

**Preston Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/ Quorum

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

2. Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022

A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Communications

BL

Kathy Warzecha – personal communication, email, telephone
Leigh Pappas - personal communication
Erin Gizio – Town of Preston Treasurer - personal communication

S A-G

Ianti Grant – telephone, email

SN

Attorney Bruce Chudwick - email, telephone
Andrew Davis – email, virtual
Alfredo Fernandez – email, virtual
Tighe & Bond – email, telephone, virtual
Attorney Matt Ritter – email
Fire Chief Keith Wucik – email
Joshua Go – email
Neal Mckiernan - email
Mark Bruno - email
Ted Amente – email
Tracy Rosiene – email
Cindy Varrichio email, personal communication
Erin Gizio – email, telephone
Kathy Warzecha – email, telephone
Mike Diversa – email, telephone

4. Administration

- Fire Chief Keith Wucik requested a post blast school on the Riverwalk property. It was declined due to Eversource being on the property.
- Joshua Go asked for trees on Parcel 1. The request was declined.
- Neal Mckiernan, Chief of Staff for Congressman Courtney informing that David Cash, EPA is interested in visiting the property.
- Ted Amente requested information on the Master Plan of the site.
- Attorney Chudwick is retiring.
- SN wrote an article for the Pipeline.
- [The Day - Memories of an Asylum: A Look Back as Cleanup Resumes at Norwich Hospital - News from southeastern Connecticut](#)

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5.1 Selectwoman – S A-G

- Emailed Ianti Grant
- Budget timeline: BoF will review budgets on May 18th, Public Hearing is set for May 26th. Town Meeting is set for June 9th, Referendum will be 21st or 22nd.
- 1st Selectwoman S A-G reached out to Senator Osten and asked about getting funds for the Preston fire Department. Senator Osten requested \$150,000 for each Fire House and feels confident that Preston will receive those funds.
- Submitted for Town Hall renovations and Public work needs through Community Project Funding

6. Task Group Activity

a) Funding – SN

- SN and KW will reconcile what was available of the 10 million to do the quick hits

b) Finances - BL

Monthly spend: \$802

YTD: \$34,131

Balance: \$78,975

c) Site Operations/Site Clean Up – SN

- Quick hits are completed
- Gate at main entrance broke

A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to approve Task Order #187 to MBI in the amount of \$53,120, to be paid out of the PRA Operating Budget for fence repairs, main gate motor replacement/improvements

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to accept Eversource check #51133 in the amount of \$7500 as part of the Agreement with Eversource on the lease of Parcel 4.

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All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Old Business

None

7. Public Comment

None

8. Executive Session

A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG that the PRA go into executive session Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(1) – Discussion of preliminary draft of the Property Disposition and Development Agreement Amendment #1 regarding the sale of Preston Riverwalk to the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, it being hereby determined by the PRA that the public interest in withholding such draft Agreement clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Inviting Bob Congdon and 1st Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier into executive session.

All in favor. Motion carries.

The PRA went into executive session at 7:58 pm

Executive session ended at 8:25 pm

No action was taken

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by BL and seconded by MG to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

RT Charpentier

Respectfully submitted,
Preston Recording Secretary