



Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2001

Town of Redding, Connecticut

Present: N. Ketcham, T. Miller, J. Cotton

First Selectman Ketcham called the September 10, 2001 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cotton, the meeting recessed to executive session for a discussion of personnel. The meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

The chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 7:35 p.m.

Public: 15 members of the public

Media: Redding Pilot

ACTION ON REGION #9 BOARD MEMBER REPLACEMENT

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the appointment of Julia Pemberton to fill the remaining term of William Brown on the Region #9 Board of Education. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the August 20, 2001 meeting as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: under the Police Foundation Report, line 4, delete the word the, so the sentence reads: *Mrs. Ketcham met with the chair of the subcommittee to discuss what help might be provided for Redding.*

RAILROAD PARKING SALES TAX REVISION

Mr. Newsome reported that the charging of sales tax is not necessary for the Railroad Parking lot. He recommended the keeping the fees at the same rates.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen accept the recommendation to cease the collection of sales tax on the Railroad Parking Fees. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

CL&P TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSAL UPDATE

Mrs. Ketcham reported on a meeting of representatives of the four towns, the consultant and Town Counsel of Westport/Weston. The consultant submitted a list of questions to NU over a month ago and has not had a response. The group is preparing a letter to NU stating that the information requested has not been received.

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Each of the four towns is in the process of preparing an environmental impact report. The Redding Land Trust owns some of the property under discussion and is interested in working on a report on the environmental impact.

VOICE STREAM LOCATION UPDATE

The Board of Selectmen discussed the potential sites for the cell tower to serve the center of town. A propagation study for the center of town was conducted. It determined that the base of the existing tower at the Police Center is not capable of holding a higher tower. The options are a new tower at the Police Center, the Highway Garage site, or the Redding Center Fire Building.

The Kaufman tower is not a viable option for Voice Stream because the coverage provided is redundant. Voice stream is interested in coverage for Route 53 and coverage for Route 107Route 53.

Several members of the audience voiced opinions regarding the tower at the Highway Department and the West Redding Fire Department site. The potential tower at the West Redding Fire Department is a Fire District decision. Should the Fire District decide to proceed with a lease for a tower, they would go through the usual Zoning Commission process.

After much discussion, the Board of Selectmen decided to see input from the Planning Commission at this time.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen refer location of any town towers to the Planning Commission for review and comment. Cotton. Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED CODE OF ETHCIS

Mr. Bacon, representing the Board of Ethics, presented a draft of the revisions to the Code of Ethics. Most of the change was a fine-tuning of the document. There was a concern over the ability of the Board of Ethics to initiate complaints of violation. After much consideration, the Board of Selectmen asked Mr. Bacon to take the concerns back to the Board of Ethics for further consideration.

BUDGET TRANSFERS FY 2001-01

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve a transfer of \$297,890.17 as detailed by the Controller, and pending Board of Finance, refer the matter to a Town Meeting for approval. Cotton, Miller. Approved, 2-1. Mr. Cotton cast the lone dissenting vote.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve transfers, as recommended and detailed by the Controller, totaling \$377,001.75. Cotton, Miller. Approved. 2-1. Mr. Cotton voted against the motion.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set October 15, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the Redding Town Office Building Hearing Room for a Town Meeting, pending Board of Finance approval, to approve the transfer of funds. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Churchill Road Bridge: the Conservation Commission approval has been received. As soon as a schedule is received from WMC, a public meeting will be scheduled to review the design phase of the project.

AJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Maday, Recording Secretary