



Town of Redding, Connecticut
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2004

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

Mrs. Ketcham called the September 20, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Hearing Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the August 2, 2004 Regular Meeting as submitted. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 9, 2004 as corrected. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: .. "it was noted that there is very little land in the trail area at the bend of the road by the mini-golf green."

UPDATE ON SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING

Marie Mas, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Easton, Redding & Region #9 schools, presented an update on the Strategic Planning. Fran Scharf, a participant in the session, was also present. The overall goal for the process is continuous school improvement and to put into place objectives to establish systemic and comprehensive approaches to improvement the curriculum, student achievement and instruction, and bringing the community in as a part of the planning. The draft document of the strategic planning was presented. A belief statement, mission statement and objectives were developed. The goal is to develop action plans that will guide continuous improvement for the schools. Five action groups will be developed to work on the five strategies. Work will continue over the next few months with the goal of producing a broad strategic plan that could be adopted by the joint boards in January 2005.

ATHLETIC FIELD USAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION

Committee members, lead by Mr. Degnerer, presented an update on the field usage and the need for additional fields in Redding. The Committee recommended the development of athletic playing fields on the Granskog property. They found that site to be the only viable site in town. The Committee recommended the employment of a consultant to prepare a preliminary design for property or feasibility study. This process would define the number of fields that would be feasible along with estimates of costs.

Discussion followed. The Board of Selectmen suggested that the concept be presented to the Planning Commission for an initial review/comment. Playing fields on that parcel of land would require an application for a change in use that involves both the Planning & Zoning Commissions. Mrs. Ketcham will check with the Planning Commission to see if they would entertain consideration of the concept.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE

The revised draft of the Uniform Traffic Control Ordinance was reviewed. Town Counsel has advised that State Statute allow the local traffic control to establish and enforce regulations dealing with fire lanes and that detail was included in the document.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the Uniform Traffic Control Ordinance as presented September 20, 2004. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Toby Welles as an Alternate to the Planning Commission, filling the unexpired term of Nancy King to 2-09-08. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Tom Flagg as an Alternate to the Planning Commission, filling the unexpired term of Fred Hanssen to 2-09-08. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Interviews for the Assessor position have begun. A panel of professional assessors includes Al Garzi of Ridgefield and the assessors from Bethel and New Fairfield. The Board of Selectmen will interview the finalist candidates next week.
2. CL&P transition location status: a meeting is planned for the neighbors affected by the CL&P selected site. Photos showing the affect on homes, with leaves on trees and without the leaves will be available. The Town of Redding will have the opportunity to comment on the CL&P selection of the Flagg lot.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL