

REVISED

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2022
Preston Town Hall - Lower Level**

1. Call to Order

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Members

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
Jerry Grabarek
Ken Zachem

Also Present

Kimberly Lang, Recorder
Cindy Varricchio - Finance Director
Jim Corley - Public Works Manager

3. Acceptance of Minutes

a. March 17, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 2, second paragraph *reflex* should be *reflect*
- Page 2, third paragraph *Non-recurring Fund* should be *ARPA*
- Page 2, eighth paragraph, *SCCOG* should be *COST*

***Jerry Grabarek motion to approve the March 17, 2022, Special Meeting minutes as amended.
Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

4. Correspondence

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier shared that Covanta Report, each year they send out their tier two report which lists the various chemicals at their facilities and the transportation data of those chemicals.

5. Reports - None

6. Appointments/Resignations

a. Resignation

It was stated that Tyler Keith of the BAA has submitted a letter of resignation due to a change in residency. His term is from 11/16/2021 to 11/07/2023, it was also noted that with the present makeup of the Board of Assessment Appeals that the appointee can be from either party or independent.

7. New Business

a. Bid Award: 12/16/2021 - Update

Jim Corley stated that the December bid was in two parts and that Adam Collins has paid and picked up the items that he was awarded in the Bid process. However, there have been issues with Jade Enterprise, LLC. An accident that prevented pick up and payment, and then multiple delays for various reasons. At this point, Jim Corley has two solutions: the first is to go out to Bid again or sell the remaining item to Calamari Recycling Co. Inc. Scrap Metal. Calamari will pay \$0.10 per pound for everything that can fit in a dumpster and will pay \$0.08 per pound for the plow truck and loader.

Ken Zachem motioned to rescind the Bid contract with Jade Enterprise, LLC. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ken Zachem motioned to award the sale of scrap items to Calamari Recycling Co. Inc. Scrap Metal for the amount of \$4130.00 for the items listed. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. Budget FY 2022-3

The Board reviewed their proposed budget discussing various items. It was noted that \$430.00 had been added for GFOA, General Finance Officers Association.

Health and Dental care are calculated at an 8% increase, as was advised.

CIRMA has a 5% cap increase although it could be less, this won't be known until later. CIRMA policy will include cyber security.

It was noted that multiple items were moved within the budget, they have been noted and highlighted; it was felt the moves were necessary to reflex spending more appropriately and make accounting more streamlined.

The Board reviewed the concern that not enough was budgeted for fuel. After reviewing the passed several years' record of fuel expenditures it was decided that the 22% increase for that line should be sufficient.

The legal cost has increased because of several items on the horizon and year to date the town has spent \$16,000 so the increase is justified.

Cindy Varricchio asked to discuss Town Aid Road. She stated that it needs to be seen as revenue, not as what the town presently lists it as. The auditors will support listing it as revenue because it is a cleaner way to track expenditures. Town Aid Road is a State Revenue.

After reviewing the Budget it was noted that there would be an 8.7% increase over last year. With current inflation rates, and cost and services increases, the increase in the budget is unavoidable. It was further decided that the Park & Rec mower for \$19,000; Library repairs for \$11,050; and Highway Garage trailer for \$8,500 a total of \$48,550 would be paid with ARPA Funds and Parks & Rec's request of \$10,000 for their Summer Program would remain in the budget.

Ken Zachem motioned in the traditional way, to allocate for Town Aid Road as a net and an offset to the Highway Garage Budget which would be \$4,368,907.63 an increase of \$347,771.63 over the prior year's budget. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ken Zachem motioned for general accounting principles and per auditors' recommendation, Town Aid Road in the amount of \$199,216 will be moved to a Revenue; making the budget \$4,568,123.63 for an increase of \$546,987.63. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Old Business - None

9. Tax Refund

- a. David Vanasse - 2020-02-0040651 - \$122.24

Ken Zachem motioned to approve the tax refund to David Vanasse - 2020-02-0040651 for \$122.24. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Public Comment - No public

11. Adjournment

Jerry Grabarek motioned to adjourn at 7:40 P.M... Ken Zachem seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Lang

Kimberly Lang