Selectmen's meeting minutes of September 28th, 2006

Present from the Board:
Chairman Richard Manseau, Selectmen Dawson, Wadleigh, Cavanaugh, and LaPlante.

Also present: Catherine A. Woessner, secretary.

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

APPROVAL: MINUTES OF 9/14/06 AND 9/21/06
Chairman Manseau made a motion to accept the minutes of September 14th, as corrected, seconded by Selectman LaPlante. All were in favor with the exception of Selectman Dawson who abstained from voting. The Board discussed the minutes of September 21st, as there were no corrections Chairman Manseau made a motion to accept the minutes of 9/21/06 as written, seconded by Selectman LaPlante. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Chairman Manseau announced that Kohl’s is having their grand opening on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00AM. The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 7:45AM. All of the Selectmen will attend.

D.E.S.LETTER: INTENT TO CLOSE - FORMER PILLSBURY MILL SITE TANK CLOSURE REPORT. Selectman Dawson said D.E.S. expects payment in the amount of $19,097.00, plus $11,618.00. Selectman Dawson said the town can defer the cost of $11,618.00 and there is form they can fill out to see if part of the costs can be deferred. The Board will further discuss the payment for $19,097.00 which is not eligible for reimbursement under the Fund.

Letter from Joanna Oliver: Joanna is requesting permission to have a 30 yd. dumpster on the town parking lot at the end of Mechanic Street while the roof to the Inn is being repaired starting Monday October 2nd for approximately one week. After discussion Chairman Manseau made a motion to authorize the use of the parking lot for the use of the dumpster while
the roof is being repaired at the 1875 Inn, seconded by Selectman, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS WITH SELECTMEN:

Chief Chapman: Request to go into non-public session regarding a personal issue. Chairman Manseau made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss a personal matter, seconded by Selectman Dawson. Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman LaPlante, yes, Selectman Cavanaugh, yes, Selectman Wadleigh, yes, and Chairman Manseau, yes.

At 6:20PM the Board resumed their regular session. Chairman Manseau made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Cavanaugh, yes, Selectman LaPlante, yes, and Chairman Manseau, yes.

Chairman Manseau discussed having a sign for the handicapped drop-off sign at the Riverfront Park. Chairman explained that this spot is not for parking, just for dropping off. Chief Chapman said he will have two signs made for the Handicapped Drop-off space with a time limit of five to ten minutes.

Mary Ball, Director (5th) White Rock Coop. & Vice President Roger Champagne: Ms. Ball informed the Board that John Hall, in #10 White Rock Cr. owes $2,332.33 in back taxes as of September 26th, 2006. Mr. Champagne met with the Building Inspector Joe Plessner to obtain a permit to remove Mr. Hall’s mobile home. Ms. Ball said Mr. Hall has been served eviction notice by the Sheriff. Ms. Ball is asking the Selectmen to abate the taxes on the mobile home so they can remove it from the park.

Chairman asked what they are going to do with the trailer once it is removed. Ms. Ball said there is a drainage issue on that lot right now and would like to leave it empty until the sewer line goes thru and at that time they will correct the drainage problem. Once this is corrected they will have a new mobile home on that site. After further discussion Selectman Cavanaugh made a motion to abate the taxes for Mr. Hall’s mobile home #10 in the amount of $2,332.33 so the White Rock Coop can remove Mr. Hall’s
mobile home from the site, seconded by Chairman Manseau. All were in favor. Mr. Champagne said the mobile home will be removed at the end of October.

**Bill Tobin running for re-election State Representative:** Mr. Tobin said he will be happy to help the town in any way he can. Chairman Manseau discussed the laws regarding back taxes on mobile homes and the problems that are caused when the mobile homes are abandoned. This costs the towns more to process and remove the homes from the site. Chairman Manseau suggested perhaps they can sit down in the future and discuss this further.

**Public Works Dir. Dennis Allen:**

**High St. Bridge:** Dennis reported that the bids for the High St., bridge will be going out tomorrow. There are five companies interested, Piper, Virgin Construction, Andrews Construction, Cullen Construction, and J.G.E. The bids will be opened on October 11th at town offices at 2:30pm. This will be presented to the Board on October 12th to sign the contract.

**Grass, Lowes to Grant St.** Dennis reported that he spoke to Richard from Lowe’s and he is not sure who is responsible for cutting the grass in that area and will get back to Dennis when he has the information.

**FALL CLEAN-UP:** After Dennis and the Board discussed the dates to have the Fall 2006 Solid Waste Collection it was agreed that the Tilton Public Works Facility (581 Main Street) will be open for Tilton Residents only on October 25th, from 9am to 6:30pm, October 26th, from 9am to 6:30pm, October 27th from 9am to 3:30pm and October 28th from 9am to 4pm.

The Recycling and Solid Waste Collection Center will be offering additional services effective Fall of 2006 and again in the Spring of 2007 (Spring dates to be announced at a later date). The upper town lot located on Clark Road will be open on the following dates for Tilton Residents to dispose of leaves and grass, and brush no longer than 6 feet and 4 inches round.

**OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, 11, AND 18TH, 2006.**
Chairman Manseau informed the Board that the Conservation Commission has volunteered to clear out the brush for the parking lot at Buffalo Park. Dennis checked into a chipper and the cost will be $250.00 per day which his department will operate.

**Island update:** Dennis informed the Board that he met with engineer Lisa Martin and after looking over the situation at the Island they both decided that the best plan would be to re-do the walls with granite block rather than putting up a concrete wall as it may be an historical site. Dennis said this means they will need a lot more granite as they will crib it and tie it back to the bank and cement some of the blocks that are uneven. Dennis asked Ms. Martin to present an estimate of what she thinks it would cost for more granite, in addition to pinning and cementing it. This will be needed for the warrant article. Dennis said this will not be done until next year. Ms. Martin will also check into grant money for this project.

**Church railings:** Dennis reported that he looked at the railings at the Trinity Episcopal Church and does not see a problem repairing the railings as it is a safety issue and should be repaired. The Board discussed they still have not determined ownership of the railings, but agree to repair the railings. Selectman Dawson made a motion to write a letter to Reverend Custer, of Trinity Episcopal Church informing her that the town Highway Department will repair the railings, but by doing so are not accepting ownership of them until this can be determined, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. All were in favor.

**Community Service:** Dennis reported that they received a request from a resident to bring in brush for the bon fire for the high school.

**NH Local Government Center (Health Benefits & Liability) Tammy Croft and Pam Fecteau.** The Benefits Committee asked the Trust to meet with the Board to discuss the town's current benefits. Ms. Croft informed the Board that she specifically works for the Health Trust organization. Ms. Croft said they are a non-profit organization. Ms. Croft discussed the three plans that are currently being offered the town employees and gave the Board packets of this information. Ms. Croft informed the Board that she
has a few ideas as to what she would suggest for saving the town money. Ms. Croft went over the three plans the town currently has. The JY plan the most expensive of the three, there is the BC3T, and the Matthew Thornton plan. With the JY plan there is the mail order benefit with the $1.00 benefit which means an individual can get any type of medication of up to a 90 day supply for a $1.00 co-pay. Ms. Croft went on to discuss the various plans. Chairman Manseau discussed the newly formed Insurance Benefits Committee that is looking into other healthcare providers, different plans offered and the possibility of employees contribute to their plans. Right now the town has a cap of $1430.74 for the family plan that they pay for anything over that for the JY plan the employee would have to pay for it. The Committee will also work with the Ms. Croft from the Trust and report their findings to the Board.

Pam Fecteau from the Property-Liability Insurance Department discussed that by the town being a member of the Health Insurance, Property-Liability Insurance, and Worker’s Compensation. Because the town has all three coverages with the Trust the town receives a discount off of the worker’s comp. contributions. This year the town received a discount of $7,000 off of their worker’s comp. contributions. This also gives the town stability by offering guaranteed rates for three years which the town is in a three year plan right now that will end in 2008. Chairman Manseau asked about coverage for volunteers that are part of the Conservation Commission which is part of the town. These volunteers have offered to help clear an area of Buffalo Park for a parking lot. Chairman Manseau asked if these volunteers would be covered if there should be an accident while they are working. Ms. Fecteau said they have some coverage that is called a Members Agreement. If someone is doing volunteer work for the town one of the things that the Risk Management department suggests that you recognize someone as a volunteer and there are forms to use to recognize that someone is doing volunteer work for the town. There is medical coverage up to $10,000 and would be secondary to any insurance that they already have. If they have had to pay deductibles they would coordinate with that. If they have no insurance, then Property-Liability would be primary up to $10,000. Ms. Fecteau will e-mail the form to the secretary.
Ms. Fecteau also discussed property appraisal values regarding value, and replacement costs. The Board informed Ms. Fecteau that the Riverfront Park has now been completed and will need to be added on to the insurance. A list of the contents of the park will have to be included, such as the antique bell. Ms. Fecteau said this would come under “fine arts”. There is a limit to things that are called fine arts. If there is something that is worth a lot of money it should be appraised. The Statues in town should also be listed under what is called other properties. The Board will have the town clerk compile a list of all the statues in town. Ms. Croft and Ms... Fecteau informed the Board that they can contact them anytime if they should have additional questions they will be glad to make themselves available to the town.

Public Input: Bob Brown asked the Selectmen what an assessment committee is. Selectman Cavanaugh replied that there were some discrepancies in the tax bills that went out in January. Some residents tax bills changed in June. The Board wanted to check into this to be sure the appraisal was being done fairly. One of the town residents offered to look into this.

Captain Wellington said he had one of the officers document all of the street lights throughout town that are not working. A copy was give to the Selectmen. Chairman Manseau will contact PSNH.

Captain Wellington also presented an amendment to the Trash Ordinance that the town presently has. This has been discussed with Dennis, Public Works Director and he is in agreement. Captain Wellington has also talked to some of the residents on Joscelyn Drive and the apartment building on the corner of Joscelyn Drive is going to look into a private dumpster for that building. Captain Wellington said the reason he came up with this trash amendment is it would make the area cleaner and less of an opportunity to have the trash strewn around.

Selectman Wadleigh asked if this amendment was going to be mailed out. Captain Wellington said the amendment should be posted with the current Trash Ordinance. The Board discussed this and Chairman Manseau said they would vote on it and enact on it now, but it would have to be approved at Town Meeting.
Scott Davis joined the meeting and asked the Board to go into a non-public session because of some of the things the committee has uncovered, 91-A (C) which could impugn someone’s reputation.

At 8:15PM Chairman Manseau made a motion to go into non-public session based upon 91-A, seconded by Selectman Wadleigh. Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Cavanaugh, yes, Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman LaPlante, and Chairman Manseau, yes. Secretary Catherine A. Woessner was excused from the non-public session.

At 9:00PM the Board came out of non-public session and at this time Chairman Manseau made a motion to seal the non public session until all matters are resolved, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman LaPlante, yes, Selectman Wadleigh, yes, and Chairman Manseau, yes.

Chairman Manseau adjourned the meeting at 9:02PM.