



## Redding Board of Selectmen May 13, 2002 Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Cotton  
Also present: twenty members of the public  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the May 13, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen add to the agenda an executive session for the discussion of real estate negotiations. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Ketcham reported the Siting Council has postponed hearings scheduled for next week. The hearings will be rescheduled to a later date.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2002 as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: page 2, under Planning Commission, the Planning Commission recommended the sale of Heritage House as a *private residential use* with a historic easement; page 3, appointments, Siobhan *Streams* was reappointed to the Park and Recreation Commission; page 3, under Administrative Matters, the theme of the art show is The theme is Redding Landscapes, Celebrating Open *Spaces*; page 3, under Administrative Matters, the grant money for the *purchases was approved*, but has not yet been received; page 3, #3 under Administrative Matters, the Communities for Responsible Energy requested permission to put flyers on the windshields of cars *at the West Redding Train Station*.

### DISCUSSION OF NEW COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS

Gail Schiron provided a update on the kinds of programming that is planned for the new community center. A wide range of programming is planned for seniors and “not quite” seniors.

Mrs. Ketcham reported the new building would open when the lead problem has been solved. Lead contaminates were discovered in the water during testing. The water pipe joints have been tested and found to be free of lead. The manufacturer of the water tanks are bringing in someone to re-examine the water tanks, which are glass, lined. Once the source of the lead contamination is found and eliminated, the Building Inspector will issue a Certificate of Occupancy.

#### DISCUSSION OF SENIOR HOUSING SURVEY

Janet Metzger, Chairman of the Commission for the Elderly, reported on the results of the most recent housing survey. She reported 595 of the 4298 surveys mailed were returned. 273 of the respondents indicated in interest in senior housing in Redding. She also reported an ecumenical group in Redding has been working on senior housing. Don Conklin, a member of the ecumenical group, suggested a presentation on senior housing options by the New Samaritan Group. This group is a non-profit organization that has been involved in numerous senior housing projects. A presentation by this group will be arranged and be made at a public meeting on a date to be arranged.

#### DISCUSSION OF PUTNAM PARK RESTORATION/ROUTE 58 RECONSTRUCTION

Jeannine Herman reviewed the DEP plan for the Putnam Park Restoration and Route 58 Reconstruction. The Friends of Putnam Park and the Planning Commission commented on the original plans, and a revision has been made. The revised plan was not available, but Ms. Herman reported that the revision includes elimination of the passing line, the relocation of the statute, a T intersection, and a smaller gravel parking lot rather than a paved lot. Mrs. Ketcham will follow up on the revisions and get further information.

#### DISCUSSION OF THE "TRANSPORTATION CHOICES COALITION OF CONNECTICUT"

The meeting with the presentation by Transportation Choices was held, but the guest speaker was unable to be present due to illness. Mrs. Ketcham reported that a good dialogue was held and there was interest by many people who want to work on traffic calming. Mrs. Miller will reactivate the committee on traffic calming.

The Transportation Choices Coalition asked Redding to become a member, there is no cost for membership. After further discussion, the Board of Selectmen was in agreement that Redding should be a member.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve membership in the Transportation Choices Coalition of Connecticut. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ROAMING ANIMALS ORDINANCE

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen adopt the amended Roaming Animals Ordinance as reviewed May 13, 2002. Miller, Cotton. Approved.

A Town Meeting will be set to repeal the existing ordinance and adopt the new ordinance.

#### ACTION TO SET TOWN MEETING

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen set June 5, 2002 at 5 p.m. in the Redding Town Office Building for a Town Meeting for the following:

- a. Repeal of existing Roaming Animals Ordinance and adoption of newly revised Roaming Animals Ordinance;
- b. To approve the transfer of \$15,600 from Capital and Non-recurring account for purchase of Park and Recreation Department groomer, lining machine and equipment trailer;

- c. To accept Windy Hill and Quarry Rock Road as town roads contingent upon the Highway Superintendent's approval that all necessary roadway work has been completed and paid for as agreed to with the land developer.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Cotton. Unanimously approved.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Letter from Larry Ford regarding home fire sprinklers: the letter was to be sent to legislators encouraging a tax break for homeowners who install fire sprinklers. No action was taken by the legislature on the issue. The Fire Departments have pamphlets regarding fire sprinkler systems and these will be made available in the Town Office Building, the Building Department and the Mark Twain Library.
2. Siting Council & CL&P: Mrs. Ketcham reported the she will meet with the Weston, Wilton and Westport First Selectmen to discuss an opportunity to impact the Task Force membership. There is the opportunity to appoint a person with environmental expertise and one with energy expertise.
3. Police Chief Search: Tuesday, May 28, 2002 was set for the interview of police chief candidates and a police officer candidate.
4. Building/office identification signs: a schematic representation of signs for the Town Office Building and the Annex building were reviewed. The signs will be black and white, and provide information regarding office locations.
5. Art Show: Mrs. Miller announced a "Meet the Artist" opportunity following the Memorial Day Parade. The local artists will be available and refreshments will be served.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen recess to executive session for discussion of real estate negotiations. Tax Collector, Patricia Moio, was asked to be present. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 p.m.

#### RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:00 p.m. No further action was taken

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** That the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary