Minutes of March 7th, 2002

Present from Board: Chairman Brown, Selectman Plessner, Selectman Manseau, Selectman O’Leary. Selectman Katherine Dawson is still on vacation.

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Chairman Brown announced the upcoming events for March 2002:

Announcements:

1. Tuesday, March 12th, at 8:00AM at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School to elect Town Officials. The Polls will be open from 8:00AM until 7:00PM.

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


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

Chairman Brown asked the Board if they read the minutes of 2/28/02. Selectman Plessner made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Alice informed the Board that she spoke to Attorney Chandler about the right of way and he is investigating the status on it.
Selectman Manseau also spoke to Attorney Chandler and he will send a letter of his opinion on this to the Board.

Selectman Manseau said he spoke to Attorney Chandler regarding the contract for the Ball Park. Selectman Manseau will also contact St. Mary’s Church regarding this.

Alice discussed the letter from Mrs. Orne sent to the tax collector regarding a refund of interest in the amount of $34.62. Alice explained to the Board the procedure the tax collector took in sending the tax bills to Mrs. Orne. The tax collector does not feel Mrs. Orne should be refunded the interest of $34.62 as it is the tax payers responsibility to notify the town of any change of address. The Board is in agreement with this and asked Alice to send Mrs. Orne a letter of explanation and advise her that she is responsible for any change in her address.

**New Business:** Chairman Brown informed the Board of a letter from Sandy Plessner regarding the re-appointment of Norm Boudreau to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

His term expires the end of March and has requested the Board reappoint him. Selectman Plessner made a motion to reappoint Mr. Boudreau to the Z.B.A., seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Alice informed the Board that she spoke to the Northfield Selectmen and they have voted to request an audit of the Pines to be done this year. The Board discussed getting a copy of the audit for the Library. Alice said she would ask Eliza for copies of the audit for the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Brown informed the Board that Jon Scanlon from East Main Street has expressed interest in serving on one of the Board’s. Chairman Brown will give him a call and further discuss this with him.

Chairman Brown discussed a letter from Tony Gamble of Youth Group for Tilton, Northfield, and Franklin. Mr. Gamble is interested in building a skateboard park for the three towns. Selectman Manseau explained they are looking for financial support from the communities to build this. The Board is concerned that there would not be many people from Tilton using
the park. The towns of Tilton and Northfield are already planning on building a skateboard park behind the Pines Community Center. Selectman O’Leary made a motion to reject the offer of Tilton participating in this project, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor. Alice will send a letter to Mr. Gamble informing him of this decision.

Chairman Brown said he will be at the Elections on Tuesday, March 12th at 8:00AM for the opening and will stay as long as he can. Selectman O’Leary will be there at 3:00PM and Selectman Plessner will also be in attendance. The majority of the Board is needed to verify the votes at closing of the Polls.

At 6:25PM Chief Chase joined the meeting. He reported that he will have an officer at the Elections and he will be at Town Meeting on Saturday. Selectman Manseau mentioned to Chief Chase that he has received complaints concerning downtown speeding. Selectman Manseau said changing the downtown speed limit was discussed before and the Board of Selectmen have the authority to do this, from Railroad tracks to Railroad tracks. Selectman Manseau asked Chief Chase what speed he would recommend. Chief Chase said he does not think it should be lower than 15 or 20MPH. Selectman Manseau also said that the town received a letter from the State saying the Selectmen can exercise the speed limit from RR tract to RR track because of the congestion. The Board will further discuss this at their next meeting. Selectman O’Leary asked Chief Chase if he has received any complaints regarding the strobe light coming from the Music store across the street from Town Hall. He said it is distracting. Chief Chase said he has not heard anything about this. Selectman Manseau announced that Providian Bank has given Youth Opportunity permission to have the street dance in their parking lot on June 28th. Selectman Plessner mentioned that there has been skateboarding on Main Street, in front of the Town Hall and asked Chief Chase if this ordinance was still in effect even though the new signs are not up yet. Chief said the ordinance is in effect and will alert his officers of this.

Selectman Plessner asked to have a signature page of the Board of Selectmen’s names added to the Town Traffic Ordinances.
Public Works Director Dennis Allen joined the meeting. Dennis informed the Board that he is getting his equipment ready for spring and his crew has already started sweeping the sidewalks. Chairman Brown mentioned to Dennis that the boulders at the Tannery site has been moved aside and asked if he was going to put them back. Dennis said they were moved and can be moved back.

At this time Chairman Brown asked to discuss the Spring Clean-up project. He presented his proposal to Dennis and the Board for discussion. There was discussion regarding times and dates and items to be brought to the facility and curbside pick-up. The Board agreed to have spring clean up for Tilton residents only.

At the recycling area and recycling center (located behind the new public works facility located at 581 West Main Street)

On Saturday, May 11th and May 12th from 9 am to 5 pm for the purpose of collecting the following items:

Recycle Items, Demolition Materials, Appliances, Metal, Tires (no more than four (4) tires per household will be accepted.

During the week of Monday, May 6th thru Friday, May 10th, the Town will provide curbside pickup for those residents who live on the East (Laconia) side of Interstate 93.

During the week of Monday, May 13th, thru Friday, May 17th, the Town will provide curbside pickup for those residents who live on the West (Franklin) side of Interstate 93.

Copies of the Rules for the Annual Spring Clean up are available at the Town Hall and the Highway garage facility. This will also be advertised in the local newspapers and posted on Public Access T.V.

Chairman Brown discussed the return of Squantum and how to go about moving the pedestal to the park for the placing of Squantum. There was discussion with Dennis whether or not they can use a back hoe to do this. This will be further discussed before Squantum is due to arrive back.

Chairman Brown informed Dennis of a letter from Jacques
Whitford Co., Inc., concerning an Environmental Audit of Public Works Facility. The Board discussed this and agreed not to have this done by this company. Chairman Brown asked Alice to contact New Hampshire Municipal Association to have them send a Loss Prevention representative to check the new garage facility.

Selectman Manseau asked if D.O.T. called back regarding the survey of the Park Street light situation. Alice informed him that Mr. Sullivan called and said they installed a new stop trip last week.

Selectman O'Leary asked Selectman Plessner about the commercial storage container at the Church on School Street and how much longer it would remain. It has been there for over six months. Selectman Plessner will either write a letter to them or stop in and see them.

Alice presented exemptions for the Board to sign.

Alice informed the Board of the interest rates for the $500,000 Bonding of the Library and asked them to make a decision on the interest rates. Alice said the best rates she received are for seven years 4.75 percent, and 5.25 for a ten-year Bond. After discussion, Selectman Manseau made a motion to do the seven year Bond at 4.75 percent, seconded by Selectman O'Leary. All were in favor.

Chairman asked for public input. Ron Rau asked if there was any new information from the Beach Committee. Selectman O'Leary said they would wait until spring to have the Engineers look at it.

The Board discussed the need for a Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 14th, 2002 as Elections are on 3/12/02 and the Town Meeting is 3/16/02. Selectman O'Leary made a motion not to meet until March 21st, 2002, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown adjourned at 7:45PM.