinance adopted on May 16, 1995.

Item #3: To act on and to adopt the Revenues Budget, including any revenue from the Mohegan/Mashantucket Pequot Slot Grant, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #3 on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Item #3.

In favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Item #4: To authorize the Board of Selectman to expend the greater of \$199,206 or the amount granted to the Town by the State of Connecticut, plus interest, on the Town Aid Road Account, upon receipt of such funds from the State of Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #4 on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Item #4.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Item #5: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the greater of \$42,984 or the amount granted to the Town by the State of Connecticut, plus interest, on the Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP) Account, upon receipt of such Funds from the State of Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

A motion was made and seconded to put **Item #5** on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve **Item #5**.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Item #6: To ratify and authorize the Treasurer to expend: \$141,888 to pay debt service on the Preston Riverwalk Project approved at the December 18, 2012 Referendum; \$129,588 to pay debt service on the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan approved at the April 23, 2013 Referendum and \$484,025 to pay debt service on the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan approved at the February 6, 2018 Referendum (Total \$755,500).

A motion was made and seconded to put **Item #6** on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve **Item #6**.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Item #7: To adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF PRESTON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUND.

The foregoing ordinance will take effect 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Section 1. Establishment of Fund; Deposits.

The Town of Preston shall hereby establish an American Rescue Plan Act Fund (the "Fund")

There shall be deposited into said Fund any and all monies received by the Town of Preston, directly or indirectly, from the Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund created under the American Rescue Plan Act (the "Act"), together with any funds from any source designated by the Town of Preston to be added to this Fund.

Section 2. Custody and Investment of Fund.

The Fund shall be in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Preston. All or any part of the monies in the Fund may, from time to time, be invested in any investment in which public funds may be lawfully invested. All incomes derived from such investments shall be credited to the Fund and become a part thereof. The monies so invested shall at all times be subject to withdrawal from such investments for use as provided in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Use of Fund.

The monies in the fund may be used by the Town for any purpose authorized under the Act, as the same may be amended from time to time, any federal regulations, rules or orders issued in conjunction with the Act, any state statutes or regulations issued with respect to funds received pursuant to the Act.

Section 4. Process of Appropriating Proceeds of the Fund.

The Board of Selectman, in consultation with the Board of Finance and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, shall develop one or more plans for the proposed use of the monies in the Fund. Once a plan has been developed, the Board of Selectman shall hold a public hearing to receive public input on the plan.

Following the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall review and consider revision of the plan for the use of the monies in the Fund and shall thereafter vote on any motion for an expenditure from the Fund, provided that such expenditure is in accordance with the Act.

In the event the plan proposed by the Board of Selectmen requires a single appropriation in excess of \$100,000, such appropriation shall not be subject to a referendum as contemplated in the ordinance adopted on May 16, 1995 but any single appropriation in excess of \$50,000 will be put forth to a vote at a Town Meeting.

Section 5. Annual Report

Annually, the Treasurer, as custodian of the Fund, shall submit to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance a complete and detailed report of the financial condition of said Fund, which report shall be made part of the Annual Municipal Report. The Treasurer shall also submit any additional reports as may be required under the Act.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #7 on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Item #7.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Item #8: To adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, that the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer are authorized, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, to borrow upon the note or notes of the Town, such sums in such manner as in their judgment shall be required to pay expenses and obligations of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections, water rents or charges, or any federal or state grants with respect to a project or program.

A motion was made and seconded to put Item #8 on the floor for discussion.

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Item #8.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

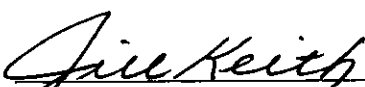
A motion was made and seconded to extend voting hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In Favor: Majority Opposed: none **Motion Carried**

Approximately 51 citizens attended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Dated at Preston, CT this 16th day of June, 2022.



Jill Keith
Preston Town Clerk