

Redding Planning Commission
Redding Center, Connecticut 06875-1028

Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022 - 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall Hearing Room
100 Hill Road – Redding, Connecticut
In Person Only

Present: Dan Barrett, Chairman; Commissioner Chuck Cilo; Commissioner Steve Gagnon; Commissioner Roger Van Ausdal; Alternate Jim Bacon.

Also Present: Julia Pemberton, First Selectman; Aimee Pardee, Land Use Director; members of the public.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 9, 2022

At this time, no votes could be conducted due to the agenda not being filed on time.

II ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **Referral from Board of Selectmen.** In accordance with CGS 8-24, referral of proposed improvements at Topstone Park, 72 Topstone Road: replacement of existing playground equipment, addition of bear-proof garbage containers, addition of baby changing facilities, and addition for benches. Discussion 8/9/2022.

Referral received from Board of Selectmen August 10, 2022.

Mr. Barrett shared a draft report was created to be sent to the board. The discussion was had regarding this draft report. All members felt it covered the necessary topics discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Gagnon asked for clarification on how funding would be allocated. Mr. Barrett shared that by approving the items listed in the report, money can be allocated as needed by the Parks and Recreation department and the board. Mr. Cilo noted that the draft includes maintaining the natural appearance of the park, to which Mr. Barrett shared the location of this information within the report. Ms. Pardee shared she felt it was well done and reflects the discussion from the previous meeting. At this time, since no vote could be conducted, the commission will revisit this at the next meeting.

2. **Referral from Zoning, 296 Ethan Allen Highway.** Request for Site Plan approval to demolish existing structures and redevelop property with new

“Home2 Suites by Hilton”. Zoning Public Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2022. Plan unchanged from previous referral.

The application is being resubmitted due to a lapse in time from the previous application. Ms. Pardee shared that this is a large project that involves many details to be looked at in more depth. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

3. **Referral from Zoning, 32 Portland Avenue.** Owner: Giovanna Pilato. Request for a Special Use Permit to convert existing building from business use to a 5 Unit, 6 Bedroom residential apartment building. Zoning Public Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2022. Ms. Pardee shared there will be no change to existing site, including no external change beyond superficial improvements. Mr. Barrett asked what hardship this was approved under. He also asked Ms. Pardee for site plans for this project. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT/DISCUSSION

Mr. Barrett submitted a letter to the Board of Selectman regarding short-term rentals. Mr. Barrett has not heard anything back at this time.

Ms. Pardee sent a letter of suggestions, per Mr. Van Ausdal, to the two town historians and historical consultant. The consultant confirmed that the road layout for the green was designed because it is a historical wagon turn and should not be modified due to impact on archeological sites. Ms. Pardee will be sharing the survey and letter with the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by:
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