



Town of Redding, Connecticut
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2005

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs
Others: four members of the public
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the April 18, 2005 meeting to order at 7:32 pm in the Conference Room of the Redding Town Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move to approve minutes of the March 21, 2005 meeting as corrected. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: under Discussion of Road Opening Ordinance, last sentence should read. "A revised copy of the material will be prepared for presentation at a Town Meeting."

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS

In anticipation of the upcoming needs, primarily for traffic control, the Police Chief has recommended the number of auxiliary officers be increased up to 15. It has become increasingly difficult to get coverage for the private duty/community events and traffic control with the current number of officers. The auxiliary police are under the jurisdiction of the Police Department and training is provided.

Motion: move to approve the increase in the number of auxiliary officers up to 15. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

Motion: move to approve the following resolution:

Resolution: That Natalie T. Ketcham, First Selectman, or the Town Clerk as her designee is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and contract with the State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant. Dated at Redding, Connecticut, this 18th day of April, 2005.

Takacs, Miller, Approved. Unanimous.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

Special legislation is being considered to allow special taxing districts to be created for situations such as proposed by the Georgetown Land Development. State Representative Bielawa asked the Selectmen to support the legislation that allows the tax district to be formed. Steven Soler of GLDC added that as of this afternoon, the topic has is now a study, but can move on to become a bill. He urged support of the legislation. Mrs. Ketcham added that the Board of Finance Chair, Peggy Sullivan, is agreement for support of such legislation. Following the discussion, the following resolution was approved.

Motion: move to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, legislation has been proposed which allows for the establishment, organization and operation of a special tax district in Town; and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen support this legislation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Selectmen endorses legislation before the General Assembly relating to the establishment, organization and operation of a special tax district in Town to be known as the Georgetown Special Tax District, provided that such legislation will have no effect on the applicability of all statutes, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the State of Connecticut or the Town of Redding on the property, residences and businesses located in such district,

Further Resolved, that the Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that the General Assembly act favorably upon legislation relating to the establishment, organization and operation of the Georgetown Special Tax District, after such legislation in its final form has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Dated at Redding, Connecticut this 18th day of April, 2005.

Miller, Takacs. Approved Unanimous.

LETTER TO TOWN CLERK REQUESTING A REFERENDUM ON TOWN BUDGET

The Board of Selectmen were in agreement to send the budget to a machine vote.

Motion: move to send the following letter to the Town Clerk:

Pleased be advised that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Redding, pursuant to the provisions C.G.S. 7-7 amended by P.A. 81-228, voted at a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen duly warned and held on April 18, 2005 to submit Item 1, on the call of the Annual Budget Meeting to be held Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 4:30 pm in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building, to referendum to all persons qualified to vote at said meeting for a vote yes or no on the voting machine during the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., not less than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days thereafter in accordance with the provision of section 7-7 of the general Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1991.

Takacs, Miller, Approved. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: move to appoint Joe Ventricelli to the Zoning Commission as an Alternate Member. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to appoint Lee Morgan to the Park and Recreation Commission. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to appoint Joe Macchio to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to appoint John Shaban to the Water Pollution Control Commission representing the Zoning Commission. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to re-appoint David Pattee to the Water Pollution Control Commission representing the Conservation Commission. Miller. Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PURCHASING POLICY

Mrs. Ketcham the HVCEO is exploring the potential of the member towns participating in purchasing of major supplies, such as sand, copy paper, etc. Joint purchasing may provide some savings by taking advantage of high volume purchases. This concept is still in the exploratory stage.

Mrs. Ketcham also reported the Department of Environmental Protection is promoting the purchase of “green” products, specifically cleaning products. The Board was in agreement that this concept should be encouraged where possible.

Motion: move that the Town of Redding should encourage use and promote environmentally preferential products where possible. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. The First Selectmen of Ridgefield requested funds from the towns of Connecticut to continue the battle against casino expansion. The Board of Selectmen discussed the benefits for Redding of supporting these efforts and making a contribution to the effort.

Motion: move to approve appropriation of \$500 to the Town of Ridgefield to assist in the battle against casino expansion. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

2. Legislative update: Mrs. Ketcham reported on the real estate conveyance tax status and potential changes.
3. CL&P: work has started and some disruption of traffic is anticipated.
4. Road Reconstruction: the Highway Department street sweeping is about four weeks ahead of schedule. The equipment purchase went out to bid and the bids came in close to the budget.
5. Parade Path dedication is scheduled for May 1, 2005.
6. Saving Natural Redding is scheduled for May 18, 2005.
7. Mrs. Miller reported Jane Ross and the Art Group would have the Annual Art Show opening on Memorial Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:50 pm. No further action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary