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

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

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

Announcements:  
Chairman reminded the viewing audience of the Fall Solid Waste Collection for Tilton residents only from October 17th through October 19th, from 9 am to 5 pm. Items are to be dropped off; this is not a curbside pick-up. Notices may be picked up at the Town Hall or Highway Garage.

The Budget Committee will meet on October 16th at 7pm at town offices and are still in need of members. Please call the secretary or town clerk’s office at town hall if you are interested in serving on the committee.

The AP/Payroll manifests were approved.

Chairman asked the Board if they read the minutes of October 3rd, Selectman Dawson asked to have the time the meeting started read,” after meeting with town attorney from 6:00PM to 6:30PM”. Chairman made a motion to accept the minutes of October 3rd, as corrected, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Ms. Nel Bennett joined the meeting to discuss her yield tax
assessment. She explained that the logger she hired failed to submit the intent to cut of timber form in a timely fashion. Alice explained the bill would have normally been $3,200, but because it was late it is doubled to $6,500.00. Ms. Bennett explained she was sent a bill for the doomage on July 30th, 2002. Alice said she had thirty days to pay it without interest and after that the interest is at 18 percent. Alice said the Selectmen have the authority to abate this.

Alice explained to the Board that there is a provision in the statutes that normally abatement has to be filed within sixty days of the mailing of the bill, which would have been in July. The Board further discussed this. Chairman suggested to the Board they abate the $3,250 and whatever interest is due on that amount payable within the next thirty days and they will have satisfied the requirements of the yield tax for the town and forego the doomage. The Board discussed this and both Selectman Manseau and Selectman Foye feel Ms. Bennett should go after the logger to pay the doomage of $6,500.

After further discussion with the Board, Chairman Brown made a motion to abate the yield tax without doomage to include interest, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

At 6:35 Pat Clark joined the meeting. He informed the Board that he is the Tilton liaison to the Rec Council and Darlene Bedetto is the liaison from Northfield.

To improve communications they will start reporting to the Boards once a month. Pat gave Alice copies of information he is going to discuss with the Board of what is going on at The Pines.

Pat informed the Board of a calendar of programs for the month. He said this comes out once a month and is distributed throughout the towns. They are trying to focus on teen programs and have started a high school teen night that will be on a monthly basis. Grevior’s Furniture has donated drop-in lounge furniture for the teenagers. The older teens do not want to have dances and do like the drop in lounge.

Pat said as a Board they have an interest in the Skateboard Park and have met with a group of people and met with Youth Opportunity representatives.
Pat informed the selectmen of Board changes. He said up until their annual meeting in September they had six members on the Board. They now have seventeen members on the Board. Pat said there are only four members from Tilton and would like more members from Tilton. Pat also said they have committee assignments to address some of the problems and issues that were raised.

Selectman Manseau asked if these are all council members that are on the various boards and why an employee of the Rec council is on the Board of Directors. Selectman O'Leary also questioned why Cindy Rose is on two committees and feels this is a conflict of interest. Pat said he will bring back the Board's feed back to the Rec Council and address it at the next meeting. Alice said according to the list Pat gave her Cindy is not on the Board of Directors.

Pat said the two biggest things they are going to focus on are policy and procedure.

Pat reported that the Child Care Licensing issue was brought to the State of NH Dept., of Health and Human Services by someone who reported that the Rec was operating as a Child Care facility and was not licensed to do so. The State had changed the laws on licensing in 1991 and all the Child Care agencies in the State that they were aware of were sent notices. The Rec Center did not receive notice of the changes and the State recognized this.

Pat said they (the Council) consider this a Rec program and have an after school program called “After Class Blast” where kids have a place to go after school when their parents are at work. It is set up to be a recreational program such, as a Boys and Girls Club which is exempt from the licensing provisions of the State. They currently have an attorney working on this. Until this is resolved a license does not need to be applied for by Health and Human services. Pat said if this goes into place they could see the cost of after school programs going up around 50 percent. They will need kids that are 18 years or over, and will need more staffing. Pat said all of the parents have been notified of this and they would like to see it remain as a recreational program.
Pat said they are committed to improved programs and are going to work very hard on this and they are committed to policies and procedures, committed to improved communications and committed to setting goals by committee assignments.

Pat asked the Board that if they should receive complaints against the Rec Center to please direct them to the Town Administrator who will contact Cindy Rose to discuss it and get the issue addressed and they will get back to the Board. Pat also said they have retained an attorney and are going to do whatever they can to protect their image. Chair asked the Board if they had any questions for Pat to bring to the Rec Council meeting next week.

Selectman O’Leary asked to have the time changed from 5:30PM to 6:00PM for after school program to give parents enough time to pick up their kids. He would also like to see the policy for seeking grants be looked into again.

Selectman Dawson asked if the Pines have their own set of safety regulations they follow. Pat said this is something they are looking into under policy and procedures.

From the audience, Jim Dodge, a member of the Budget Committee asked Pat how much money Tilton appropriated in Capital Reserve when the Recreation Committee was a public entity. He asked what happened to the money and where it is. Pat will look into this.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:00PM Chairman Brown made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing at this time for the purpose of discussing a petition from the citizens of the town, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Chairman stated the reason for the petition is to correct a grievance regarding the sidewalks in Lochmere not being properly maintained for at least four years. This includes Church St., River Rd., Silverlake Rd., and Daniel Webster Highway. A portion of these sidewalks, which includes Church St., has not been plowed, sanded or salted for two years. The remainder has been plowed intermittently, but not after each storm. The snow and ice then builds up to make them impassable causing people to walk in the road. Vehicular traffic on these roads has
increased dramatically as has pedestrian traffic. These
dangerous conditions cause the elderly and handicapped people
that depend on cleared safe sidewalks to remain homebound.
There are a number of people who walk the two-mile ring for
health reasons who must stop during snow months because the
town has failed to keep these sidewalks clear.

Chairman Brown stated that this petition makes it appear that the
town has been negligent. Chairman indicated that in the petition
it makes no mention of the fact that there was a request to
discontinue the plowing and salting two years ago.

Jim Dodge who started the petition for tonight’s hearing stated
that he has been receiving complaints in the past few years that
the sidewalks are not being adequately maintained. Mr. Dodge
stated that in the last three or four years a large amount of
money was appropriated to finish the sidewalks and that was
never used. Mr. Dodge said the residents of Lochmere feel
they have just as much right to have required governmental
services as the other side of Tilton’s sidewalk’s are well taken
care of.

Selectman O’Leary reminded Mr. Dodge that the residents of
Lechmere signed a petition three years ago not to have their
sidewalks plowed. Chairman Brown also said it was the wish of
the general public at that time; there was a public hearing and a
petition. It did not have anything to do with the Board of
Selectmen not wanting to take care of the sidewalks; they
wanted to satisfy the desires of the people.

Jim Rohan, River Rd., said he signed the first petition. He stated
that part of the problem is that the sidewalks are not taken care
of and they are not up to standards. The width of the sidewalks
are too narrow in some places. Mr. Rohan said the majority of
the people on River Rd.; do not want their sidewalks plowed.

Mr. Bonneville stated was not in favor of not plowing the
sidewalks for the first petition. Mr. Bonneville said he had to
walk on Rte., 3 this winter on the edge of the road.

Mr. Kondrotas of 15 Church Street in Lochmere stated that even
when the sidewalks are plowed and sanded, people still use the
street to walk in. He said that the present sidewalk, since it was
repaired several years ago has never been maintained. Part of the sidewalk was damaged and never repaired. Mr. Kondrotas asked where the snow is going to be put if they do plow the sidewalks this year. He said the snow put on his front lawn ends up as water in his cellar. Mr. Kondrotas strongly recommends that the sidewalks not be plowed, as they exist in their present state. Mr. Rohan suggested polling the property owners on those roads they same as they did for sewer to see how they feel. Mr. Rohan feels it is going to be difficult to have any kind of a sidewalk unless they take some of the land from residents on that road and make it right.

Marge Bonneville feels the problem is the need for better sidewalks in the Lochmere area as a lot of people walk around the loop.

Mike Curley of Silver Lake Rd., asked if the town knows what the State is planning on doing regarding the sidewalks when the roads are upgraded. Chair explained that there is a Road Committee that is doing a study in that loop area and should be getting back to the Board soon. They are trying to determine whether or not the town is going to reclassify the roads to Class V, or leave them as they are under the State’s auspices and upkeep. Under Class V it would become the responsibility of the town to maintain them after they rebuilt them. Chair believes sidewalks were to be included in the rebuilding process.

Helen Dawson expressed her concern for the children in the area that have to walk in the road; it is a safety hazard and something that the town needs to be responsible for.

Public Works Director Dennis Allen addressed the audience and informed them that he did measure the sidewalks on Church Street and some are 38 inches and some are 42 inches and the lawns go right down to the edge of the sidewalk. Dennis said since 2002 they have not plowed Church St., sidewalks, but they have plowed SilverLake, Route 3 and up to the Beef and Bun. He explained the procedure for plowing the sidewalks. Chairman asked Dennis if it would be helpful to purchase a snow blower in lieu of the bombardier. Dennis has no objections, but feels it should be a big snow blower for wet snow.

Chairman Brown asked the audience if there were any other
comments. There were none. Chairman Brown commented that the existing bombardier is too wide and unsuitable for the sidewalks. The sidewalks need to be rebuilt to the appropriate width and standardize them. The Board was in agreement with this. Chairman said he looked at the sidewalks in the Lochmere area today and reported that the asphalt sidewalks are in pretty good shape and not to bad to walk on. He said they vary dramatically in width. Chairman informed the audience that the Board needs to do some research before they reach a decision.

Selectman Dawson asked Dennis if they purchase a snow blower would it be useful in other areas in the town. Dennis said it would not.

Mr. Dodge stated the bearer of the petition is to have sidewalks people can walk on and hope they will be brought up to satisfactory conditions. If it is a temporary situation to get a snow blower to go around the loop this will give them a chance to walk the sidewalks.

Chairman Brown thanked the audience for their input and informed them the Board will deliberate on this and render a decision in a week or to after they have done some research. Chair said it should be finalized by October 25th. Chair closed the public hearing at 8:05PM.

At 8:07PM Chairman called the regular meeting back to order.

Chairman reviewed correspondence with the Board. Letters were sent to Mr. Tarr and Mr. Suter. Chair reported they are still waiting for an estimate from Mr. Partridge on the West Street sewer line. Board reviewed copy of letter sent to property owners from Sewer Commissioners. Chairman asked the Board if they were ready to discuss the report from G.Z.A. Alice asked the Board if they would like to have Mike Wimsatt from D.E.S., attend a meeting to answer any questions they may have.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Wimsatt attend next weeks meeting as they do have questions that need to be answered. Alice feels it would be advantageous to get another set of estimates as well from another engineering firm.

Alice said there are other environmental engineering firms such as Nobis and there are others. Alice said D.E.S. has a list of
qualified contractors. The Board discussed the options in the report and will discuss this with Mr. Wimsatt when he meets with the Board.

Selectman Manseau asked if a check was cut for the Chem free program. It should be made out to Winnisquam Chem Free and sent to the High School. He also asked to have a letter sent to the Northfield and Sanbornton Selectmen. Alice said she would have the check done for next week.

Selectman Dawson asked if a letter was sent to Betty Pierce. Alice said she is working on it, as there is a lot of detailed information. She also asked if the Moderator was notified that she is the representative to the Parks Committee. Alice will call Mr. Randall.

Selectman Foye asked if we heard back from Mr. Doubleday regarding the front doors. Alice said she has not.

Alice presented the MS-5 for the Board to sign. She also presented a copy of the audit from Grzelak. He would like the Board to sign the Management representation letter. Alice will then schedule a meeting with Jim Roberge and he will come in to discuss the audit with the Board.

Selectman Manseau reported on the skateboard park. The Northfield Board of Selectmen gave approval for a skateboard park. It was discovered that the site is town property and five of the pine trees would have to come down. The Board does not want to do this. Selectman Manseau said he talked to Norm Couture and he offered a parcel at the Union Sanborn School, which would be big enough for a skateboard park. The Board discussed this.

Alice informed the Board of a notice from the Department of Resource and Economic Development regarding re-appointment of Deputy Fire Wardens. The two fire wardens are Harold Harbour and Richard Gray. They are both for Tilton. Alice said in the past they have sent it to the Fire Department first before the Board signs it. The Board agreed.

Ron Rau from the audience asked if there was any news regarding Mr. Suter’s well. Alice told him a letter was sent to
Mr. Suter from the Board.

Jim Dodge asked what bookkeeping change was recommended by the auditor. Alice explained that the recommendation is that the sewer accounts be part of the central bookkeeping system. It is an enterprise fund that we use our accounting program to essentially describe their funds and fund activity.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.