

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



## **Town of Redding, Connecticut**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 15, 2004

REDDING COMMUNITY CENTER

Present: more than 200 people

First Selectman Natalie Ketcham called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

### ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Move to nominate Ward Mazzucco as moderator by Jim Cotton, seconded by Don Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Mr. Mazzucco called Selectman Tina Miller to read the call of the meeting. (attached). Mr. Mazzucco will have the return of the public notice recorded. Letters from State Representative Hank Bielawa and Congressman Christopher Shays in support of the ordinance were received and are attached to these minutes.

Motion: to adopt the ordinance regarding alcohol possession by minor. Bill Morris, seconded by Burdin Hickok.

Discussion followed. Selectman Ketcham reviewed the process followed to bring the ordinance forward. Police Chief Doug Fuchs introduced the three Barlow students who were instrumental in the movement of the ordinance to the attention of the Board of Selectman. The students, Sheela Dandapani, Kristen Fallo and Kimido Tanaka were present.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal addressed the audience regarding the ordinance. 32 other towns in Connecticut have an ordinance of this type.

Gary Nejarian, Director of the Governor's Partnership for the Coalition To Stop Underage Drinking also addressed the audience in support for the audience.

The meeting was opened to public comment. The following people asked questions/clarification of the ordinance:

James Miller, Augie D'Aurelli, Martha Korman, Betty Licarie, Janet Auerbach, Robin Salvagio, Gen Gordon, Paul Garavel, Jennifer Bodurtha, Don Stroetzel.

Call the question: Shibhan Streams, seconded by Tom Dedarian. Approved. Unanimous.

The vote was taken. The approval of the ordinance was near unanimous. Three people cast dissenting votes.

Motion: that the ordinance governing the Town Benefit-Elderly Tax Relief be approved. Frank Taylor, seconded by Ben Gordon.

First Selectman Ketcham reviewed the process used to move the ordinance forward. She introduced Pat Moasio who was a member of the committee established to bring the ordinance forward.

Mrs. Moasio reviewed the history of the tax benefit and how the proposed change came about.

The forum was opened to comments and questions from the audience. The following individuals offered opinions and asked questions: James Miller, Ed Miller, Tom Wylie, Robert Dean, Bill Morris.

Call the question: Julien Kien, seconded by John Fisher.

The vote was taken. The approval of the ordinance was near unanimous. Three people cast dissenting votes.

Motion to adjourn, Tina Miller, seconded by Don Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary