



Town of Redding, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes July 15, 2002

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

Mrs. Ketcham called the July 15, 2002 meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen add to the agenda an update from the new Police Chief. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2002 as submitted. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 27, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Mrs. Miller abstained

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 2, 2002 as submitted. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

ZONING FEE REVISION

Mr. Gormley, the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Conservation Officer, was present to answer questions regarding the proposed zoning fee changes. The increase in fees is planned to offset the number of visits/inspections and time spent on each permit. After discussion of the proposed changes, the Board of Selectmen asked for comparative data from other towns in the area. This will be considered at the next meeting.

UPDATE ON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PAVING

Bruce Sanford, Highway Superintendent, explained an alternative roadway repair that will be piloted on one mile of Simpaug Turnpike. The process involves taking up the roadway surface, grinding the material, and putting it back down as base coat. Two weeks later the road receives final paving. This method of recycling/reclaiming has been successfully done in other communities. The finished roadway is anticipated to last 20 years as opposed to the chip sealing process, which is good for four years. Mr. Sanford added that the cost of the pilot on Simpaug Turnpike is within the current budget.

ENERGY ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES

The topic of alternate sources of energy was discussed. Carolee Hall of the Environment Northeast organization provided information on what the non-profit private organization does. Shannon Wegele of the Connecticut Energy Coop provided information from that group.

The Board of Selectmen will pursue the Connecticut Energy Coop issue further. Ms. Wegele will gather information from the history of energy use for the town's buildings and prepare a presentation for the Board of Selectmen

Pat Hinkley, Advocates for Sustainable Living, suggested that some incentives be made available for those who actively conserve energy. Mrs. Ketcham suggested that the group work on suggestions and ideas for the public.

UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF

Chief Fuchs provided information on changes and improvements that have been made since he began working for the town. A speed trailer and a police cruiser, both marked Traffic Safety, will be used to monitor traffic speeds. The Police Department office area has been changed to provide greater efficiency. The Animal Control Officer will now be housed in the Police Department area. In anticipation of more public visits to the police department, parking for visitor parking has been designated. A letter was received by Chief Fuchs from Major Leonard of the Connecticut State Police stating that the resources of the State Police will continue to be available to the Town of Redding.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Town Historian appointment: Margaret Wixted has served the Town as Historian for many, many years and is retiring from the position. A Historian will be appointed in the future.

Motion: That the Town of Redding extends a deep sense of gratitude for the decades of service as Historian to Margaret Wixted. Ketcham, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

- b. August meeting: the date for the August Board of Selectmen meeting was changed to August 26, 2002 at 7 p.m.
- c. Georgetown Grants: Mrs. Ketcham reported she is in the final process of paperwork for the \$500,000 grant. In addition, the Town received notification of award of a 5 Star Restoration Challenge Grant. The Norwalk Watershed Association prepared the grant application, \$10,000, which is for restoration of a part of the Gilbert & Bennett Park. Another grant application was submitted by the Conservation Commission for a DEP sponsored Title 319 Grant, to be awarded in July, for \$48,000 for work in connection with the G & B park. HVECO is preparing a grant from the Connecticut DOT Traffic Enhancement Grants. This application is due November 11, 2002 with award in October 2003.

- d. CL& P: the first of a series of meetings with the second phase communities began tonight in Trumbull. Mrs. Ketcham is meeting with the Trumbull Chamber of Commerce tomorrow regarding the CL&P issues.
- e. Resignation: Norma Kuring submitted her resignation due to relocation to Arizona.
- f. Community Center: the third and final brass pipe has been replaced. The water system is being flushed and the water will be tested tomorrow. Mrs. Ketcham was very hopeful that the water would pass the lead test. If the test is clear, a partial Certificate of Occupancy will be issued by the Building Department. The partial C.O . Indicates acceptance of the building, but not the site. Site/field work will continue.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary