



**Town of Redding, Connecticut**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2004**

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs  
Also present: 13 members of the public  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the February 9, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Hearing Room of the Town Office Building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting as corrected. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 2 under Discussion of Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen postponed a decision on the ordinance until the February meeting; page 2, under Cell Tower discussion, the correct address is 259 Redding Road.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Budget Workshop of January 24, 2004. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2004 as corrected. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: Highway Department budget discussion, the lowboy dump truck was retained pending further review; correction of the name of the new committee, Long Range Financial Planning Committee.

**Motion:** That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 4, 2004 as submitted. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

**THIRD READING "ALCOHOL POSSESSION BY MINORS ORDINANCE"**

Mrs. Ketcham reported she contacted Easton First Selectmen Kupinse regarding their status with regard to an ordinance similar to what Redding is considering. Mr. Kupinse stated that they do not currently have an ordinance under consideration but he would check with their police chief regarding the issue.

Mr. Takacs reported he did an extensive internet search on ordinances regarding alcohol possession by minors. His conclusion was to recommend approval of the ordinance and forward the ordinance to a Town Meeting.

Mrs. Ketcham opened the discussion to members of the public.

Tom Derderian: Mr. Derderian read a letter into the record. His letter supports the ordinance and urged the Board of Selectmen approve the ordinance and send it to a Town Meeting for approval.

Letter from the Connecticut coalition to Stop Underage Drinking: this letter was read into the record by Mrs. Ketcham.

Peggy Zamore: stated that the Easton Redding Community Coalition supports the ordinance and could not find a good reason not to go forward with the ordinance approval process.

Larry Matte: offered his support for the ordinance. He presented a scenario and asked Chief Fuchs how the police would respond to the situation. Chief Fuchs responded that the police, responding to a complaint, are not trespassing on property, and that if they find a situation where no danger exists and parents of minors are present, they will leave the scene.

Bruce Socci: offered support for the ordinance.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the ordinance as presented and send it to a Town Meeting for approval. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

A Town Meeting date will be scheduled at the April Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mrs. Zamore congratulated the students who initiated the ordinance. This is the only ordinance that has been brought forward by students. She also thanked Mr. Takacs for his internet research on the subject.

#### DISCUSSION ON FY2004-2005 SELECTMEN'S BUDGET

The Board of Selectmen reviewed adjustments made to the proposed budget. Mr. Takacs reported the Long Range Financial Planning Committee, made up of himself, Controller Hutvagner, Treasurer O'Donnell, and a representative of the Board of Finance and Redding Board of Education, held an organizational meeting. He believes the group will be effective in planning for a capital budget for the next fiscal year, not the one under discussion.

Assessor Dan Thomas reported he reduced the scope of the GIS implementation program, thereby reducing the budget request. The GIS program is in the second phase and a pilot study will be done next year.

Mrs. Ketcham and Mr. Hutvagner completed a review and reassessment of the budget along with the Department Heads. A few additional adjustments need to be finalized. The Board of Selectmen will meet on February 18, 2004 at 5:00 pm to finalize the operating budget. The capital budget will also be reviewed and finalized at that time.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Don Stroetzel to the Planning Commission as a full member. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Dr. Lawrence Leibowitz as the Director of Health. Ketcham, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

#### REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen reappoint Nancy King and Fred Hanssen as Planning Commission alternates. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The reappointment of alternates to the Zoning Commission was tabled to the next meeting.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Resolution for grant funds for LCD Data Portable Projector for the Police Department: this is a grant from the Connecticut Department of Health.

Resolve that First Selectman Natalie Ketcham is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of this municipality, any and all contracts or amendments there of with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to receive the sum of \$1,400 in grant funds for the purchase of an LCD Data Portable Projector for the use by the Redding Police Department. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

2. Art Show: Mrs. Miller called attention to the winter Art Show in the Town Office Building and thanked Jane Ross, Pam Reese, Kathy and John Anderson for there work on the show.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL