

**BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING – JUNE 4, 2008**

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:30 P.M.

**REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES**

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These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

In attendance: R. Marconi, A. Bodner, B. Manners, D. Masters

Absent: J. Plock

**Agenda**

1. Vendor Permit Application: Maya Curto, Redding Creamery
2. Vendor Permit Application: Christopher Thompson
3. Vendor Permit Application: Heather Scheck
4. Vendor Permit Application: Richard Papenfuss
5. 176 Old Branchville Road
6. Sex Offender Ordinance Draft
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 4/23/08, 5/7/08, 5/15/08, 5/20/08, 5/21/08, 5/28/08
8. Selectman's Report
9. Executive Session:
  - Litigation – Possible Settlement
  - Highway Union Tentative Agreement Discussion: Possible Approval

R. Marconi called the Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The referendum did pass on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He commented on two items that need to be addressed:

- LOASA Grant – This is a 100% grant from the State of Connecticut that was voted down. We need to apply for this grant as there is no cost to the taxpayer.
- Oil burner at Yanity Gym needs replacement. The burner is only used for heat and not for hot water. It has to be fixed. Where are we going to get the dollars?

R. Marconi indicated that he has asked all department heads to review the budget and to let him know of any anticipated problems because of the budget cuts.

1. Vendor Permit Application: Maya Curto

Maya Curto came forward to express her interest in renewing her vendor permit to sell pre-packaged ice cream. This is her third year in business in Ridgefield and is in compliance with all required inspections and licensing. She tends to sell her ice cream at parks and by water locations. She also does a lot of fund raisers.

**A. Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve the Vendor Application for Maya Curto, of Redding Creamery to sell pre-packaged ice cream for an additional year to June 2009. Motion passed 4-0.**

2. Vendor Permit Application: Christopher Thompson

Mr. Thompson was not present.

3. Vendor Permit Application: Heather Scheck

Heather Scheck came forward to express her interest in selling educational materials for the Southwestern Company, a publishing company, door-to-door in Ridgefield during the summer months. She is a college student from Missouri who is currently living with a host family in Danbury. She agreed to not call on houses after dark and not before 9:00 in the morning. She will also notify the Police Department as to what neighborhood she is going to be in knocking on doors and will call them again whenever she changes a territory. She does not have the \$200 with her but will bring it by at a later time.

**B. Manners moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve the Vendor Application for Heather Scheck to sell educational materials for Southwestern Company door-to-door after 9:00 a.m. to sunset during the months of June, July and August 2008. Motion passed 4-0.**

4. Vendor Permit Application: Richard Papenfuss

Mr. Papenfuss came forward to express his interest in having his vendor permit again renewed. This will be his 34<sup>th</sup> year selling ice cream, beverages, hot dogs, and candy at athletic events, parades, etc, in Ridgefield. The BOS wished him well.

**D. Masters moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve the Vendor Application for Richard Papenfuss to sell ice cream, beverages, hot dogs, and candy for an additional year to June 2009. Motion passed 4-0.**

5. 176 Old Branchville Road

Attorney Rex Gustafson came forward to discuss his May 21, 2008 letter to the Board of Selectmen relative to the proposed exchange of property between Town of Ridgefield Open Space and Joan M. Corley property at 176 Old Branchville Road. Mr. Gustafson had previously requested in February 2008 that the Town of Ridgefield grant an easement where the traveled surface of an accessway at 176 Old Branchville Road encroached into Town of Ridgefield Open Space. The BOS discussed this issue at that time, but in asking the Conservation Commission for their opinion, they indicated that they preferred a property swap instead. Becky Mucchetti of Planning & Zoning was present and indicated that P&Z approved of this "swap". It was agreed that the BOS would like to receive something in writing from both P&Z and the Conservation Commission with their "stamp of approval" for this proposed swap. Mr. Gustafson will obtain such for the Board.

**D. Masters moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to set a Public Hearing for June 18, 2008, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall Large Conference Room, to discuss the proposed property swap as requested by the Conservation Commission relative to where the accessway at 176 Old Branchville Road encroaches into Town of Ridgefield Open Space. Motion passed 4-0.**

**D. Masters moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to set a Town Meeting for July 2, 2008, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall Large Conference Room, to approve the proposed property swap as requested by the Conservation Commission relative to where the accessway at 176 Old Branchville Road encroaches into Town of Ridgefield Open Space, provided the Public Hearing on June 18, 2008, indicates a consensus for approval of such a swap. Motion passed 4-0.**

6. Sex Offender Ordinance Draft

The Board of Selectmen has received the latest copy of the proposed Sex Offender Ordinance for their review. R. Marconi indicated how this ordinance refers to child safety zones and a map of such will be available at the Town Clerk's office. The map will be very specific about ponds,

schools, playgrounds, etc. as child safety zones. A “registered sex offender” will be restricted from going to such areas and hanging out or loitering. Chief Ligi has suggested that the proposed ordinance be submitted to the State Chief Attorney’s Office for their review prior to implementation. The ordinance needs to be enforceable.

John Katz, Ridgebury Rd. asked why the golf course is listed as a child safety zone and not Main St? R. Marconi responded that one question is whether a “registered sex offender” can, for instance, play on a softball team at a park which would be a child safety zone? Danbury has learned that their ordinance is not specific enough. While the legality of this proposed ordinance is being reviewed at the State level, we will be reviewing the child safety zones noted. The Boys’ & Girls’ Club was not listed. A. Bodner asked if there will be signs at the child safety zones indicating such? R. Marconi responded that signs may be something we will want to do, but that is not written into the ordinance in this draft copy. Another suggestion was that the police and park employees should have pictures of sex offenders who live in Ridgefield. There are currently five “registered sex offenders” residing in Ridgefield. A. Bodner indicated that the “privacy issue” has to be considered also.

It was agreed to proceed with review of this draft and submission of the draft to the State of Connecticut Chief Attorney’s Office for their review also.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 4/23/08, 5/7/08, 5/15/08, 5/20/08, 5/21/08, 5/28/08

**A. Bodner moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the April 23, 2008, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.**

**D. Masters moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 7, 2008, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.**

**A. Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 15, 2008, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.**

**D. Masters moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 20, 2008, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.**

**D. Masters moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 21, 2008, Public Hearing & Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.**

**D. Masters moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 28, 2008, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-1. B. Manners abstained as she was not present at the May 28, 2008 meeting.**

8. Selectman’s Report

- D. Masters requested that “Charter Issues” be on the agenda for the June 18 Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Economic Development Commission (EDC) update - Penny Hoffman is not staying on the Economic Development Commission. Rick O’Brien who works in commercial real estate, will interview with the BOS on June 18. One individual who has interviewed has a conflict as they also represent Pond’s Edge.

- How can Ridgefield best handle this oil crisis? The Town is on the open market for oil right now, whereas the Board of Education has locked in their delivery price. John Katz inquired as to where the gas line is located in relation to Yanity Gym – it ends in front of Wisteria Gardens. Sometimes gas companies will pay to run a line and the individuals on the line will then pay for hook-up.
- Founder’s Hall breakfast on June 5, 7:30 a.m.

9. Executive Session:

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**B. Manners moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to recess the Board of Selectmen Meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. with Laurie Scholl, Director of Human Resources, invited to participate in the Executive Session. Motion passed 4-0.**

The Board of Selectmen exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. They indicated they would be reviewing the Tentative Agreement with the Municipal Union at the June 18, 2008 meeting as Selectwoman J. Plock was not in attendance.

**D. Masters moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into further discussions with our attorney to resolve the FOI case. Motion passed 4-0**

**D. Masters moved and A. Bodner seconded the motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 10:04 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Johnson