Board of Selectman’s meeting
Minutes of July 5th, 2001

Present from Board: Chairman Brown, Selectman Plessner, Selectman Dawson, Selectman Manseau, and Selectman O’Leary.

Also present, Town Administrator Alice MacKinnon and secretary Catherine A.Woessner.

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

The first order of business is attorney client session with Attorney Chandler. Chairman Brown made a motion to go into non-public session at 6:03PM, seconded by Selectman Plessner. Selectman O’Leary, yes, Selectman Manseau, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, and Chairman Brown yes.

At 6:19PM the regular Selectman’s meeting resumed.

1. Chairman Brown requested a motion to accept the Petition to Superior Court that has been drafted by Attorney Chandler for a Special Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor. The Board of Selectmen signed the original document. Chairman Brown also requested that based on RSA 31:5 the Board needs to have a re-vote of their decision at their meeting of June 21, 2001 to Petition the Superior Court for a Special Town Meeting in August so it can be properly noticed according to that R.S.A. Chair asked for a motion at this time. Selectman O’Leary made a motion seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

2. Chief Chase is on vacation. Lieutenant Chapman joined the meeting for the monthly report. He gave a copy of the monthly statistics to the Board. He reported that there have been a substantial amount of credit card fraud cases. Motorcycle weekend was relatively quiet, but there was a lot of traffic. Lt. Chapman reported that they have the new cruiser on line. The oldest car is the 1993 which has a transmission problem. Lt. asked the Board if they want to auction it or put it out to bid. Chairman Brown said the Board will further discuss this and get back to Chief Chase. Lt. Chapman also informed the Board that they missed the auction in the Spring at the State House. They have 18 bicycles, skate boards, and some tools and would like to have an auction on a Saturday morning. Lt. Chapman will check with the school or the property across from the Police Dept. to have the auction at one of these sites. He will keep the auction to an age limit of 16 and under and probably limit the number of bicycles they can buy. Lt. said that Laconia does this also and will get a copy of their specs. Once he gets this together Chief Chase will bring in the proposal for the Board. The Board agreed this is a great idea. Selectman Plessner informed Lt. Chapman that cars are parking on the sidewalk of School Street blocking people from walking on the sidewalks and having to walk in the street. Lt. said they have had several calls to this residence as they seem to be running a boarding house. They are looking into this and will also address the parking situation tomorrow. Selectman Plessner also received a call from Officer Paulhus regarding the same vicinity with complaints regarding noisy roosters. He explained to Officer Paulhus that from the zoning question anyone can have pets and this takes it into the civil area where it would be disturbing the peace. Selectman Plessner received another complaint today regarding the roosters. Lt. Chapman asked where this is considered agricultural zoned if it is allowed. Selectman Plessner said if it is a pet you can have it. Lt. Chapman
said he will look at the Town Ordinances regarding noise with animals, he does not think they are limited to just dogs with issuing warnings and summons for a nuisance regarding noise.

Selectman Manseau asked about the town parking spot on Mechanic Street having four unregistered vehicles there. Lt. Chapman said they had this area checked and cleaned out last week, but will have an officer check again.

Chairman Brown asked Lt. Chapman if there is still foot patrol in the downtown area as some of the flowers have been pulled out of the flower containers and is concerned that our Main Street program may be in jeopardy. Lt. Chapman said he will increase the patrol, especially in the evening.

Selectman Plessner asked how the lights are working out at School Street. Lt. Chapman said it is working out well except for the back-up of traffic. Lt. Chapman will call Mark Morell and ask to have the timing on the School Street light to increase at least another two vehicles and also to have a sign “Right Turn On Red” installed. Selectman O’Leary suggested calling Piper Construction Co. as they said if there were any problems with the lights they could change it. Bob Claridge is the foreman of the job and he will be contacted.

3. Alice informed the Board that she received a complaint about a continuous yard sale at the Cranky Yankee store on Main Street. Alice said they wanted to know if this violated the zoning ordinance. Selectman Plessner said it does not. Selectman Manseau questioned some of the things for sale are moving onto the sidewalk. Selectman Plessner discussed having an ordinance for the downtown district. The Board agreed to table this for now and discuss at a later date. Selectman O’Leary suggested informing the police regarding blocking the sidewalks with merchandise. Alice will call Lt. Chapman and inform him of this situation.

4. Chairman Brown informed the Board that Alice talked to Joyce from Northfield and has tentatively scheduled the Board of Selectmen to meet with the Northfield Board of Selectmen on July 24th to discuss recycling.

5. Alice informed the Board that she spoke to Ana Ford from D.E.S. who enforces the Shoreline Protection Act about the Tannery site. She gave the town permission to seed and mulch it on an interim basis without site specific. Alice will contact Ms. Ford and ask if it can also be graded. The Board discussed the need for a bulldozer for this and asked Alice to contact the National Guard in Concord as there is no cost for this.

6. Public Works Director Dennis Allen joined the meeting. He reported that the project on Winter Street had no activity on last Saturday. Tuesday there was 123 tires were brought to the transfer station and other items. There was no activity today. Selectman Dawson informed the Board that she has been in contact with the owners and the people that will be helping them with their trucks will not be available until the weekend after the 14th of July. She is concerned with the amount of cars on their property and the removal of them. Dennis informed the Board that he will be in touch with Northeast Recovery for the removal of the tires at the transfer station. They charge $150.00 per ton for tires and like to wait until surrounding towns have tires for removal also.

Chairman Brown asked if we had any notices on Household Hazardous Waste as Tilton is
participating in it. Alice said we have not received any notices on it. Dennis said Tilton’s drop off point is normally Franklin. Dennis informed the Board that there appears to be a problem at the Island regarding the granite blocks being flipped off the wall and flipping them into the river. Dennis said repairing them involves a Wetlands Permit. He has alerted Chief Chase of this. Dennis also informed the Board that they will no longer be servicing police vehicles temporarily until they have their racks and lift in the new garage. Chairman Brown informed Dennis that Mrs. Trothier of Dunlop Drive called him to ask when the road will be repaired where the weight limit signs were removed, a heavy truck went up Dunlop Drive and broke down the embankment. Dennis said it will be repaired within the next couple of weeks. Selectman O’Leary received a call from Janice Piper from Winter Street informing him that there is a hole in the middle of the road. Dennis said this is a State Road but he will look at it and contact the foreman of District Three to take care of it.

7. Brian Huckins joined the meeting to give a proposal on the restoration of the upstairs windows. The manufacturer of the windows is Kim Doubleday who does historical sash replacements for the past thirteen years. Mr. Huckins is proposing to replace the 16 openings. They will be a paint grade mahogany. The only operable sash will be the bottom sash. The glazing will be a low E, neutral tint glazing. The screens will be custom made and custom color to match the existing color. The exterior coat will be primed and painted two finished coats to match the color on the exterior. They will replace the sash stop and make all new ones. Clean-up and removal of all demo material will be included and removing all of the existing aluminum storm windows on the exterior. The price is $49,950.00. There are two alternates.

#1. Re-paint the exterior sash stops, brick mold and paint the exterior.

#2. Re-paint the interior trim and sash.

The price with the alternates is $55,000.00. The warranty is on the windows for any material defects that may arise on the wood window itself. There is a ten year warranty on the glazing itself. Chairman Brown asked if the final payment could be deferred until Town Meeting next year. Mr. Huckins said the project will be completed this Fall and would expect payment at that time. The Board will further discuss this and get back to Mr. Huckins.

Chairman Brown asked the Board if they all read the minutes of June 21st, 2001. Selectman Dawson said on page four it should read Selectman Plessner, not just Selectman. Selectman O’Leary made a motion to accept the minutes with the change of including Selectman Plessner’s name as amended. Seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

At this time Selectman Dawson made a motion to amend the previous decision in the June 21st., minutes to eliminate the time limit for the Winter Street clean-up project on the basis that the facility will be used during normal working hours. Selectman Manseau seconded the motion. Selectman O’Leary made an amendment to the motion as to the time limit of the clean-up. Selectman Plessner said this opportunity will only be available to Mr. Andrus until the end of September. Selectman Dawson accepted the amendment to her motion. Selectman Manseau seconded the amendment to the motion and the original motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown asked to continue the discussion on the window proposals. Alice
informed the Board that on the Granite State Glass proposal was for $48,600 plus if we wanted to custom color to match the color of the building trim would be another $1,800 bringing their proposal to $50,400.00. The Board discussed Granite State’s proposal includes the entire window which includes the rounded tops and Mr. Huckin’s proposal does not as he feels the tops do not need replacing. The oval windows are not thermal glass, but Granite State’s proposal includes the oval’s. Selectman Dawson feels that from a historical standpoint the wood windows are going to add to the building and the metal will definitely detract from the architectural beauty of the building. She feels the oval windows can be replaced at another time. Selectman Manseau said they do replace historical buildings windows with the aluminum. The Board discussed the wood versus aluminum windows and whether they would have enough money to complete this project this year. Chair asked Alice to contact the Historical Society and ask for a copy of their standards. The Board would also like a price on the interior and exterior painting from Granite State and request an extension on their proposal. Selectman Dawson will check with Mr. Huckins and ask what the life span on the wood windows would be. The Board will further discuss this at their next meeting.

Chair reviewed the minutes from June 21st, 2001.

On page one, contacting local electricians regarding the wiring for the Christmas lights. Selectman Plessner suggested Mike Pevine. He will call him and ask him to give an assessment the Main Street and Island lighting. The Board also discussed having the lines cut into the sidewalk to put in power lines.

On page three, Tom Ursia will be coming to the Selectman’s meeting of July 19th to give an update of the Main Street project.

Selectman O’Leary asked to have the Police Department check to see if the person selling T-shirts across from the Police Department has a license to do so.

Selectman Manseau asked if Chuck Mitchell received the information that the minutes would be available for the web site in word format once approved. Selectman Dawson will talk to him. Selectman Manseau asked about the porta potty at the Island. He said it is not there yet. This will be checked into. Regarding the master plans for the Conservation Committee Selectman Plessner will make the copies available.

Selectman O’Leary asked if Dunn’s was finished cleaning up the Tannery. Selectman Plessner informed the Board that they were supposed to have someone meet him Monday morning two weeks ago to discuss what is still on the site and they did not show up or contact Selectman Plessner. Selectman Manseau would like to have this issue addressed in writing. Alice will send them a letter.

Ron Rau sitting in the audience asked if there was anything new on the Town Beach. Selectman O’Leary said they will be meeting next Tuesday, July 10th.

Selectman O’Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM. Selectman Dawson seconded the motion. All were in favor.