Present from the Board:
Chairman Richard Manseau, Selectmen Wadleigh, Dawson, and O'Leary. Selectman Brown was not present.

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

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

Chief of Police Kent Chapman: Chief Chapman presented the Board with the following information.
1. Gross figures on the SRO.
2. Call records at WRHS from August 2005 to December 2005.
3. Law on posted roadways regarding Morrison Ave.
4. Letter to residents of Morrison Ave regarding the posting of Do Not Enter sign.
5. Letter of appreciation to Officer Nate Morrison.
6. Letter from DOT regarding permission granted to close Main Street for the Street Fair in August.
7. Draft of pamphlet proposal for new police station. Chief said he should have the pamphlet for next week’s meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

At 6:06PM Chairman Manseau opened the first Public Hearing regarding the findings of the Tilton School Formula Committee.

Selectman Dawson who is also a member of the School Formula Committee reported on the meeting with the Northfield and Sanbornton Selectmen and School Formula Committee members. Selectman Dawson said there was much discussion regarding the formula not being fair. The result is there will be another meeting on February 10th, at 7:00:PM at the SAU office where the Selectmen from Tilton, Sanbornton, and Northfield and the Formula Committee will try to come up with a formula that the three towns can agree on. They are discussing phasing in the change over the next five years, which would put Tilton where it wants to be in the fifth year. Selectman Dawson said she would like to see this done in less than five years, preferably in three years. This will all be discussed at the meeting of February 10th at the WRHS at 7:00PM.
Public Hearing's continued.

Chairman asked if there were any questions from the Public. Mr. LaPlante asked if the public could attend this meeting. Selectman Dawson said it is a public meeting and it is up to whomever chairs the meeting to allow input from the public or not. The public is welcome to attend.

Chairman Manseau closed the first public hearing at 6:13PM.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:15PM Chairman Manseau opened the second public hearing regarding a warrant article on the purchase of 7 + acres of vacant land for $268,500, located on Route 132, parcels R19-15-02 thru R19-15-06. This will be a warrant article at the 2006 March Town meeting.

Chairman Manseau informed the public that this property is intended for public use in the near or distant future. It is the intent of the Board to look forward as there are growth issues in the town and there will be needs in the town in the future for a variety of things such as recreation, fire, police, meetings, etc.

Chairman Manseau said there are other issues that are being investigated and studied which will be brought up at the town meeting relative to the potential use for this parcel of property, but at this point it is not dedicated for any particular use.

Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. Joan Brown asked if an appraisal has been done on the property to determine the value of the property and how much wetlands there are in the property.

Chairman Manseau answered that an appraisal has not been done at this time. Alice answered that there are some drainage issues, but not wetland issues and there is a report on the wetlands.

Chairman Manseau closed the second public meeting at 6:30PM.

THIRD PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:30PM Chairman Manseau opened the public hearing to consider bonding or issuing long term notes for up to an additional $391,759 for the Lochmere sewer project.

Sewer Commissioner Peter Fogg stated that approximately three or four years ago they started this project and at that time they received voter approval for $3.8 million which was 50% grant and 50% loan to construct sewer lines on Silverlake, Church, and River Roads, a portion of Rte., 3 from Silverlake Rd. to the west end of the Anchorage parcel. Also Lake and Lakewood with an option to also do Grange Rd., and Lancaster Hill Rd. from its intersection with Grange Rd. back to Rte., 3. Peter reported that they are waiting for two easements and once they receive them they will be looking to put the project out to bid. Peter said because it has taken 3 to 4 years, construction costs have gone up and because of that they now need an approximate $400,000 to complete the project.
Public Hearing #3: Lochmere Sewer Project continued. Sewer Commissioner Fogg asked for public input. One of the questions was if the trailer parks were included in the sewer hook-up. Peter said the sewer line would extend to both Quinn’s and White Rock Trailer Parks. Peter explained that the payback of the loan would be paid back by the users, as have all other sewer projects. They are planning a two-prong payment program because this project has properties that include 50 or 60 mobile homes, more expensive homes, plus commercial. They are looking to do an initial connection fee which originally was $4,000, but this will be increased and the rest will be based on valuation. Peter explained that before the revaluation a $250,000 home would pay $600.00 per year for the construction. Mobile homes were around $100.00 per year and may increase a little more. Peter said they are trying to keep the costs as fair as possible among all the users. Peter asked if there were any questions from the public. Mr. Burke does not think it is fair to base the charges on the revaluation, as his assessment is much higher than it was four years ago when the project was to be started. Alice said she would send the residents calculations of what it is going to cost for at least the first couple of years based upon present evaluations. Peter said they are nearing the point where they will be submitting the final plans so they can go out to bid. Peter said they are looking to start construction this year, but it will be a year and a half project and will be finished the end of the summer or fall of 2007. Peter said they will probably start on Silverlake, Church and River Roads where they can tie in and as soon as it is constructed they can put those in operation. As there were no further questions, Chairman Manseau closed the public hearing at 6:45PM.

The Board resumed their regular meeting. APPROVAL: Selectman O'Leary made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/26/06 as written, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Morrison Ave., Do Not Enter Signs. The signs have been put up and the Police Department has issued a letter of explanation to Morrison Ave residents regarding the signs.
2. Letter to Church St., residents: Alice said once Selectman Brown signs the letter they will go out. Selectman Brown is out sick this evening.
3. PSNH, light issue. Alice said she did meet with Sue from PSNH and she has started the process on the poles for Chapman Rd and the lights that are out through out town. The light on the corner of School and Main is out again.
4. Konover, sidewalk issue: Alice said she e-mailed Konover and informed them that the town was not going to plow the sidewalk and they said they would look into it. Alice will contact them again.
5. Chairman asked if there was correspondence from Mr. Hast. Nothing has come in yet.
6. Unauthorized disclosure policy. This will be ready for the Board to sign next week.

Fire Chief & Fire Commissioner:
Chief Carrier and Commissioner Tom Gallant joined the meeting to discuss their proposed warrant for 2006. Chief Carrier informed the Board that a great deal of the increase in the budget is an increase of three additional personnel. Chief Carrier explained that the major increase in the budget is salaries and benefits. Commissioner Gallant explained that, they are going from two people per shift to three people per shift. Two people per shift is not an adequate coverage. Commissioner Gallant said they are going to have a public hearing on Monday evening at 7:00PM at the Church St., station regarding the budget. Commissioner Gallant said they could more than justify the third person per shift. The only alternative they have come up with is that they could go to hiring two people and those two people would work the day shift only. This would be a significant help. Chairman Manseau asked what the three additional men would do for the response time in the Lochmere area of Tilton. Chief Carrier said that having three additional people will bring them back to a level of where they were when they were only covering five days a week. Chief Carrier said they had only three people on duty at that time and in order to go to 24-hour coverage they dropped to two people to make it more affordable. Chief Carrier said with three people you should see a benefit on the multiple calls. Multiple calls cover 25% of the calls that come in.
Selectman Wadleigh asked if they had any information on the Winnisquam Fire Dept. Commissioner Gallant said it is their understanding that the Winnisquam Fire Dept., has unanimously voted to disband. Their dissolution can only happen if each and every member of that department votes to dissolve. It is their understanding that they have. Any plan of dissolution has to be filed with the Attorney General's office and it is their understanding that this has
not been prepared or submitted. Commissioner Gallant said the plan they are aware of would call for Belmont to assume responsibility for the Winnisquam Fire Dept. for 2006. The Budget for the Winnisquam Fire dept. is a budget, which has been prepared by Belmont in conjunction with the Fire Chief of Winnisquam. It calls for changing the status of the budget itself, changing the status of the department members from volunteer to on-call. Commissioner Gallant said it is their understanding that they will come under the jurisdiction of Belmont. They will be subject to the same standards, as the on- call members of the Belmont Fire Dept., have to maintain. Belmont will be paying the entire share of Winnisquam's budget and asked the Tilton/Northfield, and Sanbornton Fire Departments to support them. Under the negotiated amount Tilton/Northfield would pay 25 % of the budget, and Sanbornton pay 25 % of the budget and Belmont would assume 50 %. In the interim, during 2006 it is anticipated that a formal plan of dissolution will be filed and all parties must agree to each and every part of that dissolution. Commissioner Gallant said as a Board they have indicated that they would support the department and have put that amount in their budget. It will be seen as to whether or not they will support that amount when the final budget is drawn. This will be addressed on Monday at their budget public hearing.

Commissioner Gallant and Fire Chief Carrier asked to address the issue of facilities. Commissioner Gallant informed the Board that he does not feel it is in the best interest of the District, which is Tilton and Northfield, to locate their primary location up on Rte., 132, almost to the Sanbornton town line. Selectman Dawson said they need a sub-station on the east side of Tilton. Chief Carrier said that the Building Committee's best option was to have the headquarters on Sanborn Road and the Fire Department did not feel that was appropriate to have their headquarters out of the downtown area especially where they are a District with Northfield. Chief Carrier said they sent a letter to the Building Committee indicating their concerns and also indicated that they would continue to work to try to find a compromise for any type of solution. Commissioner Gallant said if Public Safety Building is going to go in, it was their mutual opinion that the intentions of a Public Safety Building would be best met economically by putting the Fire and Police Departments in the same building and utilizing common space, not as a sub-station which would not be practical. Commissioner Gallant said they had hoped a location would be found which would solve that problem. Chairman Manseau said the District has a responsibility to explore all options same as the town of Tilton, as well as the town of Northfield. Chairman feels they would be remiss if they did not explore all the options and see where they can come to some common ground. Selectman Dawson does not feel that increasing the number of people at the Park Street station and increasing the size of the station is going to help out with their response time in East Tilton
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until they get something on the other side of I-93. Selectman Dawson said something has to be done so they have apparatus on the east side of the traffic lights.

Commissioner Gallant reminded the Board that the Public Hearing on their budget is Monday evening at 7:00PM at the Center St., fire station. The Fire District meeting is March 6th, at 7:00PM at the High School.

Public Works Director, Dennis Allen:

Dennis reported they are working on the ice build up issues. They have done Church and River three times, Lancaster twice, and Calef once, and Birch twice. They are continuing to work on the ice issues. Dennis reported that he has taken care of the plowing at the police department. Chairman Manseau asked Dennis if they take note of streetlights that are out when they are out plowing. Dennis said they do not, but if they do notice a light out they will take down the pole number and call it in.

Spring Clean up: Chairman Manseau informed Dennis that the only change the Board made was to bring it back to eight tires. Selectman Dawson questioned whether or not they need to keep the transfer station open for drop-off for two weeks. After Dennis and the Board further discussed this they agreed they would have one week for drop-off from Wednesday, May 3rd thru Sunday, May 7th. Curbside pick-up will remain for two weeks, one week on the east side and one week on the west side.

Chairman Manseau discussed the use of two inmates from the Dept., of Corrections that Dennis used for help last year during spring clean up. Dennis said he only used one, and while he feels it was helpful, it was also time consuming to pick him up and drop him off. Chairman Manseau suggested Dennis utilize the Prison in Concord if he is going to use inmates this year.

Snow Storage: Selectman Dawson reported she spoke to DES regarding what to do with the snow as far as the salt and oils in it. Selectman Dawson said he (the DES representative) was more concerned with the litter in the snow. Selectman Dawson reported that DES is just beginning to examine this problem of snow storage and they have no resolutions yet. Selectman Dawson explained to him they are thinking of using the area behind the town garage for snow storage and were concerned about the brook next to it. If it is swaled they can make a place where the water flows to, such as a detention pond. Dennis expressed concerns about the wetlands and wells around the garage. Selectman O'Leary discussed the well at Dairy Queen and it is considered a community well because they serve food as well. It has to be at least 200 feet away from the property in question. Selectman Dawson said DES said it is not classified as a community well. Dennis said the area behind the town garage is not big enough right now to use for snow storage and he would have to cut down trees to take care of the snow.
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Selectman Dawson said they are talking about a pollutant in the snow and have to be more conscientious of where they put it. Right now they only have one piece of property and that is at the town garage. If the town does purchase the property on Rte., 132 this may be a second location, but they cannot continue to dump it on the ball field where there is a large aquifer that flows underneath it. The only option is the existing property at the town garage and this will have to be considered for next year. If the purchase of the property on Rte. 132 passes at town meeting then this will be an a second option.

Reports from Selectmen:

Selectman O'Leary asked Selectman Dawson if she had the Winter Maintenance Policy ready. Selectman Dawson said she would meet with Public Works Director Dennis Allen to go over the Winter Maintenance Policy, as there are some things he needs to add to it.

Chairman Manseau mentioned the e-mail regarding an incident at the Northfield American Legion on January 27th, and the Northfield Police had to respond and Tilton also responded. The complaint was forwarded to Chief Hilliard and he is looking into the complaints and will let Chief Chapman know the results of his investigation. Chairman said Chief Chapman will be at their meeting next week and can discuss this with him.

Selectman O'Leary asked when the Board would be going to bi-weekly meetings. The Board discussed this and agreed to continue as they are until they finish town report and the warrants.

Selectman Dawson asked if there was any information from our Insurance Company regarding the liability at the Island and concerns of the high water. Alice said she would call them again. The Board also discussed who put the tapes across the bridge and they need to come down. Selectman O'Leary said the tape was put up by the Police Department because of the very high water.

Selectman Dawson asked if there was any further information regarding a follow-up meeting for businesses by Exxon. Chairman Manseau reported he received a call from Gail Morrison who asked to have another Public Hearing on the Exit 20 issue. Chairman informed Mrs. Morrison that the town sited the problem and complained to DOT. It is a DOT issue; therefore, they are the ones who control the Public Hearing, act upon it and they are the ones putting forth the plan. The town asked DOT to do something because of the hazard. The town will provide the space for
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DOT for their Public Hearing. Ms. Morrison asked for February 23rd, at 5:00PM at Town Hall. Chairman Manseau asked her to contact the secretary to see if that date was available. Chairman Manseau told Ms. Morrison that this would not be part of the Selectmen's meeting. Alice said they did tell the businesses they would have a second meeting regarding the bridge, to find some other form of access. Alice said she would try to do this for the 23rd, or the following meeting.

Selectman Dawson suggested thanking Konover Development in the Town Report thanking them for the donations they have made to the town. After discussion Selectman Dawson said she would have a letter compiled to be included in town report making mention of the various groups they have made donations to.

Selectman O'Leary reported that he is having a problem regarding trash pick up. His trash has not been picked up in three weeks and his neighbor is having the same problem. Selectman O'Leary said he has called Bestway to report this.

Public Input:

Mr. LaPlante who lives on Carroll Drive asked the Board if it would be possible to have a streetlight installed. He said he lives on a cul-de-sac and it is very dark in that area. Alice said she would call Sue at PSNH and request this and also inform her of the light out at School and Main Streets.

Alice informed the Board that she would try to have a draft of the warrant ready for next week's meeting. Chairman Manseau asked to have the formulation of a committee for recycling included in the warrant, as they need a directive from town meeting to see where they want to go with the recycling issue.

Alice informed the Board that she checked with the Federal Credit Union and the town cannot be a member. Alice is also checking with Franklin Savings Bank. Chairman asked to have a request presented to a variety of Banks to see what types of services they are willing to provide for the town.

Chairman Manseau adjourned the meeting at 8:28PM.