



**Town of Redding, Connecticut**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2003

Present: Ketcham, Cotton, Miller  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the August 11, 2003 meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the July 8, 2003 meeting as corrected. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: Steven Soler, Jere Ross, and Steap Grant

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the August 4, 2003 meeting as submitted. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

**ROAD DISCONTINUANCE**

**Motion:** Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Board of Selectmen recommends to a Town Meeting the approval of the discontinuance of Charles Sanford Road and pursuant to Ct General Statutes 13A-141B reserves to the Town and to the public such rights in such discontinued highway as may be reasonably necessary to construct and maintain a bridle path, pedestrian walk, or bicycle path. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Upon approval of the discontinuation of Charles Sanford Road by the Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen accepts the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Conservation Commission advise the Board of Selectmen on the management of the discontinued portion of Charles Sanford Road, and that the road be closed as a public right of way to vehicular traffic by installing a chain with a lock and key for access by adjacent owners and by the Town for safety purposes involving fire, police and emergency medical vehicles and that the use of motorized vehicles be prohibited subject to the rights of property owners bounding on the discontinued highway provided in CT General Statute 13A-55, that parking areas be determined by the Highway Department in consultation with the Planning Commission's consultants, and that the Town retain the right to preserve stone walls, trees and other unique features. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Board of Selectmen recommends to a Town Meeting the approval of the discontinuance of the unimproved portion of Valley Road and pursuant to Ct General Statutes 13A-141B reserves to the

Town and to the public such rights in such discontinued highway as may be reasonably necessary to construct and maintain a bridle path, pedestrian walk, or bicycle path. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Upon approval of the discontinuation of unimproved portion of Valley Road by the Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen accepts the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Conservation Commission advise the Board of Selectmen on the management of the discontinued portion of Valley Road, and that the road be closed as a public right of way to vehicular traffic by installing at both ends of the road a chain with a lock and key for access by adjacent owners and by the Town of Redding who will maintain the one lane road to the minimum standard necessary for safety purposes involving fire, police and emergency medical vehicles and that the use of motorized vehicles be prohibited subject to the rights of property owners bounding on the discontinued highway provided in CT General Statute 13A-55, that parking areas at each end of the discontinued road shall be determined by the Highway Department in consultation with the Planning Commission's consultants, and that the Town retain the right to preserve stone walls, trees and other unique features. Since there is a historical preservation issue involved in the preservation of this portion of Valley Road as an artifact in the history of our town and our region, the road shall be maintained for passive recreational and emergency uses in a manner that relates to its original form as a rural 19<sup>th</sup> century turnpike rather than as a woodland trail. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen will not take action on Old Dodgingtown Road at this time.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen set Thursday, September 4, 2003 for a Town Meeting at 8:00 pm for the purposes of considering the discontinuance of Charles Sanford Road and the unimproved portion of Valley Road. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Sweetheart Bus: during the budget negotiations the Sweetheart Bus service was cut back. Currently the contract is for 10 hours of service for a full day on Thursdays. The retired Police Department Caravan will be shared vehicle at the Community Center, available several days a week as a Senior Shuttle. One of the employees at the Senior Center is a former Sweetheart Bus Driver. She will run the shuttle run on Wednesdays for seniors who want service to the Community Center for activities. In addition, she will be available on Mondays to shuttle seniors to appointments or shopping.
2. Referral from the Zoning Commission. A public hearing is scheduled for September 10, 2003 on two new regulations regarding political signs and municipal signs.
3. Letter from the First Selectman of the Town of Madison: Mrs. Ketcham related the information in the letter regarding the Town of Madison's feeling that the State of Connecticut is not living up to its obligation to fund at least 10% of all municipalities' education budgets. They are looking for support from other like towns.

4. Steap Grant: The selection committee has been working to develop a list of 12 criteria for judging the firms and point system for rating the presentations. The top four firms have been asked for a fee proposal for the construction documents. These will reviewed and the firms will be interviewed on September 9, 2003.
5. Joint Meeting: a joint meeting of the Zoning, Conservation, Planning, Board of Selectmen and the Georgetown Master Plan Committee is scheduled for September 29, 2003. This will be an education forum on the Charette process and new urbanism. Bob Sakowski (Planning Commission Counsel & member of Congress of New Urbanism) has volunteered to do the forum. The meeting will be at the Community Center and will be open to the public.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary