



**Town of Redding, Connecticut**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2004**

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs  
Others: 14 member of the public  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the November 15, 2004 meeting to order at 7:37 pm in the Hearing Room.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: move to table minutes of October 15, 2004 to the next meeting. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 22, 2004 as submitted. Miller, Takacs. Approved. 2-0-1. Mrs. Ketcham abstained.

**DISCUSSION OF SPEED HUMPS ON HOPEWELL WOODS ROAD AND PORTLAND AVENUE**

Mrs. Ketcham recapped the issue of adding speed humps on Hopewell Woods Road and Portland Avenue on a trial basis. The purpose of the speed humps is to slow traffic and increase safety. Both roads are common entrances and exits through Redding.

The initial plan is to add a speed hump on Hopewell Woods Road at the entry to Redding coming from Newtown. The recommended spot on Portland Avenue is 200 feet toward Ridgefield from Portland Hill Road.

Comments were taken from members of the public.

Paul Degener, Portland Hill Road: favors adding the speed humps, but believes two should be added.

Chris Sullivan, 94 Hopewell Woods Road: agrees that the speed humps should be added, agrees that more are needed. Suggested two on the stretch from the Redding town line and the stop sign at the Recycling Center, and another between the Recycling Center and Route 58.

David Osborne, 98 Hopewell Woods Road: also supports the addition of humps. Also noted that since the roadway was raised and paved, the drop-off at the edge of the road is dangerous.

Steve Kammer, 102 Hopewell Woods Road: agreement that three humps are needed on Hopewell Woods Road.

Carey Reiley, 1 Beck Road: agreed with previous comments, especially the need for a hump between the Recycling Center and Route 58.

John (name unclear), 88 Portland Avenue: noted that all but two homes on Portland Avenue have driveways that necessitate backing out onto the road, creating a dangerous situation. He believes two humps are necessary, one between the wire mill and Portland Hill and the other as planned. He also suggested a stop sign where the road intersects Portland Hill Road.

Rose McConologue, 112 Portland Avenue: agreement that two humps and stop sign are needed.

Pat DeAngeles, 111 Hopewell Woods Road: submitted a petition signed by 17 of the 19 residents of Hopewell Woods Road, all favoring the addition of speed humps.

Pete Greco, 125 Portland Avenue: commented on the amount of commercial & truck traffic on the road.

Police Chief Fuchs responded to some of the comments. Hopewell Woods Road is a “no thru trucks” road, however any trucks having business anywhere in the town or originating in the town may use the road. He has an application in with the State to designate Portland Avenue as a “no thru trucks”. He added that stop signs are not intended to be a means of speed reduction and actually create additional noise and pollution.

Mrs. Ketcham reported that a letter from a resident of Portland Avenue not in favor of the speed humps was received. Mrs. Miller noted that she had received email messages from some not in favor of the speed humps.

One of the residents of Portland Avenue had a petition signed by 85% of the residents for the Zoning Commission stating that traffic was a #1 issue.

Mrs. Ketcham asked the Police Chief to discuss the issue of number of humps and location of humps with the Highway Superintendent and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Because of the need to move quickly before the asphalt plants close for the season, the Board agreed to meet on November 22, 2004 to consider the recommendations.

#### PERMIT PROCESS POLICY FOR STREET EXCAVATIONS

Mr. Takacs reviewed the policies of neighboring towns and offered suggestions. Mrs. Ketcham will move forward on this issue with the Highway Superintendent and the Town’s consultant from Land-Tech Associates.

#### REQUEST FROM GEORGETOWN VILLAGE RESTORATION, INC.

The Georgetown Village Restoration, Inc. requested the creation of an advisory committee to address parking in the BC zone, specifically to assess and make recommendations with regard to parking issues.

The Georgetown Streetscape Enhancement Plan organizes parking and provides some additional parking, but this would be insufficient if there is a full build-out of the Main Street area. Mrs. Miller did not feel an advisory committee was needed at this point, but suggested that they get a consultant or person who builds parking lots to study the area and make recommendations. Mrs. Ketcham added that they could also consult with the consultant working on the Georgetown Streetscape plan.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Regional Financial Oversight for Region #9 Board of Education: Mrs. Ketcham has contacted Senator Freedman regarding the legislation that would enable the formation of a separate board of finance for Region #9. Mrs. Ketcham reported she has been attending the Region #9 Board of Education meetings as that board deals with the completion of the building project and needed funding. She attended a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools, Director of Finance, BOF chairs of Easton and Redding, the Easton First Selectmen, the chair and vice chair of Region #9 to discuss the financial oversight issues and the completion of the building project. The group arrived at recommendations that will be considered at the Region #9 meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2004.
2. Revisions to the Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Building Committee for the Town of Redding: Mrs. Ketcham provided copies of ordinances of neighboring towns for consideration.
3. 2005 Meeting Dates: the dates for meetings in 2005 were reviewed.

Motion: move that the Board of Selectmen adopt the 2005 meeting dates as recommended. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

4. Referral from Zoning Commission: Mrs. Ketcham reported on a referral of a revision in the regulation of political signs. Discussion followed and the Board of Selectmen had no comment on the referral.
5. Referral from Zoning Commission: This referral is for a zoning amendment regarding changes in the building line on the Georgetown Main Street. This will be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL