Town of Tilton
Board of Selectmen’s minutes
September 27th, 2001

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

Also present, secretary Catherine Woessner. Town Administrator Alice MacKinnon was not present.

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

Old Business:

Chairman Brown discussed the drawings of the Pavilion for the Park site with the Board and they agreed to discuss this at a later date.

Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of September 6th, 2001, as written seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

Selectman Manseau made a motion to accept the minutes of September 13th, 2001 as written, seconded by Chairman Brown. All were in favor except for Selectman O’Leary who abstained as he was not at that meeting.

1. Chairman Brown discussed the meeting with the Northfield Selectmen regarding recycling on Tuesday September 18th. The Northfield Board of Selectmen informed the Tilton Board of Selectmen that they do not have the capacity to handle Tilton’s temporary recycling situation from late October to sometime in March. Chairman Brown discussed with the Board the possibility of handling this on their own. They would be doing clean recycle only and would be open on Saturday for four hours only. A notice will be sent out notifying residents to hold tires and wood and so forth until the Spring when the town will be ready for it. The Board will further discuss this when Dennis joins the meeting at 7:00PM. Selectman Dawson asked if they were going to duplicate what they are doing now, except for wood and tires if there will be bins for trash. Chairman Brown said there will be no bins for trash, no dumpsters. Selectman Dawson informed the Board that she was in Concord today and spoke to Wayne Wheeler from D.E.S., and asked him what they would have to do to transfer the facility from the old site to another. He informed her that a permit has to be filled out. There is no charge for this and it should be put to his attention. Selectman Dawson said if they are going to transfer any part of the facility to the new site this permit has to be filled out. Mr. Wheeler will also need a site plan. The Board was in agreement. The Selectmen feel this will give them time to establish something else. There will be a notice in the newspaper and given out at Town Hall, and also on public access T.V. The last day of recycling at the old site will be October 13th, 2001. The Board discussed whether or not the town voted to have the services at the new site that they now have, they feel they are obligated to provide those services. The Permit should be filled out as though they are transferring the whole facility to the new site.

2. Chairman Brown discussed the NRRA report regarding their recommendation of a bi-town concept. Chairman Brown asked Alice to set up a workshop with The Town of Northfield.

3. Chairman Brown also reported that he spoke to Brian Huckins and the upstairs windows should be arriving on October 1st.

4. Regarding the status on Squantum, the person who will be restoring him is just getting back from vacation. Selectman Dawson reported that she checked Squantum and said it is hollow, six
feet tall, and not in very good condition. She thinks a box could be easily made and have him packed in sawdust and shavings. She does not think a crane will have to be used. Chairman Brown will discuss this with Alice and get back to the Board. Selectman Dawson also checked into a microphone for the video camera. She reported that to have a proper microphone system, a microphone in front of all of the Board members is $2,950.00. To hook-up to table microphones and cables and that would be $218.00. The Board discussed this and agreed to try using the speaker first and see how this works.

5. Mr. Sutcliffe, from Perkins Road joined the meeting. He informed the Board of the ongoing problem on Perkins Road and Autumn Drive regarding trash left at their dumpster not belonging to Tilton residents. He explained to the Board that keys to the dumpster were originally given to Tilton residents. He asked the Board if they knew how many people from Tilton are supposed to use the dumpster and who gave the keys out. Selectman Plessner informed Mr. Sutcliffe that Town Administrator Alice MacKinnon discussed this with him and she called Bestway and informed them of the problem. They suggested removing the dumpster and start picking up at the homes. The Board was in agreement with this solution. Selectman Manseau suggested having the Police Dept. check the area where the dumpster was when Bestway starts picking up the trash. The Board also discussed installing a sign “No Dumping Allowed” where the dumpster was. A notice to the residents will be sent notifying them of this change.

6. Chairman Brown informed the Board that he has been trying to contact Mr. Snow, D.O.T. regarding the Strempke’s request for sidewalks. request for sidewalks.

7. Selectman Plessner informed the Board that Mr. Pannuolo who owns the Auction House told him that he would be taking the roof down in October. Mr. Pannuolo has been in touch with the Fire Dept. He is also going to stabilize the walls and rebuild around it next Summer.

8. Chairman Brown discussed the letter drafted regarding Range Road. This was given to Attorney Chandler for his review. The Board discussed this and agreed it does not address release from environmental issues. The Board requested the letter state release from liability on the road and to include environmental issues. Selectman Plessner will discuss this with Attorney Chandler and ask to have the environmental clause included. The Board was in agreement.

9. Selectman Manseau asked if Alice contacted the State regarding the storefronts. Chairman Brown informed him that Alice wrote a letter to the State, but has not heard back yet. Selectman Manseau also asked about our issues regarding boundary lines around town hall. Chairman Brown said this has been resolved. Selectman Dawson said she has received several calls from the home owner who shares the right of way with the Tilton Inn owners. The Board agreed this is a civil matter between the two of them and the town should not get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Works Director Dennis Allen joined the meeting. Chairman Brown brought Dennis up to date regarding the recycling issue. He informed Dennis that the Board is in agreement to transfer the clean recycle to the new facility. Chairman Brown also informed him of a permit that has to be filled out. Selectman Dawson spoke with Mr. Wheeler, D.E.S. a Civil Engineer who recommends filling the permit out with the intent of transferring the entire facility to the new facility, rather than just specify the clean fill dumpsters even though we will not be doing all of that?’. It takes two weeks to process the application and this permit is needed even to transfer a couple of dumpsters. Dennis will fill out the application tomorrow and send it to Mr. Wheeler’s attention. The Board discussed this and agreed that October 13th will be the closing day at the old site. It will be noticed in the newspapers and a notice will be handed out at the transfer station and in the town hall. The Board discussed whether or not there was a mandate requiring the town to maintain continuous service. Chairman asked to have this verified before notices are sent out.
Dennis asked the Board if when they open the recycling station if they can open only on Saturday for four hours, 9:00AM to 1:00PM. The Board was in agreement. Dennis informed the Board that he would be on vacation starting October 1st, thru October 11th. Fred Wells will be on vacation from September 28th thru October 9th. Ken Renaud will be on vacation from October 15th thru November 2nd. There will always be two people to cover.

2. Dennis informed the Board that he had a good turnout for the advertisement of the two new employees. He had ten applicants and interviewed six and out of the six has two applicants that he feels qualify for the positions. The full time applicant he would like to hire worked for the Franklin Public Works for eight years. He is a Tilton resident. The second applicant for the part-time seasonal position worked for the Northfield Public Works for ten years. Dennis said he would like to bring the full time person on as of October 15th. The seasonal applicant can start end of November, depending on the weather, first week of December. Dennis said both of the applicants are qualified to plow snow. Selectman O’Leary asked if the other employees will start at the higher rate on October 15th. Dennis said they will. Chairman Brown and the Board discussed this and agree with Dennis’s choice and to hire them.

3. Regarding the new garage Chairman Brown asked Dennis if he is satisfied with the outside lights. Selectman Plessner is concerned that the photo electric sensor is too sensitive. Dennis said he will call to see if this can be adjusted. Chairman Brown also reported that the punch list is complete except for two items. There was discussion regarding upgrading a computer system so Dennis can tie into Metro Cast Cable. Chairman Brown asked Dennis to have a “No Dumping” sign put up on Perkins Rd, Autumn Dr., where the dumpster will be removed. Chairman informed Dennis that Bestway will be notified to start picking up trash for the Tilton residents on Perkins Road. Dennis will discuss this Alice and letters will go out to the residents to notify them of this change.

4. Chairman Brown informed the Board of the LRPC annual meeting he attended. Chairman Brown also informed the Board that they need to come up with a replacement for Joe Plessner as a representative on LRPC and also remove Jo-Anna Oliver from the list. Katherine Dawson will replace Joe Plessner and attend the meetings with Bob Brown.

5. Chairman Brown informed the Board that the Budget Committee voted last night to recommend the request for the garage committee for the $75,000 to complete the salt shed and spreader racks. One issue was to resolve an interpretive problem with RSA: 32:5. Chairman Brown discussed this with Attorney Mark Puffer and Selectman Dawson checked with NHMA. They both agreed that the wording in that is such that you have to have at least twenty five days from the Budget Committee meeting to the date of the Special Town Meeting. The new date for the Special Town Meeting will be moved to Monday October 22nd at the Winnisquam High School cafeteria. The other issue was brought up by the moderator Ken Randall whether or not, since we are asking to transfer funds that are already in the general fund to the garage fund to finish the project, whether the first sentence in the Warrant should be changed from “raise and appropriate” to “transfer”. Chairman Brown asked Attorney Puffer and he asked, what did the Court approve. Chairman Brown said the petition had the Warrant in it and it said “raise and appropriate”. Attorney Puffer said you have to leave it that way. Chairman Brown also asked Attorney Puffer whether or not they can amend the article or ask the townspeople if they approved it what they want to do with any excess that might be left over. Attorney Puffer said you cannot change it whatsoever. The excess money will go back in the general fund.

At this time the Board signed the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The Board also signed the MS-5 report.

6. Chairman Brown informed the Board that he received a letter of resignation from Arthur
Fecteau to the Planning Board and Budget Committee. Chairman Brown reported that there is a new member on the Budget Committee, Randy Brow who lives in the Lanchester Hill area.

The AP and Payroll manifests were approved and signed.

Chairman Brown reminded the Board that they are back to their weekly meetings starting next week, October 4th. They will meet at 5:30PM for this meeting.

Selectman Manseau suggested to the Board that they place an American Flag draped vertically behind the meeting table. The secretary will check into this.

Selectman Manseau also asked about the parking issue in front of town hall and if the diagonal lines are going to be put back. This will be discussed with Piper Construction who removed the lines. Selectman Plessner will discuss this with Alice.

Selectman Dawson informed the board that this is the last weekend for the Andrus to use the dump. They should be officially notified of this. The Board further discussed how they are going to handle this situation. Selectman Plessner suggested a Property Maintenance Agreement like the one the City of Franklin has. This will have to be brought to town meeting in March. Selectman Plessner said this is something the Planning Board should do, unless it was going to be an Ordinance. The Board agreed to review the Franklin Agreement first and then continue to discuss it.

Selectman Manseau mentioned to the board that 48 per cent of the computers in the area and across the world were hit with a virus and his system inherited one. Chairman Brown informed him that the town has loaded Norton anti-virus programs on their computers. Selectman Manseau said it has to be kept up to date.

Ron Rau sitting in the audience asked if the Board had any information on the Lanchester Hill intersection. Chairman Brown asked they have not heard from D.O.T.

Selectman Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.