



## **Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes**

### **Date: June 18,2001**

### **Town of Redding, Connecticut**

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

The June 18, 2001 meeting of the Redding Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting recessed immediately to executive session to discuss classification and plan study for non-union employees and elected officials, and negotiations.

The meeting reconvened in Public Session at 7:33 p.m.

Present: N. Ketcham, T. Miller, J. Cotton  
Others: Eight members of the public  
Media: Redding Pilot.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2001 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### **CONTRACT WITH STATE POLICE FOR RESIDENT STATE TROOPER SERVICE**

Mrs. Ketcham noted that the contract includes the ability for either party to terminate the contract with 30 days notice.

The Police Foundation has not had a response to their proposal from the State Police. A response is not likely until Col. Bardelli's replacement is in place. Mrs. Ketcham will follow up by letter with the State Police, with specific reference to improvements in service and the time line that the Redding Board of Selectmen is working with.

**Motion:** That the Board of Selectmen approve the following resolution: That Natalie Ketcham, First Selectmen, be and is herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Redding with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety—Division of State Police for the services of one resident State Trooper for a two-year period from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the need to improve public safety communications outlined by Communication Center Fred Visconti. The placement of communication towers in towns is governed by the Citing Council, and overrides the authority of the town. The goal of the towers is to address difficulties with public safety communication.

The West Redding Fire Department and Redding Ridge Fire Department are considering a proposal for replacement towers at their facilities. The Fire Departments are letting the Town take the lead, and have not negotiated lease agreements. Voice Stream, representing the six communication utilities, has proposed a new tower for the Redding Communication Center. Alternate sites for the tower include the Fire Station across from the Green and the Town Highway Department. Of the three “center” locations, the Town Highway Department appeared to be the best.

Representatives were present from Voice Stream and other companies. The companies work together to put up a tower that all the carriers can use rather than multiple towers. A balloon can be flown to indicate the height of the proposed tower.

Mrs. Ketcham will meet with representatives and discuss a potential lease agreement. The topic will be on the agenda for the July meeting. Comments from the public regarding the location of the towers will be welcomed. The proposed towers would also need to go through the usual land use agencies in town for approvals.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION UPON SALARY INCREASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance a transfer of funds from contingency for fiscal year 2001-2002 town budget for wages and benefits for non-union, non-elected personnel in amounts not to exceed the following: wages not to exceed \$52,153 and benefits not to exceed \$14,603, with the final numbers to be determined when the Controller performs the accounting necessary to include only the non-union, non-elected personnel. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance a transfer of funds from contingency for fiscal year 2001-2002 town budget for increases in police wages in amount of \$15,433 and benefits of \$4,321. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

## REVISED TREE WARDEN REGULATIONS

Alan Holder of the Planning Commission and Jim McNamara, Tree Warden, were present to review the changes to the Tree Warden Regulations.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen adopt the Tree Warden Regulations as amended. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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1. Art Show: Mrs. Miller thanked the members of the Art Group for their work on the current Art Show. Committee members include: Jane Ross, Ginny Cohen, Judy Wylie, Bob Morton, and Pam Reese. In addition, she thanked John and Kathy Anderson for their assistance with handing the artwork in Town Hall. The artwork will hang until July 6, 2001. Mr. Cotton and Mrs. Ketcham thanked Mrs. Miller for chairing the Committee.
2. Bridges: Mrs. Ketcham reported that a meeting would be held with the bridge subcommittee to review the status of the design work for the Poverty Hollow bridges. The work on the bridges is ready to move forward.
3. Route 53 Bridge: HVECO has prepared a letter to the State, with input from the Bethel First Selectman and from Mrs. Ketcham. The early warning devices are now in place.
4. Names for public land: Mrs. Ketcham suggested the Board of Selectmen give some thought for the process of naming town owned land. The new community center is known as the Redding Community Center and Recreation Area. Mrs. Ketcham suggested names be assigned to the town owned land on Sunset Ridge Road and on Gallows Hill Road. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen meeting be adjourned. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary