

**Preston Redevelopment Agency  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
Preston Town Hall  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Sean Nugent (SN)  
James Bell (JB) - excused  
Joseph Biber (JB*i*)  
Robert Congdon (RC)  
Sandra Allyn-Gauthier (S A-G)  
Merrill Gerber (MG)  
Bill Legler (BL)

**2. Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2021**

**A motion was made by MG and seconded by BL to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2021 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**3. Communications**

**BL**

Nancy Musa – personal communication, email  
Kathy Warzecha – Personal communication, email, telephone  
Mike Daversa - telephone

**S A-G**

Site Team Meeting - virtual  
CIRMA - virtual

**SN**

Site Team Meeting – virtual  
Tighe & Bond – email, telephone, virtual  
MGE – email, telephone  
Tracy Rosiene - email  
Tom Castle - email  
Joe Annello – telephone  
Kathy Warzecha – email, telephone  
Manafort Brothers – email, telephone  
CIRMA – virtual  
Bob Russo - email

#### **4. Administration – SN**

- Pipeline deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Nugent will write an article on starting up again with the clean-up at the Riverwalk property.
- Meeting with Tom Castle on Friday

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by ML to waive the agenda by adding Board of Selectmen updates.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

#### **5. Board of Selectmen Updates - 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman S A-G**

- Budget preparation and Capital Planning
- Met with DOT re: grants for repair and/or replacement of bridges
- Met with USDA Rural Grant Program
- Uncas Health continues to approve in-person meetings for Preston
- Selected Town's Finance Director

Chairman Nugent noted that he will attend the next BoS meeting to give an update on the Eversource Agreement and the Site Re-start

#### **6. Task Group Activity**

##### **a) Finance - BL**

- YTD - \$20,382.55 spent
- 18% of budget has been spent

SN shared an updated Task Order approval list with the Agency

##### **b) Site Operations / Site Clean Up – SN**

- Site Team Meeting with MGE, Manafort Brothers, Tighe & Bond gave an update on quick hits
- On the IWWC agenda for Pathway Building permit
- Plan to re-start clean -up at the property the first week of February
- Meg Harper plans to come out and cover the remaining features and monitor installation of the fence for expansion of consolidation area B
- Parcel 5 /peninsula soil is being sampled
- Railroad ties found on the peninsula; will address with P&W regarding clean-up
- 6,000 yard of clean fill from a construction site available but needs sifting and grinding so cost would be too high
- Additional engineering work needed for expansion of consolidation area B to confirm volume of clean material and allow cost estimate
- MGE is asking for a Hazardous Building Materials Abatement Plan which is in the PDDA
- PRA will request that Planning & Zoning to renew permit for Expansion of Consolidation Area B

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier explained she SN and RC had a conference call with CIRMA on January 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the wash-out at the property not being covered because they identified it as raw land. CIRMA reiterated this viewpoint during the conference call.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier, SN and RC will figure out what part of the overall cost is the sediment that went into the cove and go back to CIRMA because that can be considered as liability.

- Eversource has accepted the change in exhibit A and they are ready to get things going. Joe Anello from Eversource is working with Preston's Building Inspector on getting the construction trailer on site. R. Congdon stated that Eversource needs to get their utilities from NPU otherwise CL&P will claim franchise rights to that property.
- Chairman Nugent will prepare the budget for approval by the PRA then it can be presented to the BoS.

#### **7. New Business**

None

#### **8. Public Comment**

No Public present

#### **9. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.  
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier  
Preston Recording Secretary