



Redding Board of Selectmen April 8, 2002 Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Cotton
Also present: four members of the public
Media: Redding Pilot, Danbury News Times

Mrs. Ketcham called the April 8, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen meeting recess to Executive Session for discussion of a real estate contract and Highway negotiations. Cotton, Miller Approved. Unanimous.
The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Chairman reconvened the meeting in executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Cotton thanked Jim Demaree and Robin Linen for the explanation of what is planned for the Edwards and Granskog properties. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF 2002-2003 BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET

Mrs. Ketcham reported the Board of Finance requested a reduction in the Board of Selectmen's budget. They suggested the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department be eliminated from the budget and financed in the current year out of capital and non-recurring. Mrs. Ketcham and Mr. Hutvagner reviewed the budget for further reductions. Additional savings as follows: reduction in Webmaster consultant fee, \$2700; reduction in Special Legal, \$24,000; reduction in Health Insurance based on current claims, \$100,000; and a reduction in debt service by \$101,000. This brings the Selectmen's budget to \$7,093,263.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance a Board of Selectmen budget of \$7,093,263. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Two requests, from the Park and Recreation Department and the Senior Center, came forward for approval. The requests were deleted from the current capital budget with the intent to be funded by the interest from the Community Center Building Project.

The Park and Recreation Department requested equipment for the maintenance and operation of the playing fields, computer software and Internet installation. The Senior Center requested three computers and two printers.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance \$11,463 for the purchase of State Bid RFO001-A010-04510C Smith Co. Super Star 3WD 18hp Groomer for Park & Recreation use on the town fields, a lining machine for \$2,600, a trailer for field equipment for \$1,500, Microsoft Office software for five computers for \$2,000, computer virus updates for \$120, installation of internet connections for \$2,700, all to be financed by interest from the Community Center Building Project. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance the purchase of three computers and two printers for \$6,400 to be financed by interest from the Community Center Building Project. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING HERITAGE HOUSE

The Planning Commission discussed the future of Heritage House at their March 12, 2002 meeting. Jo-Ann Brooks was present to explain the recommendation. The recommendation recognized that the house is located in a Historic District. The recommendation suggests preservation of historic nature through a historic easement, possibly through the Connecticut Trust Program. The sale of the house could include a historic preservation easement. No action was taken.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen set for April 25, 2002 for 4:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building for the Annual Budget Meeting. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Board of Selectman, upon their own initiative, inform the Town Clerk that the the approval of the Annual Budget is to be by referendum vote. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen add to the agenda a report from the Building Committee. Cotton, Miller. Approved.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Cardillo reported only a few minor problems remain to be completed. He explained the issue with the wall mats in the gymnasium. The Fire Marshall has refused to accept the wall mats that have been installed; due to the fact that new fire rated mats have recently become available. The new pads cost \$30,000, plus the cost of removing the pads that have been installed. The gymnasium will not be opened until the proper mats have been installed.

Another problem is lead in the water. Three water tests have been conducted and the lead is still present. The lead is either in the solder or in the pipe used for water pipes. Mercede Construction has been instructed to find the problem and fix it. Another test is planned in a few days. The building cannot be occupied until the lead problem is solved.

ORDINANCE RE: ROAMING ANIMALS

The Animal Control Officer, Ashleigh Blake, recommended a revision in the ordinance regarding roaming animals. The proposed ordinance includes an increase in fines and redefines roaming animals.

The Ordinance was accepted for a first reading.

SET TOWN MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set April 25, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. in the Redding Town Office Building for a Town Meeting to approved, as recommended by the Board of Finance, an appropriation of \$125,000 from capital and non-recurring for a ten-wheel dump truck for the Highway Department. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen adopt a resolution authorizing Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman, to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of Redding, an application and contact with the State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant, at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 8, 2002, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

VOTING MACHINE STATISTICS

The Town Clerk, Patricia Creigh, reported that the Town has six machines and three spares.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen reappoint Bruce Seide, Harry Adamakos, and Siobhan to the Park and Recreation Commission for terms that expire 6/30/04. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. The Grant money has been received for both land purchases.
2. The rehabilitation of two bridges was approved by Town Meeting. Work should begin soon.
3. The Communities for Responsible Energy requested permission to be on site on Saturday at the Recycling Center to pass out literature. Attorney Lavelle was consulted and he advised that this could be permissible as long as the activity would not interfere with the operation of the Recycling Center and safety precautions are taken. The Board of Selectmen agreed that permission would be granted under those circumstances. The Recycling Manager, Tom Newsome, will monitor the situation.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen allow representatives of the Communities for Responsible Energy to hand out materials at the Recycling Center as long as it does not interfere with the operation of the Center. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

The same group asked permission to put hand outs on the windshields of automobiles. The Board of Selectmen will ask them not to do this. The creation of litter was the main issue.

4. Mrs. Miller reported the Art Committee has planned an Art Show to begin on April 22, 2002. The theme is Redding Landscapes, Celebrating Open.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen recess to executive session for discussion of Highway negotiations. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:15 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 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary