



Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
Date: August 20, 2001
Town of Redding, Connecticut

Present: N. Ketcham, T. Miller, J. Cotton
Public: Ten people
Media: Redding Pilot

First Selectman Ketcham called the August 20, 2001 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the July 16, 2001 meeting as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: the meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 31, 2001 as submitted. Miller. Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the emergency meeting of July 31, 2001 as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen amend the agenda to include a report on the Redding web site. Miller. Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

REPORT ON THE REDDING WEB SITE

Mrs. Miller introduced Frank Taylor and Bob Moran, who along with Cathy Samose and Lee Wylie, are responsible for getting the Town of Redding web site up and running.

The web site address is: www.TownofReddingCT.org

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Moran gave a brief overview of how the web site will work and what information it will provide.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RESURFACING FY 2001-2002

Highway Superintendent, Bruce Sanford, presented a plan for the fiscal year that would postpone chip-sealing roads, and work on structural repair. He explained that many of the roads are in need of drainage improvement. In addition, some roads would receive some asphalt paving. The Board of Selectmen was in agreement with the plan.

POLICE FOUNDATION REPORT UPDATE

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Mrs. Ketcham reported on her meeting with Chief Solloman of Easton. The Police Chief Association has formed a subcommittee to give advice and assistance to towns considering an independent police department. Mrs. Ketcham met with the chair of the subcommittee to discuss what help the might be provided for Redding. The Board of Selectmen is interested in getting an accurate estimate of the costs of going to an independent police department.

CL&P TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSAL UPDATE

Pat Hinckley, a resident, read a letter into the record that urges citizens and the Town of Redding to live more conservatively and to sustain the life of the earth. The idea of encouraging residents to conserve electricity was discussed. Mrs. Ketcham will explore the idea of an energy audit of the Town's building.

Mrs. Ketcham reported the four towns impacted by the proposed power line have joined together to hire a consultant, an expert in the field. One of the first questions to be addressed is the question of need.

Several members in the audience spoke about their efforts to oppose the overhead power lines and their plans to attend the meeting of the Siting Council.

VOICE STREAM LOCATION UPDATE

Mrs. Ketcham reported that she met with John Hayes and a representative of Voice Stream to review potential sites for cellular towers. The West Redding Fire Department is the best site to provide coverage for the Route 53 corridor. The Ridge Fire Department is the best site for Route 58 coverage. The Highway Department was considered the best site for the center of town, with the Police Station and the Center Fire House as alternative sites.

Mrs. Ketcham suggested that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for an opinion and recommendation. Mrs. Miller asked that the referral be postponed at this time. She asked that an assessment of legal risk or risk analysis be done. She also had questions regarding the Kaufman tower and it's potential use, and the possibility of camouflaging the towers.

No action on was taken.

BUDGET TRANSFERS FY 2001-01

The line item transfers, reallocating expenditures, for FY 2000-2001 were considered.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen recommend Budget Transfers for FY 2000-2001 to a Town Meeting, pending Board of Finance approval, in the amount of \$374,615.27. Miller, Cotton. Approved. 2-1. Mr. Cotton cast the dissenting vote.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set a date of September 10, 2001 at 7:15 p.m. to consider and act upon the Transfer of Funds for FY 2000-2001. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND JOB DESCRIPTION

The subcommittee working out the details on operation/organization for the Community Center recommended that a person be employed to be on site from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. In

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addition to providing building supervision, this person would be responsible for the maintenance of the building, and general supervision over the maintenance people for the other town buildings. In addition, there will be a need for “on call” and weekend maintenance persons.

The positions were discussed and it was agreed that there is a need for such coverage. Mrs. Ketcham will further refine the job descriptions and titles. She would like to have the full time person on board by October 1, prior to the building actually opening.

Application for Use: a draft document of the Application for Use of the Community Center was reviewed. Minor changes were suggested.

TRI STATE TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

Mrs. Ketcham reported the Tri State Transportation group is interested in issues of traffic calming and maintenance of rural atmospheres for communities. Additional information from the group is expected and a presentation could be arranged.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Region #9 Board of Education vacancy: Bill Brown has tendered his resignation from the Region #9 Board of Education effective immediately due to new job responsibilities. Persons interested in filling the position were asked to contact the Democratic Town Committee chair Sam Mayer, the Republican Town Committee chair Peggy Sullivan, or First Selectman Ketcham.
2. Code of Ethics revisions from Board of Ethics: The Board of Ethics will meet on Wednesday, September 5, 2001 to review and act upon the revisions.
3. Diamond Hill Bridge: work is ahead of schedule and it is anticipated that the bridge will be reopened mid September.
4. Meadow Ridge Life Care Center is expected to open for residents about October 24, 2001.

AJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary