



Town of Redding, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2003

Present: Ketcham, Cotton, Miller
Also present: 25 members of the public
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the June 16, 2003 meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen add to the agenda the Reappointment and Appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2003 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 12, 2003 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 21, 2003 as amended. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Amendment: corrected paragraph follows

Mrs. Ketcham reviewed the reductions of \$500,872 in expenditures and an increase of \$209,058 in revenues to the Selectmen's budget. The Board of Finance further reduced the contingency line item by \$50,000, and allocated \$10,000 to Debt Refinancing Costs. The final revised Selectmen's budget is \$7,391,833 and includes operating, insurance and capital items.

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 3, 2003 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 4, 2003 as submitted. Miller, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Mr. Cotton abstained.

MOTION: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2003 as submitted. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

UPDATE FROM STEPHEN SOLAR OF GEORGETOWN LAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
Mr. Solar provided an update on the work that has been done on the old Gilbert & Bennett site. He outlined the continuing process. He anticipates the charette process will begin in October.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE RE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Chief Fuchs recommended a revising of the Town's ordinance dealing with peddlers and solicitors. The existing ordinance dates to May 27, 1970. Chief Fuchs reported that there has been a recent increase in number of solicitors going house to house in town. The Police Department has received a number of inquiries with regard to the activity. Chief Fuchs researched the legalities of regulating such activities and recommended the Town require solicitors to register with the Town and that the registration regulate the time of day and process to be used. Mrs. Ketcham asked Town Counsel to review the recommendations and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

ROAD DISCONTINUATION

- A. Charles Sanford Road: this was tabled until the language for the motion is clarified.
- B. Valley Road: questions regarding this road were answered by Joann Brooks and Diane Taylor of the Planning Commission. Further action on this was deferred until the language for the motion is clarified. The motion passed at the March 17, 2003 meeting was rescinded. Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen rescind the motion made at the March 17, 2003 meeting recommend the closing of Valley Road to a Town Meeting. Miller, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Georgetown Streetscape Grant: Mrs. Ketcham reported the \$500,000 grant has been received for this project. An RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to engage a firm to prepare construction documents has been issued. The Town will need to form a selection committee to review and evaluate the applications and prepare a short list for interviews. Mrs. Ketcham is in the process of developing a committee and will include representation from the Georgetown Master Plan Committee, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Georgetown Village Restoration Committee and town residents.
2. Open Space Grants: the Grant Application for the Senber Property was approved. Motion: Resolved, that Natalie Ketcham, of Redding be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Redding any applications and other documents including, without limitation, the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and the Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement as she shall deem necessary and appropriate under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program of the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire and manage open space land consisting of the so-called "Senber Property" acquired by the Town together with the Nature Conservancy of Connecticut, Inc on or about March 20, 2003 pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

3. PROCESS FOR FILLING TOWN CLERK VACANCY

Jane Shannon is currently the Acting Town Clerk. The Republican Town Committee has made a recommendation for someone to fill the position. The Board of Selectmen will schedule a meeting to conduct interviews.

4. UPDATE ON REDDING DAY PLANS

Patricia Moasio, chairman of the Redding Day Event, was present to provide an update on the Committee's plans for the event. The Committee plans to have a two-day event on September 27 & 28. A variety of events is planned for each day. The Committee plans on having a sock hop on Saturday evening that will run until 10 o'clock and be held in a tent. The special event permit calls for the event to close at sunset. The Committee will appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting permission to extend the hours of the permit to 10 pm. The Board of Selectmen expressed a concern that the event was scheduled during a religious holiday. Mrs. Ketcham asked the Committee to check to see if another weekend was possible.

5. APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Paul Degener and John Anderson are up for reappointment to the Park and Recreation Commission and are willing to serve another term. Arthur Poltrak's term will expire on June 30, 2003 and he will not serve another term. The Republican Town Committee has recommended Caryn Mullin to replace Mr. Poltrak. Amy Folkman has also resigned and the Democratic Town Committee is seeking a replacement for her.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen reappoint Paul Degener and John Anderson, and appoint Caryn Mullin to the Park and Recreation Commission for terms beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2007. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The meeting recessed at 9:30 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:40 pm

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen amend the Town employee health insurance policy concerning the waiver of health insurance coverage in accordance with the recommendations of the Controller effective July 1, 2003. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary