Minutes of April 4th, 2002

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

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

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

There is no video this evening, so Chairman Brown will forego the announcements until next week.

Alice presented appointment slips to the Conservation Commission for the Board to sign.

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

Chairman Brown asked the Board if they read the minutes of March 28th, 2002. Selectman O’Leary made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown informed the Board that the Local Hero’s presentation from Ann Sprague, Lakes Region Outlet Mall would take place on Monday, April 8th at 3:00PM. All members of the Board are invited to attend. It will be held at Ms. Sprague’s office in the back of the Mall by the Food Court. Fire Chief will bring a fire truck and ambulance and a police cruiser will be there also.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Brown informed the Board that he spoke to Selectman Carter of Sanbornton regarding the granite marker. Mr. Carter said he was also in touch with Mr. Clifford of District III and the town of Sanbornton is going
to completely fund the replacement of the marker. D.O.T. will refund Sanbornton 100 percent. They are working with Rick Lepene on this and it will be done. Chairman also informed the Board that Selectman Carter asked to have the Perambulation postponed because that large section is not marked until October of this year. Selectman Dawson and Selectman Manseau will be doing the perambulation.

2. Alice sent a letter to the Main Street Program thanking them for their donation for the restoration of Time Table Mable.

3. Chairman Brown informed the Board that Selectman O’Leary made copies of the letter dated April 19th, 1994 from the State of New Hampshire regarding pedestrian safety on Main Street in Tilton. Chairman Brown said he does not think this will help with the speed situation. Chairman also discussed the Selectmen rescinding their vote of March 14th meeting until this is resolved. Alice said that RSA 265:63 states that whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering or traffic investigation that the prima-facie speed permitted under this chapter is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a way or part of a way, the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie limit thereon which, (c) decreases the limit outside an urban district but not to less than 25 miles per hour. Alice said if this is done there will have to be a traffic study. Chairman Brown made a motion to rescind the motion to lower the speed limit to 15MPH on Main Street on March 14th, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor. After much discussion Chairman Brown asked Alice to call Gary Clifford and Mark Morrell from District III to see if they will be able to attend next week’s meeting. The Board is looking for assistance in the proper design of the Main Street parking and crosswalk design.

4. Chairman Brown read a letter that will be sent to Mr. Dodge regarding the land use regulations he requested. The Board signed the letter
Lt. Kent Chapman joined the meeting. He asked for the Board’s approval to increase the Special’s rate of pay from $11.25 to $11.75 per hour. Lt. Chapman explained the money is already in the budget. There is also a position open for a Special. Lt Chapman also informed the Board that Ken Carr will be starting on June 14th. The town will not have to pay for training as Mr. Carr was a Tilton Police Officer a couple of years ago.

Selectman Manseau made a motion to increase the salary for the Special Officers from $11.25 per hour to $11.75 per hour, seconded by Selectman O’Leary. All were in favor. Chairman Brown made a motion for the appointment of Officer Ken Carr to the Police Department, effective June 14th, 2002, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown informed Lt. Chapman that the Selectmen voted to lower the speed limit in town to 15MPH on March 14th. This was also the Chief’s recommendation. After much discussion, the Board has rescinded their vote. The Board is going to have D.O.T. attend their next meeting to see what can be done about reconfiguring the parking spaces on Main Street. The Board is going to leave the speed limit at 30MPH. Chairman Brown asked Lt. Chapman if they could enhance the Police presence in the center of town as it does make a difference. Lt. Chapman said they are going to have a cruiser in center of town running radar this summer. They will also have an officer on bike patrol. Chairman Brown asked if they should be concerned about the Segway scooters on the sidewalks in town. Lt. Chapman said it is going to become an issue, but they will wait to see what other towns’ do. There was also discussion regarding the monument in the center of town being moved temporarily where Squantum was.

Chairman Brown discussed D.O.T’s position on reclassification of State Roads to Town Roads after a State Aid Reconstruction Project. Alice informed the Board that Center Sanders was going to speak to Dennis regarding doing an inventory of the town roads to make sure we are getting our fair share of that money from the State. Chairman asked if they should pursue a Special Town Meeting on this. Alice feels they should set up the committee which was the intent at Town Meeting to have the
committee study this issue. The Board could give them a
deadline to do this and report their findings to the Selectmen and
then make a decision regarding a Special Town Meeting. There
was discussion regarding who would be on this committee. They
discussed having Jim Dodge, Center Sanders and asking Dennis
Allen to be on this committee. The Board agreed to give the
committee a deadline of June 1st to report their findings to the
Board of Selectmen, and then the Board will make a decision.

Public Works Director Dennis Allen joined the meeting at this
time. Selectman O’Leary recommended Dennis Allen to the
committee. Dennis said he would think about it and get back to
the Board. The Board discussed asking David Wadleigh to
attend the meeting at the town garage with Dennis sitting in.
Dennis said he had no problem with this. Chairman said this
would be further discussed. Dennis reported that Ken Ward from
Liability Trust inspected the Town Garage and will be sending his
findings back to the Board of Selectmen. Dennis reported that
the “No skateboarding and bicycle riding on sidewalks” have
been installed. On April 16th the sand will be swept from the salt
free roads, weather permitting. Dennis reported that he checked
into the Mutual Aid Program and there is no cost to the town to
join. He will bring in the Mutual Aid Agreement for the Board to
review and sign. Selectman Manseau asked where we stand
with the sewer connection. Alice reported that she spoke to
David Wadleigh today and the Sewer Commissioners have
asked Rick Lepene to prepare the engineering including the
elevation plans. They will be meeting with Mr. Lepene at their
regular meeting on April 18th and it was suggested that the
Board meet with them at this time. There was discussion
regarding the no salt roads. Dennis has ordered a sign for
Noyes Road. Chairman Brown asked Dennis to withhold
painting the lines on Main Street as the Board is meeting with
D.O.T. next week regarding the parking and speed situation on
Main Street. Dennis said he would like to have the crosswalks
done to D.O.T. specs. Selectman O’Leary asked Dennis if he
tried to move the pedestal from Squantum yet. Dennis said he is
checking into the best way to move it. Chairman Brown asked
Dennis if he would like to attend next week’s meeting when
D.O.T. is here.
Chairman Brown asked the Board if they reviewed the draft lease for the Recreation facility. The Board did not see any problem. The Board discussed parking and the possible need for a fence around the field. Selectman Dawson brought up the issue of liability insurance and the Board discussed this. Alice will call our Insurance Company regarding the lease option. Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the draft lease with the amended changes under item #6, insurance, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

The Board discussed the estimates on the front doors of the Town Hall from American custom Design Woodworking. After discussing this the Board agreed to get two additional estimates before making a decision. This will postponed until there are other estimates.

Chairman Brown asked for the Board’s input:

Selectman Foye asked Chairman Brown if he received any calls regarding openings on the Planning Board. Chairman informed the Board that George Helwig is interested and will attend the next Planning Board meeting.

Selectman Dawson asked to have a more definitive agreement between Bestway and the Town regarding the proposed reclamation center. She would like to know what arrangements they will have with us. Alice will call Mike Donovan and ask for an outline form of what they are going to offer us and what they expect from us, two separate documents.

Selectman Manseau mentioned that one of the weekends for Spring Clean up is Mother’s Day weekend, Sunday, May 12th. He is concerned about coverage on this day. He also mentioned licensing that has expired for certified equipment with some highway employees. These are the employees that are going to retire soon. Alice will discuss this with Dennis.

Chairman Brown asked Ron Rau if he had any questions for the Board. Ron asked if there was any news on Winter Street. Chairman Brown responded that the court has been requested to give us a deadline on it. We have not received a response from the court yet.
Selectman Dawson asked to discuss the committee for the Tannery Park. The Board discussed who would serve on the committee and the need for legal opinion regarding the $85,000 and the restraints they have put on the Selectmen regarding this. The Board agreed to have Alice contact Attorney Chandler concerning this matter. Chairman Brown asked the Board members if they would be interested in serving on this committee. Selectman Dawson said she would be interested. The Board also discussed the need to form a Park Commission again as there is no one on it. Alice will check to see if these are elected or appointed positions. The Board also discussed the watering troth and monument in the center of town and the need to take care of this. It is full of weeds and the curbing needs attention. The Board agreed to have Dennis clean up this area. Chairman Brown will send a letter to Clara Hardy of the Garden Club who has maintained this in the past.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM