

Town of Preston, CT
Preston Polling Location Committee
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Preston Town Hall
7 pm

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jack Smallwood.
2. **Role Call:** Michael Sinko, Ed Gauthier, Jack Smallwood, Desiree Majcher, Karen Stockton all present

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Ed Gauthier and seconded by Mike Sinko to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Open issues:** Karen Stockton reported that she had contacted the Secretary of the State (SOTS). She was told that they no longer issue waivers. Waivers can only be obtained through the building official of the town. The waivers should only be applied for if there is no available site within the town that is accessible. The SOTS has the authority to object to such a waiver if they feel it should not be granted.
5. **New Business.** The issue of a Town Ordinance stating that the “Town House” is the designated as the polling place and the Registrars responsibility to hold elections in places that meet standards of accessibility. Town Hall does not meet those standards.

A motion was made by Ed Gauthier, seconded by Jack Smallwood to designate Preston Veterans Memorial School as the permanent polling place. Discussion followed. Ed Gauthier moved to withdraw his motion.

A motion was made by Ed Gauthier to have the Registrars select the polling place for all Preston elections/referendums. No second was obtained.

Tabled Items: General discussion took place about the pros and cons of other locations. It was decided that we would each visit the following sites and rank them in order of desirability from 1-4 with 1 being the most desirable or preferred: Preston Veterans Memorial School, VFW, Preston City Fire House, and Preston Plains Middle School. A handout on polling place accessibility was distributed

6. **Public Comment:** none
7. **Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Stockton
Secretary