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

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

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

APPROVAL:  MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2005:

Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of February 14th, 2005.  Selectman Manseau asked to have a correction on page 1 to read 110 build able acres not 100, and Selectman Dawson asked to have a correction on page 5 to add the word “HUD” in front of Grant.  Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of February 14th, 2005 as amended, seconded by Selectman Dawson.  All were in favor with the exception of Selectman Foye who abstained from voting.

AP & PAYROLL MANIFESTS: The Selectmen approved
and signed the manifests.

**Bonding, Lochmere Sewer Project:** The project is in the amount of 2.2 million. Chairman Robert Brown signed the Loan Resolution. Chairman Brown made a motion to adopt the Loan Resolution in the amount of 2.2 million dollars for the purpose of enabling the Lochmere Sewer Extension, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH SELECTMEN:**

Town Moderator Ken Randall joined the meeting. Mr. Randall discussed when the Selectmen would be at the polls. Chairman Brown reported that three of the Selectmen would be available for Tuesday’s election. Chairman Brown will be at the polls from 7:30AM to noon, and will be back at 4:pm to closing. Selectman Dawson, from 10:AM to 2PM, Selectman O’ Leary from 1:PM to 7:PM and will also help with the counting.

**Warrant Articles on Tuesday, March 8th; #1-6.**

**Warrant Articles on Saturday, March 12th:**

Warrant Article # 7, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the Tilton Main Street Program. This will be moved by Selectman Manseau.

Warrant Article # 8, to see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund. This will be moved by Chairman Brown.

Warrant Article # 9, (Petitioned Article) to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 for the Salvation Army in Laconia. This will be moved by someone who signed the petition.

Article # 10, to see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of an additional $200,000 through fund raising for the purpose of completing construction of the Tilton Riverfront Park. This will be moved by Selectman Dawson.

Article # 11, to see if the town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the budget committee. This will be
moved by Robert Szot, Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Article #12, (Petitioned Article) to see if the town will vote to form a committee to research and explore alternative school funding methods that could be used to fund Tilton’s share of the Winnisquam Regional School District. This will be moved by someone who signed the petition.

Article #13, (Petitioned Article) by someone who signed the petition.

Article #14, (Petitioned Article) by someone who signed the petition.

Article #15, to see what action the town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents. This will be moved by Chairman Brown.

Article #16, to enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Chairman Brown asked to discuss RSA 658:24. The Moderator read the RSA and Chairman Brown questioned where it states any election official whose name is on the ballot for an elected position, other than a position as an elected official. Chairman Brown asked if that person is on the ballot as an election official, than they are qualified to be there and work the election, but if they are there under any other elective position they are exempt. Mr. Randall said under RSA 652:14 states an election officer shall mean any moderator, deputy moderator, assistant moderator, town clerk, deputy town clerk. Mr. Randall said the town clerk will leave at 5:pm and her deputy will replace her and will stay for the counting of the ballots, which will be supervised by either himself or one of the Selectmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. March 7th, at 7:00PM at the Winnisquam HS cafeteria: T-N Fire District Warrant.

2. March 8th, at 8:00AM to 7:00PM at the Middle School Gym, Elections for Town and School
3. March 12th, at 8:00AM at the Winnisquam High School Cafeteria, Town Meeting.

**WINDY HILL COOP:** Vicki Chaffee and members of the Windy Hill Coop met again with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of waiving the interest and penalties on the taxes on a trailer at Windy Hill. The amount given at that time was around $700.00. Alice said the actual figure is $900.00

Mrs. Chaffee read the proposal from Windy Hill Cooperative. It states that the letter is to acknowledge that the Windy Hill Cooperative Park wishes to pardon a debt owned by the town of Tilton for park fees in the amount of $2,400. They absolve the Town of Tilton of this debt concerning the property at 11 Gusty Rd, formerly owned by Christopher Walsh.

The Selectmen asked to have added to this agreement that this reflects the original verbal agreement between Windy Hill Cooperative during discussions in 1999/2000. The Selectmen and the Windy Hill Cooperative were in agreement.

Alice informed the Board that the total taxes owed on the mobile home are $929.00 for two years, not including interest and penalties. It would be $1,123.00 with interest and penalties. Selectman Foye suggested the town and the coop split the difference of $929.00. After the Board discussed this Selectman Foye made a motion to split the difference of $923.00. The Selectmen will abate anything above $462.00, seconded by Selectman Manseau. All were in favor.

Alice will execute a letter to the Coop’s financial company with the information indicating the tax bill in the amount of $462.00.

**OLD BUSINESS I: ISSUE OF SNOW PLOWING OVER 1-93:**

Selectman Dawson discussed this issue and informed the Board that no one wants to commit to whether or not they
need to plow roads or sidewalks for handicapped people. Selectman Dawson said she has not received any response to this issue. She has received referrals to the Disabilities Act. They do not know who is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk, the State or the Town. The Board further discussed this and agreed they need to take a stand that it is not their responsibility to maintain and clear that section of sidewalks. Selectman Manseau made a motion to notify the State and the US Department of Transportation that based upon the fact that the town did not enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire to accept maintenance of that stretch of roadway and sidewalk, it is not the Town of Tilton’s responsibility to maintain and clear it, seconded by Selectman Dawson. Selectman Manseau modified the motion to reflect year round maintenance, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

**Selectman Manseau:** Letter of commendation, police officer. Selectmen Manseau will check with Chief Chapman and write the letter of commendation and bring it to the Board for their next meeting.

**Selectman Dawson:** HUD, CEO. Selectman Dawson informed the Board that a CEO needs to be appointed to sign the documents. The Board was in agreement to have Chairman Brown sign the documents. Donna Lane needs approval to publish the ad in order to continue the environmental review and a list of publications and the posting places. Selectman Dawson will informed Ms. Lane that she can use the Citizen, Monitor and Echo to choose from. The Board was in agreement to have Ms. Lane publish the ad.

Selectman Dawson reported to the Board that she and Selectman Manseau attended a meeting at the Main Street Office regarding two issues. One was a concern regarding the town clerk’s sign on the property of the Main Street office might be construed as a conflict of interest and they wanted to assure the Board that it is the landowner that gave permission to put the sign on her property and it had nothing to do with Main Street. The Main Street Committee would like to meet with the Board on their
March 24th meeting at 6:00pm for one hour for a presentation on design of downtown area.

Selectman Dawson informed the Board of a call she received from a patrolman that was requested to tow two cars parked on School Street. There was a Conservation Meeting at town hall at that time and the cars belonged to two members of the meeting. The Patrolman did not tow the vehicles as he determined there was a meeting at town hall. Selectman Dawson discussed the sign on School St. that states “no parking from here to corner during a snowstorm”. The Board discussed the interpretation of this, as the sign does not mention snow emergency or plowing. Alice reported that the sign in question was put there to accommodate the State plows coming around the corner of School Street. The Board discussed developing a policy on snow emergencies regarding parking. Selectmen Dawson feels the sign should come down until then, as it is not serving a purpose.

**Selectman Foye:** Carla Constant, Police Department. Selectman Foye asked if a decision was made regarding the Police Department Dispatcher carrying a firearm. Selectman Manseau informed him that she has not received approval from Chief Chapman yet. Carla will meet with the Chief and Selectman Manseau, as liaison to the Police department will also attend the meeting. The Board is in support of Carla carrying a firearm.

**Town Administrator:** Alice informed the Board that the Water District Commissioners need to hold a District Meeting and asked if the two towns would notify the users in the district. Alice said it would cost around $150.00 to notify the users and asked the Selectmen if they would absorb the cost. Alice said they would reimburse the town if they become a District. The supervisors of the checklist would have to sit for the meeting and they would have to be paid $75.00. Alice said this would come out of the election and registration account. The other would come out of the postage account. The Board discussed if the town can legally loan them the money. Alice will check with NH Local Government center and Attorney Chandler
to see if this is legal. The Board will continue this
discussion at their next meeting after Alice has contacted
the NH Government center and Attorney Chandler.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:14PM.