



## Town of Redding, Connecticut

### Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes August 26, 2002

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

Mrs. Ketcham called the August 26, 2002 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen add to the agenda discussion and action on a special Town Meeting regarding tax liens. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous. Approved. Unanimous.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2002 as submitted. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 31, 2002 as submitted. Miller, Cotton, . Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 9, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. 2-0-1. Mrs. Miller abstained

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Ketcham reported the Community Center is officially open. A meeting is scheduled for this week to work on the process of settling up all accounts with the contractor and to review outstanding issues. The work on the fields is continuing.

A grand opening/celebration is scheduled for October 20, 2002. Ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m. The event will conclude with a concert at 3 p.m. A committee, chaired by Patricia Moasio, is planning activities for the day-long celebration.

#### 2001-2002 YEAR END TRANSFERS

The list of year-end transfers was reviewed. Most of the transfers were within the department. Following a discussion and questions/answers, a motion to approve the transfers was made. Mr. Cotton stated that he never has, and cannot support the process of making line item transfers.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the 2001-2002 year end transfers as presented and send them to the Board of Finance for approval. Miller, Ketcham. Approved. 2-1. Mr. Cotton cast the dissenting vote.

#### DISCUSSION AND SETTING A TOWN MEETING

Mrs. Ketcham reported that the new polling location for the town will be the Community Center. The Town Clerk recommended that the change in polling location be brought forward for vote at a Town Meeting.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. for a Special Town Meeting for approval of a change in polling location. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen add to the agenda for the Special Town Meeting on September 5, 2002, consideration of authorization of the Board of Selectmen to assign tax liens of applicable to the Gilbert and Bennett property pursuant to statutory process. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CAPITAL CHANGE REQUEST FOR 2002-2003 RECYCLING CENTER

Tom Newsome of the Recycling Center requested a change in the capital request regarding the purchase of two trucks. Mr. Newsome was able to negotiate the purchase of a slightly smaller "swap" truck for less than the requested amount, and was able to negotiate the purchase of a new, rather than used, pick up truck with a snow plow attachment. The pick up truck is needed to do snow plowing at the Recycling Center and will be used at the West Redding Railroad Parking lot, replacing the contracted services.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the purchase the smaller "swap" truck and the new pick up truck in place of a used truck at the lower total cost. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ZONING DEPARTMENT FEES

Mr. Gormley, the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Conservation Officer, provided comparable zoning fees structures as requested by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gormley, after reviewing the data, revised the proposal for the Zoning Department fees for the Board of Selectmen to consider.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen accept the revised Zoning Department Fees as presented 8-26-02. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Mrs. Miller abstained.

#### DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE HOUSE BUILDING

With the relocation of the Senior Center to the Community Center, Heritage House is vacant. The process to determine what will be done with the building and property will begin with a gathering of information. If the building is retained for Town use, all ADA requirements would have to be addressed. The Planning Commission has recommended the Town return the structure to a single family use with a Historic easement on the property.

Mrs. Ketcham has learned that the Heritage House and Police Department building share a single 2.04-acre parcel of land and share one well. Town Counsel has recommended either the Zoning Commission be requested to rezone the parcel to allow for a smaller lot or the Zoning Board of Appeals be approached for a variance. Jo-Ann Brooks of the Planning Department is requesting the Planning Commission to draft a letter to the ZBA requesting a variance from the 2-acre ordinance and to separate the two pieces.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the need to have a survey of the site done, along with recommendations for how the site could be divided.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen obtain bids for survey work for the Heritage House property. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Request for use of Town Green Gazebo for private commercial photography work: the request was discussed at length. Mrs. Miller suggesting charging a fee for the use of the gazebo. Mr. Cotton and Mrs. Ketcham objected to the use of the town's property for commercial use.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen create a policy not to rent out the gazebo and not to allow use of the gazebo for commercial uses. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. 2-1. Mrs. Miller cast the dissenting vote.

2. Bridge rehabilitation work: Mrs. Ketcham reported the final bridge inspection is scheduled for August 27, 2002, after which the bridges will both be open for use. She added that the rehabilitation of the two bridges was completed within schedule and budget.
3. Community Interior Space: a plan for the interior space of the Community Center does not yet exist. The Redding Elementary School has offered the State Department of Education "Freedom Shrine" to the Town for possible use at the Community Center. Mrs. Ketcham suggested that the Board members review the "Freedom Shrine" for appropriateness of use at the Community Center.
4. Connecticut Energy Coop: Mr. Cotton reported that this company, which gave the Board of Selectmen a presentation at the July meeting, has gone out of business.
5. September 11 recognition: Mrs. Ketcham reported the Governor's office has requested that all Connecticut towns remember and recognize September 11 with bell ringing at four specific times during the day.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary