

**Preston Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2022  
Preston Town Hall  
7:00 pm**

**BoS Present:** Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Jerry Grabarek, Ken Zachem

**Call to Order**

1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

March 24, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the March 24, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as amended.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Page 2, 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 Government Finance Officers Association*

*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~~ reflect spending more appropriately and make accounting more streamlined.*

*The legal cost ~~has~~ (was increased last year) because of several items on the horizon and year to date the town has spent \$16,000 so the (prior) increase is justified*

**Correspondence**

None

**Reports**

Reappointments: Parks & Recreation Commission

Reappoint to five-year terms (4/1/22 – 3/31/22)

Daniel Coley, Regular Member (term expires 3/31/22)

Rachel Tucker, Regular Member (term expires 3/31/22)

**A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by K. Zachem to reappoint Daniel Coley and Rachel Tucker to 5 year terms from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

**New Business**

**1. Budget 2022-2023**

The BoS attended BoF meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>:

**2. Budget Timeline & Locations**

Public Hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm. Location tbd.

Town Meeting June 2, 2022, 7:30 pm. Location tbd

Referendum June 14, 2022 Preston Plains Middle School

**3. Community Funding Project Grants**

Congressman Courtney announced that he has community project funding applications for various grants through various agencies.

Preston is applying for two;

1. Preston Town Hall improvements and renovations through Department of Housing and Urban Development - \$370,000.

2. Public Works improvements - \$210,000

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to amend the Agenda by waiving on Emergency Culvert Replacement.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**4. Emergency Culvert Replacement**

Jim Corley, Public Works Manager informed Bos of a collapsed culvert on Brown Road.

The cost to repair or replace was not budgeted so either an appropriation from the BoF will be needed or LoCIP will be used.

**Old Business**

None

**Tax Refund**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by K. Zachem and seconded by J. Grabarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*RT Charpentier*

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