Selectmen’s meeting minutes of January 12th, 2006

Present from the Board:
Chairman Richard Manseau, Selectmen Brown, Wadleigh, Dawson, and O’Leary.

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

Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

APPROVAL: Minutes of January 5th, 2006. Selectman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter to Church Street residents regarding the pumping of water into the road. Alice informed the Board that Selectman Brown did a rough draft of the letter and would like a statutory reference included. The Board discussed it and it was suggested that Alice check the RSA’s under Motor Vehicle or Snow Plowing.

2. Street Lighting, Hill Rd. Selectman Dawson informed the Board that she noticed that the light on Hill Rd., is directed at Hill Rd., so it should stay. Selectman Dawson said there is a light just beyond the Restaurant on the right side before the Lord Hampshire where there are no houses or roads.

3. Ice build-up, Selectman Brown reported that the Highway Dept., has finished cleaning up the ice build up on Lancaster Hill, Church Street, and River Road.

4. Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement, Tilton US Route 3/NH RTE.,11 from Grant Street to Sherwood Drive. The Selectmen would like to look over the sidewalk agreement regarding the maintenance.

5. Police Dept., feasibility study and evaluation study, $50,000. Selectman Brown does not feel the town should spend an additional $15,000 for an evaluation study of the Police Department right now. Selectman Dawson said if they are really looking at purchasing the property with the plans for building a Life Safety/Police Station on it they need to know where the police department is going to be in five or ten years. Selectman Brown feels the Life Safety Center should be emphasized and that money is going to be committed, otherwise they are encouraging the separation of the Fire and Police Departments by giving $35,000 to the Police Dept., to do a study on a
dedicated Police Station only. Chairman Manseau said the problem is they have no control over the Fire District. Selectman Dawson said they could let whom ever they hire for the study that having a Life Safety Center is ultimately their goal and this needs to be taken into consideration. Selectman Wadleigh said this should be a sub-station for the fire department. This would also qualify for grants. The Board agreed.

**Budget 2006:** Alice informed the Board that the budget information presented to them includes all of the changes with the exception of the Video proposal, which just came in today. If the Board approves this it will have to be added into the budget. The proposal is from Great Northern in the amount of $9,708.53. Alice said she would write the warrant article to include this amount and say that it would be expanding the coverage and would include other Boards as well.

Selectman Dawson explained that Great Northern Video would install two cameras, one behind the Selectmen and one in front of them. There will be a controller at the secretary's table and she will have two monitors that can be adjusted. There are two choices for the audio, one is to drop three microphones from the ceiling and the other is for the Selectmen to have individual microphones and one for guests. After further discussion Selectman Dawson made a motion to write the warrant article for town meeting to include the proposal of $9,708.53 from Great Northern Video, LLC in the budget. The Board discussed the proposal being good for 30 days and the possibility that it might increase as it is not presented until March at town meeting. After discussion Selectman O'Leary made a motion to increase the line item to $10,000, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

**Park Committee fund raising, $1,500:** Alice said the committee is asking for this amount for postage and paper. Chairman Manseau made a motion to authorize the $1,500 for Riverfront Park to cover those costs, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

**Police Dept., gasoline:** The Board discussed the increase in the prices of gas and adjusted this line item to $19,000. After further discussion Chairman Manseau made a motion to increase it to last year's expenditure of $19,000, seconded by Selectman O'Leary. Selectman Wadleigh suggested they round this off to $20,000. Chairman asked if there was an amendment to this. Selectman O'Leary amended his second to the motion to increase the gasoline item to $20,000 for the Police Department. All were in favor.

Chairman Manseau left the meeting at 7:06PM. Vice Chairman Dawson continued the meeting.
**Bond issues:** Alice asked the Board about bonding for the land purchase and how they would like to pursue this. After the Board discussed this they agreed to bond the purchase of the land, which will require a 2/3 vote at town meeting. The Board unanimously voted to bond the land purchase. Alice said she would set up the public hearing for this bond issue. Alice also said there is the supplemental Lochmere bond issue from the Sewer Commission so they can be done at the same time. The Board agreed.

**Reports from Selectmen:**

**Selectman Brown** gave the Board an update on the town report from deputy town clerk Carole Chase. Selectman Brown asked if Chairman Manseau has started to write the Selectmen’s report. Selectman Dawson said they could discuss that at next week’s meeting. Selectman Dawson asked who would be writing the Historical Society report. The Board discussed this and it was suggested to ask Joanna Oliver for her input, her future plans for the Historical Society. Selectman Brown will talk to Joanna about this. Selectman Brown reported that the Highway Department is almost finished with the storage area for the Police Department. The total cost so far is $740.00. Selectman Brown reported that under the carpet is a wooden floor that is in very good shape and there is no sign of dampness at all downstairs. There will be a back up portable dehumidifier downstairs just in case there should be a problem.

**Selectman Dawson** reported that she talked to Scott Davis and he reminded her that the warrant article for the School Formula committee included two Public Hearings that the Selectmen will conduct. Selectman Dawson suggested the first hearing on January 19th, and the second on February 2nd, at 6:00PM at the Tilton Town Hall.

Selectman Brown asked to go back to bi-weekly meetings at the last meeting and it was decided to address it this evening. Selectman Dawson said it would have to be after February 2nd because of the public hearings.

Selectman Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM, seconded by Selectman O’Leary. All were in favor.