



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

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs
Also present: 15 members of the public
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the January 20, 2004 meeting to order at 7300 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 December 15, 2003 meeting as corrected. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: page 1, paragraph on Ordinance, line 4, change that may curb to intended to curb; same paragraph, line 7, change all to allow; page 1, last paragraph, After approval, each member of the Police Department would receive a copy of the manual; page 2, under Appointments, Burdin Hickok is correct spelling of name.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen as corrected. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: page 2, Public Comment, Jennifer Bodurtha's comment, line 2, change is to was.

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER FEES

Tom Newsome, Coordinator of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center presented a proposal to increase fees at the Center. The increase in fees is designed to offset the increase in costs. The various fees were discussed.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve the fees as recommended to take effect on July 1, 2004. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

HERITAGE CENTER REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Gail Schiron presented a request to transfer \$10,000 to the activity fund for the Heritage Center. The new facility has allowed additional programs to be offered, but the current budget does not provide the funding needed. Mrs. Schiron stated the current budget of \$7,000 for programs has almost been exhausted. The income from fees for programs will offset the cost of the programs.

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen approve and recommend to the Board of Finance a transfer of \$10,000 for programming at the Heritage Center. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

TAX COLLECTOR AND ASSESSOR REQUEST

Mrs. Ketcham suggested that this item be discussed as a part of the budget workshop on Saturday, January 24, 2004.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON "ALCOHOL POSSESSION BY MINORS" ORDINANCE, Second Reading

The Selectmen discussed the proposed ordinance. Members of the audience also spoke in support of the ordinance. The Barlow students who brought the ordinance forward, member of the Easton Redding Community Coalition, and Chief Fuchs spoke in support of the ordinance.

Following a long discussion of the intent of the ordinance, the Board of Selectmen agreed to move the ordinance forward. Mrs. Ketcham suggested that a date for a Town Meeting be set at the Board of Selectmen's February meeting. She will speak with the First Selectman of Easton regarding their adoption of a similar ordinance. Chief Fuchs added that since this is the only ordinance of this kind in the state to come forward by students and the state's Attorney General has expressed interest in attending the Town Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: That the Redding Board of Selectmen appoint Larry Matte as an alternate to the Board of Ethics. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. State Grants: Mrs. Ketcham reported that on her last trip to Hartford she collected on the "cardboard checks" for the four state grants. The money, \$1,168,733, was available and was wired to the Town's bank.
2. Animal Control Officer position: The position was advertised and 18 applications have been received. Chief Fuchs is administering a written test to the applicants. This will be followed by oral interviews. The Board of Selectmen will interview the finalist candidates. The intent is have a person on board to attend a state training session for animal control officers in March in Hartford.
3. Cell Tower: A notice that AT&T is making a submission to the State Siting Council for two locations in Redding. The two private sites are 259 Lonetown Road and 22 Wayside Lane. Mrs. Miller noted that today's newspapers reported that AT&T Wireless was being acquired or merging with Cingular Wireless. Mrs. Ketcham will consult with Attorney Lavelle to build a case for dismissal. The Zoning Commission discussed the two locations and favored the 259 Lonetown Road over the Wayside Lane location.

4. Highway Department: Mrs. Ketcham reported that the Highway Department budget for snow removal is in good shape in spite of the recent snow storms. Additional sand has been ordered and that specific account may be over the budgeted amount.
5. Long Ridge Railroad Regrading Public Hearing: Mrs. Ketcham reported a good turnout for the meeting which included a presentation by DEP and Milone & MacBroom. The consensus at the conclusion of the meeting was that everyone felt the improvement was good and should move forward.
6. Council of Small Towns Board of Directors: Mrs. Ketcham attended her first meeting as a member of the Board of Directors. The affordable housing item has been added to the agenda for the legislators.
7. Mrs. Miller reported the winter Art Show in the Redding Town Office Building is scheduled for the first week of February.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL