



Town of Redding, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes June 9, 2003

Present: Ketcham, Cotton, Miller
Others present: more than 60 members of the public
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the June 9, 2003 meeting to order at 7:00 pm

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR FY 2003-04

Following the failure of the second budget referendum, the Board of Finance asked the Board of Selectmen to reduce their budget further by \$140,000. Mrs. Ketcham and Controller Hutvagner worked on the budget during the past week and arrived at a series of potential reductions.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a list of four tiers of reductions. Reductions included areas of:

Park & Recreation maintenance, Recycling Shed, Highway Clerical, Library Grant, Hart Bus, Zoning car, Highway resurfacing, Police Department renovations, the closing of Town offices/buildings one day a week and reductions in Park & Recreation Community Center weekend hours. These options were discussed.

The Board of Selectmen meeting was recessed and reconvened in the Town Clerk Office at 7:30 pm.

The discussion of budget reductions was continued. The listing of the reductions in tiers was refined for presentation to the Board to Finance.

The Board of Selectmen recessed at 8:00 pm to attend the Board of Finance Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen meeting was reconvened at 9:10 pm following the conclusion of the Board of Finance meeting.

The Board of Finance accepted reductions in the Board of Selectmen budget totaling \$68,000 to include the following:

Park & Rec Field Maintenance, \$10,000

Recycle Shed, \$6,170

Highway Clerical, \$6,000

Library Grant, \$4,733

Hart bus, \$5,000

Transfer/Zoning car, \$1,000

Police Renovations, \$17,500

Unspecified reductions, \$7,597

The final Board of Selectmen budget for fiscal year 2003-04 totals \$7,323,833

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve a budget of \$7,323,833 for fiscal year 2003-04. Cotton, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Mr. Cotton urged the citizens to come out and support this budget.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR TOWN MEETING FOR REGION #9 APPROPRIATION

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen on the recommendation of the Board of Finance to appropriate \$298,877 from the unappropriated fund balance for the Region #9 Board of Education to comply with Redding student population percentage for fiscal year 2002-03 set June 18, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Redding Town Office Building for approval. Miller, Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR BUDGET REFERENDUM

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen set June 25, 2003, from 6 am to 8 pm at the Redding Community Center for a vote on the budget. Miller. Cotton. Approved. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary