



## Town of Redding, Connecticut

### Board of Selectmen

#### Regular Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2002

Present: Ketcham, Cotton, Miller  
Others present: eight members of the public  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the November 25, 2002 meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

#### AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen add to the agenda an Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel issue. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2002 as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 3, Charley Couch; page 2, paragraph 5, Fuss & O'Neill

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 12, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Mrs. Miller abstained.

#### DISCUSSION ON HERITAGE HOUSE FUTURE AND PROCESS

An additional report was received from John Hayes, Redding's Town Planner. The report recommends that Heritage House be used as a single-family dwelling. Mr. Hayes included a sketch showing a division of the parcel into three smaller parcels: Heritage House, Police Station, and an open space parcel. The Police Station would require a well, but Mr. Hayes felt there was a site for a well available on the parcel or on adjacent Town owned property. The Heritage House parcel would require a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the size of the parcel. The Planning Commission previously recommended single-family use for the property.

Members of the audience raised questions regarding the fair market value of the property. An independent appraiser or real estate appraiser has not appraised the property, but the Tax Assessor estimates a market value of \$360,000.

The Board of Selectmen did not take action, but will consider action at the December 19, 2002 meeting. Mrs. Ketcham will summarize the research and information at the meeting before action is taken.

#### DISCUSSION ON LOCATION OF PARK AND RECREATION CONCERTS

Mrs. Ketcham reported that three letters/communications were received from members of the public. All three recommend that the concerts remain on the "Green." The letters pointed out the advantages of having the concerts on the green and the advantage of keeping the Onion Fields pristine. The Park and Recreation Director was to gather information on the cost to bring electricity to the Onion Field, but that information was not available for the meeting.

The consensus of the Board of Selectmen was to keep the concerts on the green for the next summer. An alternative site could be explored after the next season. In addition, parking issues will be explored to create a safer parking/walking condition.

#### FIELD USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Paul Degener of the Park and Recreation Commission provided names of individuals representing the various athletic groups in town. The names were put forth for the Redding Athletic Fields Committee.

The group will review, investigate, and study options to create more available space for athletic use. The group will make recommendations of realistic options and preferences that would be beneficial to the town. Mr. Cotton will represent the Board of Selectmen and will chair the subcommittee. The first meeting date was established as December 3, 2002, 8 pm in the Redding Town Office Building.

Motion: that the Redding Board of Selectmen establish a Redding Fields Athletic Committee as a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen with membership as proposed and adds a selectman as chair. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### 2003 MEETING DATES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the meeting dates for 2003 as proposed. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Town Historian: Margaret Wixted has resigned the position she held for many years. The Board of Selectmen hopes to find a volunteer interested in filling the position.

Board of Assessment Appeals Alternates: the Board discussed appointing three alternates to assist with the appeals that may come about as a result of the re-valuation of property just completed. Recommendations will be requested from the Democratic and Republican Town Committees.

Park and Recreation Commission: Harry Adamakos has announced his resignation from the Commission effective January 1, 2002. Recommendation will be requested from the two Town Committees.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Georgetown Master Plan Committee: Mr. Cotton suggested the Committee be suspended. Mrs. Miller suggested that the Committee not be disbanded, but be available at a later time in the process. After further discussion, it was decided that the members of the Committee would be notified that formal meetings of the committee will not be scheduled until the later stages of the G & B project when the committee members and their expertise may be needed to assist the Town.

Website: a town resident has volunteered to help set up the Town Activities Calendar for the web site. Discussion of the web site followed. Mrs. Miller will work with the new webmaster to move forward with updating the website.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary