



Town of Redding, Connecticut
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2005

Present: Ketcham, Miller, Takacs
Others: Police Chief Fuchs
Media: Redding Pilot

Mrs. Ketcham called the May 16, 2005 meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Redding Town Office Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move to Executive Session for a discussion of personnel matters. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 7:33 pm

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened in public session at 8:10 pm

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: move to add to the agenda a discussion of the status of Dodgingtown Road. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move to approve minutes of the April 18, 2005 meeting as submitted. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to approve minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting as submitted. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: move to appoint Tom Morrison to the Park and Recreation Commission, to fill a term that expired 6/30/07. Takacs, Miller. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. CL&P project status: The Town received the Zoning permit for the stockpiling of soil from the Gallows Hill project at the land fill. Work on Gallows Hill Road has begun. Residents have been cooperative and some have offered constructive suggestions to deal with traffic issues.
2. Roadway reconstruction project: the equipment has been ordered.
3. Legislative update: Mrs. Ketcham reported that Special Tax District for GLDC has a good chance of being approved.

UPDATE ON DODGINGTOWN ROAD

Mrs. Ketcham reported the plan to discontinue the uninhabited portion of Dodgingtown Road and allow for parking has been revised and submitted for review to DEP. The plan calls for limited permit parking and no parking signs posted on the remainder of the roadway. Discussion followed concerning the practicality of permit parking. Police Chief Fuchs participated in this discussion. Agreement was reached to allow parking on a seasonal basis, from April through October. This would eliminate the need to monitoring permit parking.

The Plan was revised to discontinue the uninhabited portion of Dodgingtown Road, allow seasonal parking from April 1 to October 31, with the parking area gated during the remainder of the year. This Plan was recommended for a Town Meeting for approval.

Motion: move to recommend to a Town Meeting to be held on June 2, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building, the recommendation of the closing of the uninhabited portion of Dodgingtown Road. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

SAVING NATURAL REDDING

This is an event planned for May 18, 2005.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & ART SHOW

The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 28, 2005 at 12 noon. The Annual Art Show will opened immediately following the parade.

GEORGETOWN PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chief Fuchs presented the Georgetown Parking Advisory Committee Report and reviewed it with the Selectmen. The report includes a plan for the short-term, mid-term and long-term. The Board of Selectmen will take the Report under consideration and schedule a discussion at a later meeting.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: move to add to the agenda a discussion of personnel matters in executive session. Miller, Takacs. Approved. Unanimous.

ATHLETIC FIELDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Takacs reported the Committee is working to improve the fields that currently exist. The Committee would like to evaluate the Couch Hill Preserve. The group met with the Planning and Conservation Commissions and their recommendation was to establish a committee to prepare a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) and evaluate the submissions. That new committee is still in need of a landscape architect and a civil engineer.

The Athletic Fields Committee asked Milone & McBroom to do an independent evaluation of the Park & Recreation report on the status of the fields in Town. Milone & McBroom determined the report is accurate and understates the needs for additional field time. They noted that the requirement for four additional fields is conservative. Their report also stressed the importance of proper maintenance of fields.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Approved. Unanimous.

Chief Fuchs was asked to be present.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:15 pm. No further action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary