Minutes of May 9th, 2002

Present from Board: Chairman Brown, Selectman Dawson, Selectman Manseau, and Selectman Foye. Selectman O’Leary was not present.

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Announcements:

Planning Board and Budget Committee are still in need of volunteer members. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Land Use Office at 286-7817, Town Clerk’s Office at 286-4425, and Selectmen’s office at 286-4521 for further information.

Town wide Spring Clean-Up is well underway. Curbside pickup has been taking place this week along the eastern side of I-93. The West side of I-93 will start curbside pickup during the week of Monday, May 13th through Friday, May 17th.

Chairman Brown explained that the Public Works Dept. cannot handle everything because there are some limitations at the new Town Garage on West Main Street and are doing the best they can and appreciate everyone’s cooperation.

Chairman Brown informed the Board that Building Inspector Joe Plessner asked if the Board would make a motion to modify the criteria for building permits. This is regarding Bonding of town roads for anticipated damage of large trucks on town roads. If this is accepted it will most likely become a permanent change, possibly at the next town meeting. Chairman made a motion to permit the Building Inspector, based on the recommendation of the Road Agent to require Bonding by the applicant for possible
damage to town road or roads in conjunction with and prior to issuance of a building permit. The Board discussed the issue of weight on town roads and the need to determine what weight the roads that we have can take before the damage is done.

Chairman asked if there was a second to his motion. Being none, the motion did not pass. The Board agreed to get a legal opinion from Town Counsel on this and it will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Chairman asked if the Board had any concerns regarding the minutes of May 2nd, 2002. Selectman Manseau asked to have the date corrected on page 1, last paragraph. Chairman made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

Old Business:

1. Chief Chase is working on the Ordinance as discussed last week.
2. Chairman gave the Selectmen copies of a diagram Dennis sketched for the lines on Main Street. This will be submitted along with a letter to Bill Lambert. It will be pointed out in the letter that the primary reason for the shifting of the crosswalk to another area is a safety issue. The Board discussed the diagram and agreed to modify it by coming back to the proposed area by 20ft. Chairman Brown said he and Dennis would go out and measure the spots and modify the chart. Alice will write the letter and send it with the modified chart to Bill Lambert.
3. Chairman Brown informed the Board of a meeting with David McGowan and David Forviere of Cyber Junk and Alice to discuss disposing of televisions and computers. Mr. Forviere left a draft contract for the Board to review. They recommended pricing by the screen size, as we do not have a scale. Eighteen cents per pound is the rate. Alice said the charge is for the monitors and they will take the CPU units, the keyboards and the wiring at no charge. The Board discussed the need to have this pick-up twice a year and also how the money would be collected for these items. The Board also discussed the storage of refrigerators with the doors on. The Board agreed to have Dennis reject any
refrigerators that come in with doors on. Selectman Manseau made a motion to accept the contract from Cyber Junk with the details of cost to town to be worked out at a later date, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor. The Board signed the contract.

4. Chairman asked Alice if she found out whether or not there is an electric outlet at Pocket Park. Alice said she would contact mark Whittemore, D.O.T., for a copy of the blue print of the park.

5. Ahern Park Advisory Committee. Alice informed the Board that the town clerk is willing to serve on this committee and she has sent out notices to the elected officials.

6. Regarding the curfew on the Island the Northfield Board of Selectmen are okay with the curfew, but they do not want Tilton to take over the Island as they would like to retain their share.

7. Regarding Academy Street, Chairman Brown said he spoke to Mark Morel and what they have determined preliminary, if the Board is in agreement, is to have an engineer define the road as it was laid out in 1881. Gary Clifford is going to call Alice to set up an appointment to look over the area. Chairman will inform the Board when he does so if anyone of the Board members is interested in being there. Alice will call engineer Paul Darbyshire to define the road.

New Business:

Chairman Brown asked the Board to review a copy of a letter proposed to go out to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Dawson informed the Board that she spoke to Chuck Mitchell and there is a misunderstanding between White Mountain Survey Co., Inc. She said the whole issue of the stumps being dumped in the river is a misunderstanding. Selectman Dawson gave the Selectmen copies of a letter from Chuck Mitchell.

The Board discussed the letter and agreed to have the Conservation Commission meet with the Selectmen at their next meeting to discuss this with them. Chairman Brown said he would call Mark Lucey from White Mountain Survey Co., and ask for a list of their concerns so it can be presented to the Conservation Committee.

Chairman reported that the packet for the committee members
on the history of the Pillsbury Park is well in progress and Alice will have it ready next week.

Alice reported that she called Attorney Chandler regarding the lease from St. Mary’s Archdiocese. He said the lease was sent to the diocese on April 10th and needs to go to a Real Estate Board headed up by attorney Paul Harrington. He would like to come up and look at the property and this is a process that takes several months. Selectman Manseau said he would like to get permission to rake and seed the field. Alice will call Attorney Chandler and ask to see if this will be acceptable.

Chairman Brown discussed a note on the School District Conservation Easement. Chairman would like to ask the Board to approve hiring Attorney Mark Puffer to represent the town. Alice said this is part of their wetland mitigations; they want to give a conservation easement to the town. Chairman Brown made a motion to have Attorney Puffer represent the town on this easement, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Chairman Brown informed the Board of a letter of April 29th, from The Solid Rock worship Team of Praise Assembly of God, Tilton. They would like permission to sell snacks during motorcycle week of June 8-16th, at the Pocket Park. This is a fund raising event. The Board discussed this and is concerned about the possible irrevocable damage and destruction of the new grass, which is still trying to establish itself and does not think the use of the park would be appropriate. Selectman Manseau made a motion to authorize the use of the Municipal Parking lot or the grassed area next to the old post office, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor. Selectman Dawson questioned whether or not the Board should adopt a policy not to allow anything such as this for this year. After discussion it was agreed to take requests case by case.

Chairman discussed a notice from NHMA regarding the Storm Water Deadline for Municipalities Phase II. Chairman said this has to do with vehicle maintenance and wastewater treatment and thinks the town should be involved in this. We have to certify that industrial activities are not exposed to storm water. Public Works director Dennis Allen received a copy of this and will have
to take action on this. The town has until March of next year to do this. Alice will talk to Dennis regarding this. The Board was in agreement that this needs to be done.

Selectman Manseau reported that the Youth Opportunity dance will be for 7th through 10th grades and are anticipating around 100 kids. The Youth Opportunity group has drafted a letter of insurance to cover the Street Dance.

Ron Rau sitting in the audience asked what road the Board was talking about regarding the crane going over it. Chairman Brown told him the road in question is Dunlop Drive.

George Hast joined the meeting to discuss a situation on School Street near his property. Chairman Brown reported to Mr. Hast that he did take a ride down School Street this morning to check the area in question.

Mr. Hast reported that on the Thayer Farm property there is a shack that has old shingles, tires and granite posts.

Chairman Brown asked Mr. Hast to draw a sketch of where this is located. Mr. Hast asked if the highway department could remove this stuff. Chairman said he would like to research this first. After Mr. Hast submits the sketch to the Board they will look at the site in question to see if anything can be done. Mr. Hast said he would like to have Range Road open. Chairman said Range Road is a class VI road. This road is not open to traffic. Selectman Manseau explained that two years ago the Board issued a letter of agreement with the Colby's giving them permission to build greenhouses on that road. Mr. Hast discussed the Town’s Ordinance of prohibiting the stockpiling or spreading of biosolids He said he would like to reclaim the gravel pit to stop the erosion and get some growth on it.

Alice reported to the Board that she was contacted by Mr. Demko and Norm Couture requesting the Board of Selectmen waives the fee for the building permit for the improvements that are going to be made at the High School and Middle School. Alice said the amount is $13,000. Alice said she does not think they have applied for a permit yet. Alice said that they have run into unforeseen problems and have had to spend a lot of money that they did not plan on. Selectman Manseau questioned if the
town would do the same for private industry. After discussion the Board agreed not to waive the fee, as they do not feel it would be appropriate.

Selectman Manseau asked if there was any information regarding Brownfield. Alice reported that she has been calling D.E.S. and just heard back from G.Z.A. who said we should be receiving a draft report in a few days. The Board discussed this and would like to have Alice contact Ned Gordon for help in obtaining this report.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.