



Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22,2001

Town of Redding, Connecticut

Present: N. Ketcham, T. Miller, J. Cotton
Also present: 13 members of the public
Media: Sue Wolf of the Redding Pilot.

The January 22, 2001 meeting of the Redding Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Hearing Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2000 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 18, 2000 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Mrs. Miller abstained.

Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 8, 2001 was tabled.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Cardillo reported that outside work on the project is shut down for the winter. Some erosion repair was done as a result of the heavy snow over the weekend. Work on the inside is progressing slowly due to the weather. The building is behind schedule with the date of occupancy now mid June. The contractor is trying to move the date up.

A site walk with DEP was conducted after a breakout occurred in December. The contractor has made the required repairs to bring the site back into compliance. Weather permitting; another site walk is scheduled for Wednesday.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFERS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the following transfer for the registrars: From 111500-5131, Overtime, to 111500-5280, Postage, \$300.00. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the following transfer for the Building Department:
From contingency to account 123200-5300 Car allowance and Repair, \$2,075.00.
Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

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DISCUSSION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT RE-INSPECTION FEE POLICY

The Building Official, Jay Hennessey, proposed a fee schedule for re-inspection of a building. Mr. Hennessey noted that the fee would encourage builders to get things right and discourage the building inspector from having to make additional trips back to the site for the same inspection.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the Building Department Re-inspection fee policy as presented, with a revisit of the policy in six months. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ALARM ORDINANCE

The final draft of an Alarm Ordinance was reviewed. The draft was reviewed by Town Counsel and changes were made were necessary.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the Alarm Ordinance dated January 22, 2001 and send it on to a Town Meeting for approval. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF VISION STATEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GILBERT & BENNETT PROPERTY

The Georgetown Master Plan Committee presented a Vision Statement for the development of the Gilbert and Bennett property. The Vision Statement will be reviewed by the Planning Commission for compatibility with the Town Plan of Development.

Several members of the audience, including Judy Thomas, Janet Metzger, Cathy Daily, and Gail Schiron, expressed concern about the lack of planning for elderly housing in the Vision Statement. They expressed their view on the need for housing for the elderly and why it would be appropriate to include it in the plan. Mrs. Schiron added that there are about 40 Redding residents who are looking for elderly housing that is affordable and that would enable them to remain residents.

Sandra Wright stated that the housing potential for the site may be dictated by environmental concerns. Mrs. Miller noted that while housing is not included in the Vision Statement, it is not excluded and is broad enough to encompass many uses.. The zoning regulations will outline how the property is actually used.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen approve the Vision Statement as presented and send it on to the Planning Commission for review. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE DIAMOND HILL ROAD BRIDGE

WMC, engineers, reviewed the bid for work on the Diamond Hill Road Bridge from Watertown Construction and recommended acceptance of the bid. The bid was for \$331,113 for the 100% federally funded bridge reconstruction project.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the award of contract for the Diamond Hill Road Bridge to Watertown Construction and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

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APPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Cott Index Systems for the year 1/1/01 to 12/31/01 as recommended by the Town Clerk. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Paul Degner to complete the term of Lauri Allenbach, and Art Poltrack to complete the term of Chris Stillman, on the Park and Recreation Commission. Both terms run until 7/30/03. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Facilities maintenance: Mrs. Ketcham reviewed a proposal from a consulting firm that will do a facilities and maintenance analysis of the Town buildings and make recommendations concerning the custodial care required. With the Community Building coming on line this summer, and the maintenance required on the other town buildings, the analysis would be helpful in planning and budgeting appropriately. The firm can complete the study and have a recommendation in time for budget consideration. The cost of the study is \$1,800. The Board of Selectmen was in agreement to go forward with the study.
2. Georgetown Parking: Mrs. Ketcham, along with Ralph Bosch and John Hayes, met with property owners in Georgetown regarding the parking easements. Mr. Hayes is working on a revised plan for parking. Mrs. Ketcham noted that the recent snow has been a problem. Parking on both sides of the road prohibits the Highway Department from plowing the street. She suggested prohibiting parking on the left side of the street for the winter months. The Highway Superintendent is looking into signs to be posted on the street. Mrs. Miller suggested Town Counsel check the idea and that formal notice be given to the residents of the street.
3. Snow removal: the Highway Department anticipates a shortfall of approximately \$35,000 due to the amount of sand and salt needed during the recent snow storms.
4. Scoreboards: Mrs. Ketcham has forwarded the contract with Pepsi for scoreboards on to Town Counsel for review. The contract is for five years.
5. Sexual Harassment Policy: the policy is being reviewed and incorporated into the revision of the employee handbook.
6. Outside Agencies: Mrs. Miller reported the subcommittee working on contributions to outside agencies has drafted a letter to go to all possible outside agencies requesting information if they want to be considered. The grants would be awarded after funding was approved.
7. WEB page: Mrs. Miller reported the committee working on the WEB page is going forward. They have suggested an audit be made of the existing technology and the needs for additions to technology. Mrs. Miller added that a master long-range plan for technology should be prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary