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**Town of Redding, Connecticut**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2005

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs  
Others: Mr. Desalvo (8:30 pm)  
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the July 18, 2005 meeting to order at 7:40 pm in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building.

**AGENDA ADDITION**

**Motion:** move to add an Executive Session for a discussion of legal matters at the end of the meeting. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** move to approve minutes of the June 13, 2005 meeting as submitted. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

**Motion:** move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 23, 2005 as submitted. Takacs, Ketcham. Approved. 2-0-1. Miller abstained.

**MUNICIPAL ENERGY PROPOSAL**

A proposal was presented by Municipal Energy Consultants to review and audit the Town's street lighting account with CL&P. Recent legislation has resulted in a reduction of rates charged by CL&P for municipal street lighting and a recalculation of the refund previously given the Town. Municipal Energy Consultants will audit the Town's account and if no further amount is owed to the Town, there will be no fee. If an additional refund is due, Municipal Energy Consultants will charge 15% of the additional refund.

**Motion:** that the Redding Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectmen to write the letter specified by Municipal Energy Consultants in their packet of information for the audit of the street lighting account with CL&P in accordance with their proposal. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

#### DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

A report from Health Officer Hartline supported the use of the emergency notification. The program, provided by Expedite, is a pay-as-you-go program, which provides recorded message by telephone to the Town's database of phone numbers. The Redding schools have used the system very successfully. The notification system would only be used in the event of an emergency that would make immediate communication a necessity. **Mr. Hartline, as Emergency Management Director, will proceed with the program. The next step will be a phone call from the First Selectman's office to all residential phone numbers with an explanation of the program and an opportunity to opt out of the program or add/change the phone number.**

#### GEORGETOWN PARKING ADVISORY REPORT

The report of the Georgetown Parking Advisory group was reviewed. The group suggested an immediate goal of utilizing the two parking areas on Old Mill Road for public parking. Mrs. Ketcham will contact the property owners to explore the options.

The Planning Commission will be reviewing the proposed changes from the Zoning Commission regarding the building line and the impact on development and parking needs. John Hayes is working on a full build-out impact study of the area for sewer needs and parking needs.

#### CL&P EASEMENTS

Mrs. Ketcham reviewed the four easements and one in-kind exchange for easement and the compensation from CL&P. The Planning Commission reviewed the and supports the easements as presented. The total compensation for the four easements is \$41,265. The in-kind exchange for an easement has been agreed to by the DEP and approved by the Planning Commission.

**Motion:** that the Redding Board of Selectmen set Town Meeting date of Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 8:15 pm in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building to approve the CL&P proposal for monetary compensation for four easements and a land-in-kind exchange for one easement. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

#### GEORGETOWN TAX DISTRICT PETITION

The petitions were not received, but are expected to be submitted and verified within the month.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Road reconstruction update: work is progressing on Redding Road, and White Birch Road will be next.
- b. CL&P update: work is moving along. Work on Umpawaug Road will begin on August 8, 2005 and should take 3-4 weeks.

- c. HVECO, purchasing issues:
- the concept of cooperative buying for goods and services used by the member towns has been explored. Capitol Region Purchasing Council provides such service. HVECO has agreed to pay the first year membership for member towns as a trial. Redding will participate in the trial.
  - the Town of Bridgewater uses a new product for snow & ice removal that the Highway Department is interested in trying. Mr. Sanford will try the product on a test basis and monitor to determine the effectiveness of the product.
  - pot hole filler: the Town of Torrington has had great success with a new type of pot hole filler. The repair is better than the cold patch and is effective when used in the winter months. Brookfield is planning to lease the equipment and will make it available to other area towns.
- d. Small Cities Community Block Grant: a Public Hearing on the Grant is planned for July 28, 2005. The grant would be used for Brownfields remediation and health/safety issues associated with the Brownfields area.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion:** move to executive session to discuss legal matters. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 pm

#### RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:45 pm.

No further action was taken.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary