Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Present from the Board:
Selectman Dawson, Selectman Wadleigh, and Selectman LaPlante.
Selectman Cavanaugh and Selectman Pearson were not present.
Also present:
Town Administrator Robert Veloski, and Secretary Catherine A. Woessner.

Chief Kent Chapman and Captain Owen Wellington were also present.

Selectman Dawson called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Discussion regarding employee raises for 2007.

Town Administrator Bob Veloski said it his understanding that the Budget Committee put in 4.50 percent for six months based on merit raises. Chief Chapman said this was also his understanding of the raises. Merit raises are not given until July. Bob explained that the six months being from July to December. The same rates will carry over starting in January 2008. That is a new budget, now part of this budget. Bob said the Budget Committee also said it can be 2.25 percent for 12 months so if the Board wanted to go back retro active to January.

Chief Chapman and Captain Wellington discussed the raises with the Board. Captain Wellington said it is his understanding that the raises would be either 26 weeks @4.50 percent or 52 weeks @ 2.25 percent retro to January 1, 2007 for the year which was set aside for a possible merit increase.

Captain Wellington feels they should be talking with the attorney who is setting up the union contract and discuss with them what if anything is frozen, and how it is frozen.

Selectman Dawson asked the Selectmen how they want to approach the raises, strictly by the Budget Committee, preserve the merit raise system.
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Selectman Dawson asked Bob if he could come up with a gross amount of what the Budget Committee figured as a gross amount for raises.

Selectmen Dawson said they will continue the discussion of the raises at the Selectmen's meeting of April 19th at 5:00PM.

Selectman Dawson discussed advertising for the Spring-Clean up. Rather than mailing it out a flyer can be inserted in the Echo that is delivered to all households in Tilton. They are also distributed throughout Town. After further discussion the Board agreed to have the flyers inserted in the Echo this year for Spring Clean up.

Selectman Dawson informed the Board that the River Front Park will be having two meetings at Town Hall this week. One is on Wednesday April 11th at 7:00PM at Town Offices. They are going to have a presentation from one of the companies for the security system at the park and would like to know if the Selectmen can attend. The presentation is at 8:00PM. The other meeting is Friday, April 13th. The presentation at the park will be at 9:00PM at the park and the Selectmen are invited to attend.

Selectman LaPlante made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55PM, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor.