

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2022
Preston Town Hall - Lower Level**

Call to Order - Sandra Allyn-Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier

Jerry Grabarek

Ken Zachem

Also Present

Jim Corley - Public Works Director

Kimberly Lang - Recording Secretary

2. Correspondence - None

3. Reports - None

4. Appointments and/or Resignations - None

5. New Business

a. LOTCIP Grant Application

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier reviewed the plan and presentation to be given to the Board of Finance in an hour. She shared that Kate Rattan Transportation Manager with SCCOG will be there to explain the process and reassure the Board of Finance that the funds are available. And further reviewed that Preston has applied for a SCCOG grant which has multiple steps to acquire the grant. The first step was due on June 15, 2022 and she shared that the Poquetanuck Village Traffic Calming Plan has been chosen as the number one project for the region. Poquetanuck Village borders the park, Tri-Town Trail, and the cove. Unfortunately the resources in this area can't be fully tapped due to the high speed and volume of the traffic. This project will enhance the Village by slowing the traffic and making the area safer for pedestrians. By doing these two vital steps: slowing traffic with lights, crosswalks, and possibly speed humps; and making it safer for pedestrians by adding sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting, it is hoped that this will promote economic growth in the area while accentuating the historical elements in the village. It will allow for cafes, boutiques, and give the area the right feel that will make people want to stop and visit. The grant will cover the cost of the construction which is estimated that this first phase will cost \$3,000,000. However, it will not cover the \$300,000 engineering fee, which is why there's a need to create a public partnership with the residents of the Town, particularly

Poquetanuck Village residents in order to gain their support as this project moves forward. There will need to be multiple meetings in order to show SCCOG that the citizens of Preston are behind this project and that's why tonight's meeting with the Board of Finance is so important.

It was then discussed that a traffic light at School House Road is needed and that the project should include the intersection of Route 117 and 2A so the park entrance is part of the project.

b. Bid-Waiver - Engineering Services

Sandra-Allyn Gauthier shared that she has received two estimates to complete the first phase of the engineering for this project. Both estimates will produce plans that will meet SCCOG's criteria for the next phase of the application process. In the bids the project limits are roughly along Route 2A from the intersection of Lincoln Park Road westerly to the Middle Road intersection. The scope of the services will include base mapping and concept plans, which includes 12 detailed steps; and technical support services that will support Preston's preparation of the complete LOTCIP Grant application.

CLA Engineers, Inc, who have done work for the Town in the past and is presently working on the Bridge Study, came in with an estimated cost of \$10,000. Fuss and O'Neill, Inc. has an estimated cost of \$26,000 for the same services. A brief discussion followed.

Ken Zachem motion to approve the bid waiver for LOTCIP engineering services according to bid ordinance acted December 30, 2014 waiver of bid requirements number 4 for the amount not to exceed \$10,000 to CLA Engineers, INC. per proposed contingent upon approval by the Board of Finance and funding source including but not limited to ARPA funds. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Old Business - None

7. Tax Refunds - None

8. Public Comment - None

9. Adjournment

Ken Zachem motioned to adjourn at 7:44 P.M. Jerry Grabarek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Lang

Recording Secretary