



Town of Redding, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes September 23, 2002

Present: Ketcham, Cotton, Miller (7:40 p.m.)
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the September 23, 2002 meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 11, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 12, 2002 as submitted. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

TOWN MEETING DATE

The Board of Selectmen discussed a date for a Town Meeting to act upon the recommendation of the Redding Board of Education to appropriate \$183,950 for the Redding Elementary School Roof Project.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set October 7, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. for a Town Meeting in the Hear Room of the Town Office Building, pending Board of Finance approval, .to act upon the request of the Redding Board of Education to appropriate \$183,950 for the Redding Elementary School Roof Project. Cotton, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Appointment of Board of Ethics alternate.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Olga Selleck to the alternate position on the Board of Ethics. Ketcham, Cotton.. Approved. Unanimous

2. Date of November Board of Selectmen meeting: Due to conflicts, the November meeting was rescheduled for November 25, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF THE SCENIC ROAD ORDINANCE

The Planning Commission requested a review of the amended Scenic Road Ordinance. The changes in the ordinance were discussed. The Board of Selectmen will discuss the Ordinance at the October meeting and set a date to take the Ordinance to a Town Meeting for approval.

DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE HOUSE BUILDING

Mrs. Ketcham provided additional information on the Heritage House building. The Planning Commission previously requested that the building be returned to single family use with historic easements. John Hayes was asked to prepay an analysis of the property and make recommendations regarding the property. Mr. Hayes recommended seeking variances from the Zoning regulations and return the building to single family use.

Mrs. Ketcham checked with the other Town satellite offices regarding their potential use of the building. The Building & Zoning offices did not feel the access to the building would be conducive to the type of traffic the office receives. The Planning Department was not interested in occupying the building. Friar Associates (architects) previously reviewed the structure and provided a preliminary estimate of \$125,000-325,000 for minimal improvements to bring the building up to the fire and life safety codes. Additional costs could be incurred due to the Historical Registry requirements.

Mr. Hayes recommendation was to establish three parcels: Heritage house and barn, 0.72 acres; Police Department and Emergency communications Center, 0.73 acres, and Open Space Parkland, 0.96 acre. The report specified the variances that would be needed.

Mrs. Miller arrived (7:40 p.m.)

The two buildings currently share a well that is near Heritage House. Mrs. Ketcham is checking on the possibility of the Police Department building share the Town Office Building well. A connector water line could be put in a trench along the woods side of the Town Green. The Town Sanitarian did not feel the Police Department parcel would allow sufficient space for a well.

The process moving Heritage House to a sale was discussed. The first step is to seek the variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The actual sale of the property was discussed, but no action was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mrs. Ketcham reported the Tax Assessor brought to her attention the potential need for alternates for the Board of Assessment Appeals. This is a year for revaluation and Mr. Thomas expects a greater number of requests to be heard by the Board of Assessment Appeals. Currently the Board of Assessment Appeals has three members, and two must be present for every session. Mrs. Ketcham suggested the appointment of alternates to assist the board with their work. Action on this item will be taken at a future meeting.

Community Center: Mrs. Ketcham suggested that this was the time to develop a plan for artwork/décor in the Community Center. She suggested a steering committee be put in place to establish guidelines for the building. She added that there are also policy issues and procedures that need to be ironed out. Mr. Hutvagner has been very helpful in providing guidance and resolution where needed. Mrs. Miller has asked the “Art Group” to convene to give some suggestions on what might be appropriate. That group will meet on September 30, and may have some suggestions regarding a steering committee. Mrs. Miller will be at the September 30 meeting and will report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Ketcham thanked all those who assisted with the sale of the Gilbert and Bennett tax liens. She specifically commended the Tax Collector, Patricia Moio, who took the project through from the first idea to its successful conclusion. Mrs. Miller thanked Mrs. Moio for her tremendous persistence with the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary