Town of Tilton  
257 Main Street  
Tilton, New Hampshire  03276

Minutes of February 28th, 2002


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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

Selectman O’Leary made a motion to accept the minutes of February 19th, 2002, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Regarding the minutes of February 14th, 2002, Chairman Brown asked to have the word “question” on page one, second sentence in the announcements paragraph to be changed to questionnaire. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as modified seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

The Payroll and A/P manifests were approved and signed by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At this time Chairman Brown asked to make a few announcements for the viewing audience and residents of Tilton.

1. Tuesday, March 12th, 2002 at 8:00AM at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School to elect town officials. The polls close at 7:00PM.

2. Saturday, March 16th, 2002 at 8:00AM at the Winnisquam Regional High School, Annual Town Meeting.

3. Monday, March 18th, 2002 at 7:30PM at the Winnisquam Regional High School Cafeteria will be the Tilton-Northfield Fire District Budget Hearing.

4. Saturday, March 23rd, 2002 at 10:00AM, Winnisquam Regional Middle School for the School Budget.

Chairman Brown informed the Board that he stopped at Jay’s Marina and picked up the package of information on the milfoil treatment from Lycott Environmental,
Inc., that Katherine Dawson requested. This is a report from the company that is doing the work including the newspaper article that they ran on January 2nd., advising the public that they would be treating the water at Jay’s Marina on June 10th, 2002. This package of information also went to D.E.S., which has all the specifications.

The information will be on file at the town offices for the Selectmen’s review.

Selectman Manseau questioned the newspaper ad placed six months ahead of time. He feels another ad should be made closer to the event. Chairman Brown said they could remind the public on Public Access T.V.

Chairman Brown reviewed a letter from Marian Orne to the Board of Selectman dated 2/21/02 requesting a reimbursement of interest on their taxes. Alice informed the Board that this is a result of the Orne’s not advising the town of their new address. The forwarding of that address expired in December of 1999. They did not advise the tax collector of their new address. The Board asked Alice to get more information from the tax collector before they can reach a decision.

Chairman Brown discussed with the Board a letter from the Belknap Country Economic Development Council regarding their nomination of Gayle Twombly as the representative for the Town of Tilton. Alice said she discussed this with Gayle and she does not wish to be a member of the council. Chairman Brown made a motion to return the letter stating the Board does not approve, as the nominee does not wish to be a member, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown informed the Board of a packet of information he received from the US Army Corps of Engineers stating that they are going to grant to the State of New Hampshire a Programmatic General Permit (PGP). They are designating D.E.S. to facilitate this permit, which deals with all of the Wetland and Shoreline issues. D.E.S. will oversee this. This information will be on file at the town offices.

Jim Shepherd, town moderator joined the meeting to discuss the business part of town meeting.

Article 4. Landfill closure project. Chairman Brown will make the motion to put this on the floor and Town Administrator, Alice MacKinnon will address it.

Article 5. State Aid Reconstruction project, Silver Lake Road, Church Street and River Street. Chairman Brown will make the motion to put this on the floor and Alice will address it.

Article 6. Eradicate milfoil in Lake Winnisquam. Selectman Dawson will speak on this.

Article 7. Capital Reserve Fund, recreational facilities for the Town. Selectman
Manseau will make a motion on this. Selectman Manseau and Selectman O’Leary will both speak on this.

**Article 8.** Establish a capital reserve fund for the purposes of conducting a reassessment of all real estate in the Town. Chairman Brown will make the motion on this and Alice will address it.

**Article 9.** For purchase of land and buildings located at 302 Main Street and appropriate $10,000. Chairman Brown will make the motion and speak on this also.

**Article 10.** Raise and appropriate $25,000 for the purpose of establishing a recycling center and to authorize Selectmen to purchase suitable land for such a facility. Chairman Brown will make the motion and either Alice or Chairman Brown will speak on it.

Jim informed the Board that the Boy scouts would lead the Flag ceremony. Regarding Election Day, Chairman Brown or Selectman Dawson will be there in the morning and for closing Selectman Plessner, Selectman O’Leary and Selectman Manseau will be in attendance. The Board discussed video taping the Town Meeting on March 16th, 2002. Jim said he had no objection to this.

Alice presented the certificate of posting of the warrant for the Board to sign. This states where the warrant is posted.

Alice also presented an agreement with the Bank of New Hampshire to roll over the Bond Anticipation Note for the Route 3 Sewer Line Project. The Board signed the agreement. Selectman Plessner made a motion to roll over the Bond Anticipation Note for another year for the Route 3 Sewer Line Project, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Selectman Manseau reported that he called Mr. Sullivan at D.O.T. and spoke to an assistant regarding the Park Street lights. Selectman Manseau suggested Mr. Sullivan come back and check the traffic situation as far back as Winnisquam High School and up past the Police Dept. He also discussed the trip issue and Selectman Manseau said they are reviewing what they can do to improve this. Selectman Manseau said they are also reviewing the possibility of putting in a right turn lane for east bound. There is the possibility of losing one parking space.

The Board also discussed not having heard from D.O.T. regarding the Bridge work that was done. Selectman Manseau informed the Board that he spoke to Providian Bank and they gave authorization to use their parking lot for the youth dance. He has also spoken to the Youth Opportunities Group who are willing to Co-Chair it so it will be covered by their insurance policy. Tilton and Northfield Police Departments will each have two officers in attendance. The date is June 28th from 6:00PM to 11:00PM.
Selectman Manseau asked about the Congregational Church driveway/public roadway. The highway dept. has put up the “Do Not Enter Sign”. Selectman Manseau questioned if there was anything else the Town had to do to take the road over. Alice said she would talk to Attorney Chandler regarding this. Selectman Manseau informed the Board that Jim Cropsey does not want to be re-appointed to the Conversation Committee and Mr. Cropsey indicated that they would be down to two members. Selectman Manseau informed the Board that the Main Street Program raised funds last year from the auction and offered to give the money to the Town to renovate Time Table Mable. Selectman Manseau said it is their understanding that the Board turned them down. Alice said this is not true and she did receive a letter from the Main Street Program, Board of Directors. This will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Selectman O’Leary informed the Board that regarding the budget, Tilton has been paying more than Northfield for their share for the Rec Dept. Alice said Northfield has not been honoring the full amount of the Pines request and have been level funding it at $45,000 for the last two or three years. Alice said Tilton has appropriated more than that this year.

Selectman O’Leary informed the Board that he is going to make a recommendation at the Town Meeting they go back the last three years to find out what the difference is taken out of our budget. He stated both Towns should be paying equal amounts of money to the Rec. Dept. Alice feels this has happened because the Budget Committees from Tilton and Northfield have stopped meeting together. Selectman O’Leary said he is going to recommend that Tilton pay less than Northfield. Chairman Brown made a motion to recommend that they reinstate the joint Budget Committee annual meetings on the mutual budget items. Selectman Manseau seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Alice said Selectman O’Leary is proposing that the Board amend the budget downward and to say that we have overpaid them in 2000 and 2001 and we subtract that out of this year’s appropriation at $45,000. A letter will be sent to the Northfield Board of Selectmen regarding the Tilton and Northfield Budget Committees meeting jointly. Selectman O’Leary will draft the letter and Alice will send it.

Chairman Brown asked if there was any input from the public. Ron Rau asked about the meeting the Board attended at the Rec Center. Chairman Brown informed him that he and Selectman Manseau and Selectman O’Leary attended the meeting last Tuesday evening. Joyce Fulweiler, Northfield Town Administration was there and she recommended that they address all the items individually in the letters that were forwarded to the Selectmen and get the responses back to the originators of the letters as soon as possible to clear this up as soon as possible. Chairman Brown said they also mentioned that an audit at the Rec Center should be done every year. They agreed with this. Alice and Joyce offered to review their books this year as it is too late to have the money budgeted to have a full
audit done. Selectman Manseau said it is his understanding that the Northfield Board of Selectman do not agree with this and want an outside professional auditing firm to come in. Northfield is going to put in $1,500 in for this now and is going to request Tilton do the same. Alice will call Joyce and discuss this with her and get back to the Board at next week’s meeting. Chairman Brown read the letter of response from The Pines Community Center. It said they are working to resolve safety issues and the safety of the children is their top priority and they are working to resolve these issues.

Selectman O’Leary said he would like to see more people from Tilton on the Pines Board of Directors, as there is only one representative from Tilton. Selectman Manseau said he would like to know the percentage of children that use the Pines from Tilton and Northfield.

Chairman Brown asked the Board to review last year’s spring pick-up advertisement so it can be discussed at next week’s meeting when Dennis Allen is here.

Selectman O’Leary asked if there was any information on the Winter Street issue. Alice informed the Board that attorney Chandler called her today to inform her that the deadline is today for Mr. Andrus to have done something voluntarily without the Town petitioning the Court about it and he has not done anything about it. Mr. Andrus stopped in to see attorney Chandler yesterday, but he was not in. He left the message that he and his son were going to get right on it and clean it up. Attorney Chandler’s recommendation to the Board is that they just pursue the legal avenue at this point and if they actually do something, the Board can always withdraw it. This has been going on for two years now.

Attorney Chandler would like a vote from the Board of Selectmen to continue the legal action and to take it to the next step of filing a petition with the Court. Selectman Plessner made a motion to proceed, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM.