Tilton Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Tilton Town Hall  
February 28, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Sel. Katherine Dawson, Sel. Thomas Cavanaugh, Sel. Albert LaPlante and Sel. David Wadleigh. Sel. Timothy Pearson was excused. Also present was Joyce Fulweiler, Town Administrator.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 2/21/2008 meeting will be available for adoption at the next meeting.

III. Selectmen’s Correspondence:

1. Motion by Sel. Cavanaugh, second by Sel. LaPlante to approve a request from the Planning Board for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend a planning workshop at a cost of $728.00. Motion adopted unanimously.

2. The Board discussed correspondence from a resident on Murphy Lane regarding a violation of the 20’ setback zoning regulation. Sel. LaPlante informed the Board that he had previously researched this issue and addressed the resident’s concerns - the structure was shown on the plan submitted and approved by the Zoning Board. Also, the appeal period had expired. The Board agreed to forward the correspondence to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their review.
3. The Board received Raymond Smith’s letter of resignation as a member of the Planning Board. Sel. Cavanaugh suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Echo to encourage Tilton residents to serve on the Town’s local land use boards.

4. The Board reviewed a letter from the LGC/PLIT Attorney representing the Town in Coan v. Tilton, et. al. Sel. Dawson stated that it was her understanding that the Town was successful in being removed from the lawsuit and asked J. Fulweiler to confirm this with the attorney.

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IV. **Selectmen’s Reports:**

Sel. LaPlante provided a status report on Tilton v. Ronald Martin. A hearing is scheduled in Belknap County Superior Court on March 10, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

V. **Appointments:**

The Town’s contract assessor Gary Roberge and Loren Martin from Avitar Associates were present at the request of the Board to discuss some of the discrepancies discovered in the commercial assessments that had been conducted by Vision Appraisal during the 2005 revaluation. They explained to the Board that Avitar has done its best to correct any data errors found since the Town hired them to convert the data to the Avitar assessment software and conduct an assessment update over a four year period. By 2009, all of the Town’s data will have been verified, corrected and values updated with new cost tables. This is part of the NH Department of Revenue Administration’s assessment certification process.

The Board weighed the cost benefit of moving the commercial sales update to 2008 instead of 2009 when the full update will be completed. Following discussion, the Board agreed that it would be more equitable
and less costly to the taxpayers to wait and do the full sales update for
2009. Avitar explained that the utility properties will no longer be
assessed using Vision’s unit method of appraisal; therefore the Town
should see an overall increase in utility values. Sel. Cavanaugh asked if
Avitar was aware of any other communities who were not satisfied with
Vision Appraisal revaluation services and to let the Tilton Selectmen know
because they would be interested in joining in a class action law suit.

VI.  **Old Business:**

The Board reviewed the revised Discretionary Easement for Lochmere
Country Club prepared by the Town’s attorney. The revisions: 5%
penalty upon the final expiration of the easement; no penalty upon
renewal of the easement; penalty upon the final expiration of the
easement if the grantors offer to renew the easement and the Town
rejects that offer; the Town reserves the right to set the assessed value of
the property within the range of values as set forth in the statute.
Following discussion, **Motion by Sel. Cavanaugh, second by Sel.
LaPlante to approve and sign the easement.** Motion adopted
unanimously. J. Fulweiler will mail the document to Mr. & Mrs. Chaille for
their signatures.

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VII. **Town Administrator:**

1. The Board signed the Tax Anticipation Note documents in the
   amount of $3,000,000 (2.37% interest rate) with Northway Bank.

2. The Board discussed the Winnisquam Regional School District’s
   revised payment schedule for the 07-08 School Year. A member of
   the school budget committee had discovered that the business
   office never sent out revised cash flow requests after the 2007
   school tax rate was set in October. The revised payment schedule
for the remaining four months of the 07-08 school year reflect the $256,683 reduction of in the assessment. Following discussion, **Motion by Sel. Cavanaugh, second by Sel. LaPlante to deduct $124,282 from the March school payment which is the amount that the Town has over paid the school to date. Motion adopted unanimously.**

3. The Board initialed the changes to the Purchase & Sale Agreement for Torrice Property (Proposed Police Station on Business Park Drive off Route 132) which changes the closing date at the request for the Seller, from August 1st to May 1st, 2008.

4. The Board discussed a request from the Police Chief to pay Corporal Ashburn (on military leave serving in Iraq) the military pay differential in accordance with section 5.6 of the Town of Tilton Employee Handbook. **Motion by Sel. Cavanaugh, second by Sel. LaPlante to approve the pay differential in the amount of $777.34. Motion adopted unanimously.**

VIII. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Board, **Motion by Sel. Cavanaugh, second by Sel. LaPlante to adjourn. Motion adopted unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joyce Fulweiler.