



Town of Redding, Connecticut

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 29, 2005

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs
Others: six people in the audience
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the August 29, 2005 meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 18, 2005 minutes: deferred to the next meeting.

Motion: move to approve minutes of the August 2, 2005 meeting as submitted. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Miller abstained.

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2005 as submitted. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Miller abstained.

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2005 meeting as submitted. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

REQUEST FOR ROAD WAIVER

Mr. Costa Sergue and attorney Neil Marcus presented a request for a waiver for Costa Lane, to allow the roadway to continue to exist as it is, and they proposed adding a guardrail where necessary. After a long discussion, a motion was made to approve the waiver.

Motion: that the Redding Board of Selectmen grant a waiver to Section 4F of the Road Regulations to allow the paved portion of Costa Lane to remain where it is currently located, between station 0+20 and station 6+0 subject to relocation of the paved portion by widening sufficient to accommodate the installation of guardrails to the satisfaction of the Town's engineer. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Bruce Sanford reported the roadway project was going very well. He provided a financial report for review.

RISC REPORT OF JULY 1, 2005

Ginny Cohen and Rob Dean of RISC provided a review of the RISC report on space requirements of the Building, Zoning and Health Departments. The report included several recommendations. A discussion of the recommendations followed. The Board of Selectmen did not take any action but will study and discuss the report further.

TOWN MEETING FOR SALE OF HERITAGE HOUSE

Mrs. Ketcham reported that the Town is now in a position to go ahead with the sale of Heritage House.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen, based on the memorandum from Town Attorney Lavelle dated 8/18/05, set Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 7:30 pm for a Town Meeting in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building, based on the recommendation of the Planning Committee and the Board of Selectmen, to approve the sale of 9 Cross Highway (the former Heritage House) into private residential ownership, incorporating a preservation restrictive covenant, a 20-foot planning buffer easement, and a conservation easement. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

TOWN MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen set Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 7:30 pm for a Town Meeting to approve the transfers for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 as approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. Approved. Unanimous. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen approve the resolution opposing Broadwater Liquid Natural Gas fueling platform in Long Island Sound. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENT

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen appoint Jarod S. Smith to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term that runs to June 2007. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Web site: Mrs. Miller reported that Director of Park & Recreation is interested in adding more Park & Rec information on the web site. She will arrange a meeting to review options.
2. Speed hump review: the installation of the speed humps was almost a year ago and it is time for an evaluation. Mrs. Ketcham suggested getting input from the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief, and the residents in the location of the speed humps. Mrs. Miller suggested the use of the web site, with a specific email address for

comments on the speed humps. A discussion at a future Board of Selectmen will be scheduled.

3. School Safety Campaign: as part of the opening of school, a School Safety Campaign will be conducted by the Police Department. Officers will be running radar checks at various locations during the first week of school.
4. Report on Drug & Alcohol Use: the school boards of Easton, Redding & Region #9 will hold a meeting on September 8, 2005 to review the report of the task force on drug & alcohol use. The Board of Selectmen has been invited to attend and participate in discussions.
5. Consideration of a fund for future land acquisition: Mrs. Ketcham suggested the establishment of a fund for future land acquisitions, specifically to provide "binder" money should it be needed to secure a potential purchase. She suggested allocating the monies received from the CL&P easement payments to such a fund. Further research on this will be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move to executive session to discuss personal & litigation matters. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:50 pm.

No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary