Present from the Board: Selectman Katherine Dawson, Selectman David Wadleigh, Selectman Tom Cavanaugh, and Selectman Al LaPlante.

Also present: Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, and Secretary Catherine A. Woessner.

Selectman Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

**Approval Minutes of 3/5/09:** Selectman LaPlante made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 2009, seconded by Selectman Dawson.

Discussion: Selectman Dawson asked add a sentence on page 6 that was left out. Selectman LaPlante amended his motion to accept the minutes after the proper language has been added and Selectman Dawson amended her second to the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes of March 5, 2009 with the exception of Selectman Cavanaugh who abstained.

**Minutes of 2/26/09:** Selectman Cavanaugh made a motion to accept the minutes of February 26, 2009, seconded by Selectman LaPlante. All were in favor.

**Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler:**

- Re: Municipal Parking Lot: Joyce reported the meeting with Mr. Sarno has been moved to mid April. This will give the Town a better chance to determine the number of parking spaces.
- Discontinuance of a portion of the Range Road. Mr. Cropsey has submitted information for the Board’s review. He is not able to attend the Town Meeting. Selectman Dawson asked to have a copy of the March 5th minutes sent to Mr. Cropsey as there is discussion regarding his road.
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- Joyce and Selectman Dawson attended a meeting yesterday at the NHMA to review various proposals. They wanted all of the municipalities that are members to take a position on some alternative revenue raising measures for the State to consider when they are trying to close their budget gap, without closing that budget gap on the backs of municipalities. Such as taking away the town’s Revenue Sharing, HW Block Grant money, rooms and meals tax distribution. Also the town is still waiting for their landfill closure grant that the State approved but keep putting off paying in the amount of $116,000. Selectman Dawson said they have received a letter from the State saying they would not be paying that grant in 2010 or 2011, but will be paying it someday.
- The letter to Governor Lynch for the Board’s signature
- Status of Town Meeting arrangements

At 6:15PM Selectman Dawson opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment an Ordinance pertaining to Emergency Restrictions on Parking. At this time Selectman Dawson asked if there was any public comment, being none she declared the public meeting be left open for one hour.

- **Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, continued.**
  - Joyce reported that the House Finance Committee which is the body that is responsible for putting together the budget and all of the associated legislation that needs to go along with that budget will be holding hearings throughout the State. The Municipal Association strongly encouraged the Selectmen to attend these hearings. Joyce said they have also invited the legislative delegation to the Selectmen’s meeting of March 26th to make them aware of this.
- Status Report on Winnipesaukee River Trail. The design is still being reviewed by the NH Department of Transportation, they are commenting on it and it has not been finalized yet. They do have all of the Transportation enhancement money.
- Correspondence from Attorney Chandler on the Conservation Commission land purchase. Joyce requested this be in a non-public session.
Joyce reported that the Tilton and Northfield Boards of Selectmen and the T-N Fire Commissioners will be holding a public meeting on April 6th, 2009. Joyce asked permission to run a joint ad for this meeting and to split the expense with the town of Northfield.

**Finance Officer Tim Pearson:** Tim gave the Selectmen copies of what he reviewed with the newly elected Selectmen this afternoon. He discussed his duties, various projects, and answered questions regarding the budget. Tim discussed the finance challenges in his report and informed the board that if there are any changes which necessitate a reduction in staff and if there are any employment claims that should arise from that, he asked the board to keep in mind that the town is “self-insured”. If there are any layoffs, it will be a burden to the town which is an unknown amount at this point. The second item is that if the contingency line is cut in the budget at Town Meeting that would mean they would have to make an immediate reduction in the budget. Tim reported the revenues for last year were off approximately five percent.

Regarding the public hearing Pat Consentino asked how they would go about announcing to the residents that the Emergency Restriction on parking is in effect. Chief Cormier responded that they would announce it on the radio, WMUR Channel 9 television, and with signage downtown.

At 6:30PM Selectman Dawson opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Hinds, Clerk of the Works for the new Police Bldg. presented design estimates from an Electrical Engineer (Consolidated Electrical) for the new police building. He asked the board to review the proposal. Mr. Hinds said this is the only proposal he has. He has contacted two other Electrical Engineers but they would not be available until April or May. Selectman Cavanaugh said he would personally prefer to wait until after Town Meeting and when the new board meets. The board agreed.

Selectman Wadleigh reported the Public Works Director is having back surgery and will be out for one month.
Selectman Dawson read a letter of resignation from Normand Boudreau stepping down from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Selectman Dawson discussed going through the interview process when board members become available.

Selectman Cavanaugh discussed the annual Town Report which was dedicated to David Tryon. He thanked the Finance Officer Tim Pearson who produced the town reports in house this year at a cost of $2.15 each as opposed to almost $5.00 each done privately.

Selectman Dawson discussed a letter from Attorney Mitchell regarding the information being attorney/client information. Selectman Cavanaugh asked Selectman Dawson to find out if this information can be revealed to the newly Selectmen as part of a non-public. The Town Administrator contacted the NHMA and they informed her that this was actually not non-public so it can be discussed in public. This is pertaining to warrant article #5, Attorney Mitchell reaffirmed that no action can be taken on this warrant article. There is no binding action that comes from this warrant article.

Chief Cormier thanked Selectman Cavanaugh and Selectman LaPlante for all of their work on the new Police Station.

At 7:10PM Selectman Dawson closed the Public Hearing on the Ordinance pertaining to Emergency Restrictions on Parking.

At 7:15PM Selectman Dawson made a motion to go into non-public regarding purchase of property, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman LaPlante, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, and Selectman Cavanaugh, yes.

At 8:22PM the board resumed their regular session. Selectman Dawson made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session until the matter is resolved, seconded by Selectman Cavanaugh. Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman LaPlante, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, and Selectman Cavanaugh, yes.

At 8:24PM Selectman Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman LaPlante. All were in favor.