Town of Tilton  
257 Main Street  
Tilton, New Hampshire 03276

Minutes of January 17th, 2002

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

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

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

Mike Donovan, Paul St. Hilaire, and Archie St. Hilaire from Bestway joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of building a recycling center with Tilton and possibly with some of the other surrounding towns. Chairman Brown mentioned that the Board is checking into other pieces of property for this project. Alice asked if they were interested in a transfer station as well as recycling. Mr. Donovan said their main interest is in the recycling end of it which would be the demolition and also construction debris. A lot of this material is recyclable. Paul St. Hillare said Bestway is not interested in municipal solid waste. Archie St. Hilaire informed the Board that he does a lot of the permitting and sometimes the residual from the recycling from separating the construction demolition debris would require you have a transportation permit. This is required in Maine and he is not sure if it is required in New Hampshire. Mr. St. Hilaire said this would be called a Resource Recycling Facility, taking in everything from construction debris to household recyclables. Mr. St. Hilaire said they are looking for a town that is receptive to wanting this and might have some excess land and structure some type of lease or reduced processing fee for the host town. Mr. Hilaire showed the Board a conceptual plan of something he did in Maine which is close to what they want to do, but not exact. This plan takes about a three-acre site to do. There is a concrete pad, an elevated pad that an excavator would pick out wood and sheetrock. There could also be bins for the public to drop off. All of the paper would be compacted and hauled out of there. Mr. St. Hilaire said the machine actually walks along and picks out the different types of recyclables such as metal, wood, and residuals would go in another truck or another container. Mr. St. Hilaire also mentioned that it can be hard, when you have curb side pickup to get people to want to bring their recyclables five or ten miles away. He said a lot of towns are going with,
as a cheaper way of doing it, curb side pickup and then strategically located roll off containers through town. He also mentioned having a recycling committee to keep an eye on things. Selectman Manseau asked about the rate structure. Mr. St. Hilaire said there would be no charge for residents to drop off their recyclables. If they were dropping off demolition, it would be charged by the ton. Refrigerators and air conditioners will also be taken. Chairman Brown asked if the other towns in the region that Mr. St. Hilaire talked to would be interested if Tilton became the focal for this. Mr. St. Hilliare said yes, they would be interested as they are not to far from Tilton.

Paul St. Hilaire mentioned that there is a Bill in New Hampshire Legislature that may be beneficial to the town. This is regarding charging companies such as Bestway an extra $2.00 a ton to dump trash for a recycling program for the State. Different towns can apply for the money.

Archie St.Hilaire continued to discuss a recycling site and said once they find the location and get the support of the municipality and some other surrounding towns. They would like to be close to the highway so when they are hauling they are not trampling through the town. Archie said when the Board does find property that they are interested they can call Mike Donovan and he and Archie will look at it to be sure it will work. Chairman Brown expressed his gratitude for Bestway’s proposal and their interest in Tilton, and said the Board is trying to do everything they can to make it work, as it is an excellent joint venture. Alice will be in touch with Mike Donovan as soon as they find a site.

Chairman Brown asked the Board if there were any comments on the minutes of January 10th, 2002. Selectman Plessner said on page four Trucker Bay should be Tucker Bay. Selectman Plessner made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Chairman Brown. All were in favor.

The Payroll and A/P manifests were approved and signed.

**Announcements:**

Chairman Brown informed the Board the Public Works Director, Dennis Allen would like everyone to know that the cardboard dumpster has been delivered today at the new garage site at West Main Street.

A notice from Mike Burnham, Tilton School regarding Spring clean-up which will be held on Wednesday, April 10th, 2002. They will be doing their usual raking, sweeping and cleanup of road areas. Also such jobs as assisting with the elderly for
raking and cleanup. Please contact Mike Burnham, at Tilton School at 286-4342.

**Old Business:**

1. Selectman Manseau, recycling information.
   Selectman Manseau explained to the Board that the information he received on recycling is geared towards education in the schools. Selectman Manseau said he would be in touch with Norm Couture to see whom he would recommend in the school system to implement this program.

2. Selectman Dawson, information on Milfoil problem from D.E.S. She was informed from the State that the money that is spent even though it is in that one area is well spent. What they use now is an herbicide, which kills 75 percent of it and if it is not taken care of the following year this plants, grows an inch per day in the sunlight. Selectman Dawson said that right now they do not have anything that will eliminate it. They have used lots of different things and what they are using now is the most effective because they go to the root. Selectman Dawson said Jay’s Marina is not the only area of Lake Winnisquam effected by Milfoil and these areas should be part of the plan to eliminate Milfoil. Selectman Dawson also said that there was a study done by UNH that showed that shore front properties can be lowered in value by as much as fifteen percent if they have milfoil infestations. Selectman Dawson also mentioned that they might want to consider as other towns have done, putting money aside and think about fighting the other areas that have it. The Board discussed putting money aside in a trust fund for next year to continue fighting this problem. After further discussion the Board agreed they would like additional information from Jay’s Marina as to what steps he is going to take in the reduction of milfoil. Alice will call Mr. Christie.

Selectman Plessner made a motion to support the request of $1,225.00 for the purpose of eradication of milfoil at Jay’s Marina area, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.


4. Peter, Metro Cast regarding Winnisquam satellite studio. He did not recall discussing this with the Selectmen.
5. Park Street lights. Alice called them and they will be calling her back. The Board would like Alice to write a letter explaining the town has been dealing with the traffic light issue for six months, and send a copy to Executive Councilor Ray Burton.


7. Dumpster at Southbay. Selectman Plessner reported the problem has been resolved.

8. Selectman O’Leary, Beach Committee has not heard anything from the engineer yet.

9. Selectman Manseau asked about the work done to the Park Street bridge and if there has been any resolution to that. Alice said she has not heard anything. Chairman Brown asked Selectman Manseau if he has made any progress regarding the contract for the ballpark lease. He will get together with Attorney Chandler to draw up the necessary papers.

10. Selectman Plessner informed the Board that he received an application for a tattoo parlor in town at the Free Hill Trading. They are fully aware of the Town’s extensive Ordinance and they will do whatever it takes. Selectman Plessner showed the Board a permit he drew up with the ordinance included in it. He said they will be coming before the Planning Board for site plan and as long as they are willing to go along with the ordinance as written there should not be a problem. Selectman Manseau asked to have the date of birth included in the permit for identification purposes for tracking the individuals.

Alice informed the Board that Dennis Allen, Public Works Director is willing to be the Town’s representative to the Coop. David Wadleigh was the representative but is now on the Sewer Commission and they meet on Thursday evenings. Chairman Brown asked for a motion to appoint Dennis Allen as Tilton’s representative to the Coop. Selectman Plessner made the motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

Alice presented a Veteran’s exemptions for the Board’s approval and two abatements.

Selectman Manseau asked the Board about having a demonstration for the Segway. Alice will call Dean Kayman to set this up. Alice presented a permit application for updating of the security system, Mango Security System. This has to be
updated periodically and it is to the Belknap County Sheriff’s Dept. to register and continue to have their services.

Alice informed the Board that GZA, Environmental Engineers called her and complained that we were storing snow at the Tannery site. They claim when it melted it would move the lead around and further contaminate the area. They told Alice the Town should stop storing it there immediately. Alice said we having nothing that states there is contamination at the tannery site. Alice said she was then told that they had some preliminary readings that showed lead. She said she would bring this to the attention of the Selectmen at their next meeting. Alice received a call from D.E.S., about the snow at the Tannery site. Alice said they have stopped using the Tannery site for snow storage and they are now putting it on Joe Plessner’s property temporarily. Alice said when the Tannery site is turned into a park the Town would have to find a place to store the snow.

Chairman Brown asked Ron Rau in the audience if he had anything. He asked about the Winter Street problem. Chairman said two weeks ago a cease and desist was issued and they have thirty days to comply.

Chairman Brown asked the Board if they would consider possibly meeting biweekly instead of every week. After discussion it was agreed to continue discussion until next week.

At 7:43PM Chairman Brown made a motion to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing employee salary and a potential land purchase, seconded by Selectman Plessner. Chairman Brown called for a roll call vote. Selectman O'Leary, yes, Selectman Manseau, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Plessner, yes, and Chairman Brown, yes.

At 8:26PM the regular meeting resumed. Chairman Brown announced that they voted to seal the non-public minutes until the matter is resolved.

At 8:27 Selectman Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.