Minutes of March 28, 2002

Present from Board: Chairman Brown, Selectman Dawson, Selectman Manseau, Selectman O'Leary, and Selectman Foye.

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

Selectman O'Leary made a motion to accept the minutes of March 21st, 2002, seconded by Selectman Foye. All were in favor.

The AP & Payroll manifests were approved and signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Regarding Noyes Road, salt free signs. Chairman Brown said he spoke to Dennis and he said they have never put salt on that road. They think they know where it is coming from and will ask the party to discontinue doing this. Dennis will have his crew check to see if there are signs on Noyes Road and if not they will install “Salt Free Road” signs.

2. Sanbornton/Tilton granite marker at the end of Autumn Drive. Alice spoke with Gary Clifford and he said the State of New Hampshire is going to replace the granite marker. The State has already talked to Sanbornton as they have some other road project in Sanbornton. Rick LePene is doing some engineering work for that and at the same time will re-engineer the town line and they will put in a granite marker. Alice believes this will be done this year.

3. Chairman Brown asked Alice about the Main Street letter. She will have a copy for the Board next week.

4. Selectman Manseau informed the Board of his
conversation with Marta Burke regarding the web site. Selectman Manseau said most of her questions were regarding the School District and inaccurate information, and questions on the Board of Selectmen’s minutes as to when they appear. Mrs. Burke asked if it would be possible to have warrants put on ahead of time so they can be viewed ahead of time.

5. NHMA Loss Prevention Officer Town Garage. Dennis informed Chairman Brown that someone would be inspecting the garage today.

6. Chairman Brown informed the Board that he asked Dennis to postpone ordering signs for Main Street speed limit until Chief Chase has a chance to do more research with D.O.T. on this to make sure that the Board of Selectmen has the full authority to control those speeds. Selectman O’Leary said he has a letter from the State indicating the Board’s authority and will bring it in for next week’s meeting.

7. Chairman Brown informed the Board that they have a plan and design for the new sign at the highway garage. Dennis will bring in a sketch for next week’s meeting.

8. Alice spoke to Attorney Chandler regarding researching the records on the ownership of the old Fire station on Center St. Alice said she has a copy of the deed and Alfred Tilton to the Tilton-Northfield Fire District deeded it.

9. Library audit. Alice said there are financial statements, but there is not an audit. Copies are in the Board’s packets. The financial statements for 2001 have not been done yet. They will be done sometime in May.

New Business:

Chairman Brown welcomed the members and perspective members of the Conservation Commission to the meeting. Present were, Susan Clark, Bob Hardy, Chuck Mitchell, Helen Dawson, and Jon Scanlon. Chairman Brown informed the Board of a letter from Jim Cropsey, Chairman of the Conservation Commission who is not seeking reappointment, but would be
willing to serve as an alternate if appointed by the Selectmen. Chairman Brown asked the Board of Selectmen if they had any questions for the Conservation Commission. Selectman Manseau said he would like to see the lines of communication open between the Boards. Mr. Mitchell feels it would help to have ad hoc members on the Boards. He also mentioned checking the web site for the minutes for additional information. Chairman Brown asked the Conservation Commission if two of the members (alternates) would consider crossing over and becoming members of another Board such as ZBA or Planning Board. Chairman Brown mentioned that when and if they develop a plan or activities that they may want to pursue the Board of Selectmen would like the opportunity to discuss this with the Conservation Commission.

Paul Rushlow, current member of the Conservation Commission joined the meeting.

Bob Hardy explained to the Board why they did not purchase a GPS Unit. He said there is no need for that type of equipment now. If needed, they can borrow one from the State.

Chairman Brown said they researched the numbers of members allowed on the Conservation Commission and it is seven, since 1988.

Selectman Manseau made a motion to reappoint the entire slate of the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Foye. All were in favor. Chairman Brown said they have an option as Jim Cropsey as an alternate. Selectman O'Leary made a motion to accept Jim Cropsey as an alternate, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown informed the Board of a call from Ann Sprague, Lakes Region Factory Outlet Stores regarding the Local Heroes Appreciation Weekend Sale. This was done on the 17th and 18th. The funds for Tilton have been allocated from the Nationwide Retailers Association in the amount of $3,000.00. Ms. Sprague would like to make this presentation. Chairman notified Chief Chase, Fire Chief Petrin and an E.M.T. who can be there as well. Chairman Brown will set a date with Ms. Sprague and get back to the Board. Selectman Dawson asked where specifically the money is going into the town. Alice explained
that the town will get $1,000 and the Fire District will receive $2,000. Alice said it is given for a specific purpose, such as emergency equipment or uniforms. Alice said because it is give for a specific purpose the Selectmen have the authority granted by Town Meeting to accept and to expend the money for those purposes.

Chairman Brown informed the Board that a replacement would be needed for the Beach Committee from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Foye will be the representative from the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman discussed a letter to the Board of Selectman dated March 27th, 2002 from George Hast requesting information regarding the April 12th, 2001 video taping session. Chairman said we have the minutes of April 12th, which are available to Mr. Hast and also a letter that was sent to Public Access explaining to the Manager the Town’s reasons for asking him not to broadcast this video. The letter that was written last May, the letter from Mr. Hast’s attorney, the letter that Alice responded to his attorney and the minutes of April 12th, 2001 were sent to Mr. Hast today. Selectman Manseau asked if included in the packet that the fact that it was not our tape in the first place. Alice believes in the letter of last July she stated that this is not our tape and it has never been our tape and we do not have it. The Board agreed to announce at their next meeting that is video taped that anyone who would like a copy of the tape can contact Public Access. It is kept on file for two weeks.

Chairman Brown discussed a letter from Dodge Woodlands to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Dodge is asking for a list of land use regulations that the town has been authorized to enforce including the source of the authority for each regulation. The Board discussed this and will respond to Mr. Dodge with a letter of explanation for the Board’s signature at next week’s meeting.

Chairman Brown discussed the information from Gary Clifford, D.O.T., regarding D.O.T’s position on reclassification of State Roads to Town Roads after a State Aid Reconstruction Project. Alice explained this has to do with the amendment that was passed at town meeting about setting up a study committee, which could be the Selectmen as to whether or not after the
work is done it shall be a Town Road or a State Road. Alice explained that the State’s position on this is that if town meeting and or the Selectmen vote to keep it as a State road they will not go forward with the project. The only way they would do the project is if it were on the ten-year list. Mr. Clifford said it will not appear on the ten-year list as the State has many more pressing needs. Alice said they have put this on the back burner until this issue is resolved, until it goes back to Town Meeting. The Board discussed having a special town meeting. After much discussion, Chairman Brown asked the Board to wait until next week’s meeting for further discussion.

Chairman discussed a copy of a letter from Northfield Board of Selectmen to Mr. Sojka of Plodzik&Sanderson regarding a meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 7:00PM at the Northfield Town Hall regarding The Pines financial statements. Chairman said this will be discussed later.

Chairman Brown asked the Board if anyone would be interested in attending the Municipal Training/Input Sessions regarding fire regulations. If anyone is interested in attending let the secretary know so she can sign you up for the program.

Chairman Brown asked Selectman Dawson if she had information on the research she was doing on the catch basins in the area where Mr. Bowler lives on Hill Road. Selectman Dawson found information regarding the catch basins in the minutes of 1974. This information will be kept on file.

Alice presented administrative abatements for the Board to sign. She also presented the report of appropriations voted at town meeting and filed every year with D.R.A., for the Board to sign. Also a letter for Chairman Brown to sign to participate in Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Alice informed the Board that she spoke to the State regarding the property on Rte., 132. There is 2.78 acres both of which are under power lines easement. Alice explained the process to the Board. It is a 12 to 18 month process normally. Chairman Brown made a motion to abandon all efforts to purchase the land, R19-14A, seconded by Selectman O’Leary. Selectman O’Leary explained his reason being the land above it is wetlands and has water running down through the center. Chairman
asked if there was discussion. Selectman Dawson would like to
check into this anyway for future projects, just for informational
purposes. Chairman Brown withdraws his motion. Selectman
O'Leary withdraws his second to the motion. Selectman
Manseau made a motion to move forward with notification of the
State on that parcel of property R19-14A, seconded by
Selectman Foye. All were in favor.

Alice informed the Board that she spoke to Cindy Rose of The
Pines concerning people serving on the Board of Directors. She
said if anyone is interested in serving on the Board of Directors
to call her and she will set them up with an appointment with the
Board of Directors to discuss. She also informed Alice that Pat
Clark is becoming a Board member and also Ms. Dabbraccio.

Selectman Foye informed the Board that there are people in his
neighborhood who are looking to serve on some of the Boards.

Chairman Brown informed Selectman Manseau that the Board
had copies of the Draft Lease for the Recreational facility on 132
and asked if they can review it and discuss it at next weeks
meeting.

Chairman Brown asked about the letter to the Congregational
Church regarding the one-way street. Alice said she is drafting a
letter but because the Church is no longer active there is no
longer a Pastor and she has had a problem with finding who to
send it to. The Board discussed the fact that the Church is no
longer active and it was suggested that a letter sent from the
Board of Selectmen to the Main Street director explaining the
situation of the Church.

Selectman Manseau mentioned that he has brought up in the
past the area behind the Bank of New Hampshire that is
supposed to be maintained for public access. Alice explained it
is supposed to be under Conservation Easement as part of the
Wal-Mart approval. Alice said it is her understanding that the
Conservation Commission is working with Attorney Mark Puffer
on that easement as far as defining it and getting it recorded and
to see what can be done there. Selectman Manseau feels it is a
resource that they should pursue.

Selectman Manseau also spoke to Attorney Chandler regarding
the motion to enforce cease and desist order. Mr. Plessner, the
Code Enforcement Officer who was seated in the audience
mentioned that he and Attorney Chandler looked at the property
and he agreed to move forward with the order.

Mr. Plessner also informed the Board that he received a call from
the Assistant Health Officer Marie Mahoney who received a call
from Mr. Hast complaining about the dumpster behind the Inn on
School Street being strewn with trash outside the dumpster. Mr.
Hast received a call from Louise Loncar who lives on School
Street behind the Inn. Mrs. Mahoney investigated the situation
and did not find this to be true. The trash was contained inside
of the dumpster and the area was clean.

She found no basis for this complaint. Mr. Plessner, the Health
Officer also checked the area and did not find any problem and
concurred with Mrs. Mahoney. Mrs. Mahoney did file a report on
this matter.

Selectman O'Leary asked about the E. Main Street sidewalk
project. Alice said they are still working on the easements.
There are two easements that have not been returned yet.

Chairman Brown said he would call Selectman Carter from
Sanbornton informing him that Tilton will not be taking any action
on the marker based on the State’s information that they are
going to put a new one in for us.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:54PM.