Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 4, 2010.

Present from the Board: Selectman Katherine D. Dawson, Selectman David Wadleigh, Selectman Norm Boudreau, Selectman Pat Consentino, and Selectman Sandy Plessner.

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

Approval of Minutes of 2/11/2010: Selectman Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of 2/11/2010, seconded by Selectman Plessner. Selectman Consentino asked to have added a discussion in the public session from Mr. King regarding the debt, what the tax impact would be on the land, the Life Safety Building, and the debt that would be eliminated this year. The Board agreed this should be added to the minutes. Selectman Consentino withdrew her motion to accept the minutes of 2/11/10 and Selectman Plessner withdrew her second. The minutes will be held to be reviewed next week after the corrections have been made.

Ken Randall, Town Moderator joined the meeting to discuss Town Meeting on Saturday March 13, 2010.

Mr. Randall and the Selectman went over the articles that each of the Selectmen will address.

Reports from Selectmen: Selectman Wadleigh reported a comment by a resident regarding the timer at the crosswalk at the Tilton-Auto serve. There is not enough time to walk across the other side of the road before the sign changes. This will be reported to Chief Cormier who will notify D.O.T. of this problem. Selectman Wadleigh also discussed a procedure such as mutual aid to use a generator in an emergency situation. Selectman Wadleigh informed the Board that the Swain Farm lost their power over the
weekend and were not able to find a generator large enough to help them out. Selectman Wadleigh said the town does not have a procedure for such emergencies and though they may have been able to use the generator at the Highway garage. Chief Cormier is looking into how other towns handle these kinds of situations. Selectman Dawson said there may be a problem with having a large majority of people being without power who would be given first use of the generator.

Selectman Consentino requested a non public session regarding attorney/client privilege to give information to the Selectmen. CHAT is moving along and Daphne Feeney from Rural Development, USDA will attend the next meeting on March 19th, at 1:00PM at town hall.

Selectman Plessner reported that she has been keeping track of HB 1174 for Parks Commissioners to receive stipends which has now passed. What they are doing is removing the statement that is “who shall serve without pay” and has been adopted and is now going on to the Senate.

Selectman Plessner discussed the Public Hearing they had regarding the speed limit for the residential village district and asked if this is something they need to vote to adopt. The Selectmen agreed to wait until Chief Cormier is present.

Agenda items from Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler: Joyce asked if she should notify the two Companies that presented the proposals for the Pine Street Bridge. Selectman said to notify them and let them know the Selectmen have not decided whether or not to go with the 10ft. span and go with the bridge aid or if they are going to replace it with the same, 6ft.span.

Joyce informed the Board that there are letters for them to sign to the River Road residents that have leased lots along the river. The letters are informing the residents of the Selectmen's decision and they will be receiving an abatement and also the Selectmen will be meeting with the assessor to re-evaluate the assessed values for 2010. The Selectmen will inform them of this decision before April 1st, 2010 to let them know what those values will be so they can make a decision as to whether or not they
want to keep their leased lots with the State of NH. They will have to decide by April 1, 2010 otherwise they will be taxed for the full year whether they terminate their lease with the State or not.

Joyce informed the Board that when they meet with the assessor Loren Martin they will also be discussing Tilton School assessment, the leases, and the view tax on March 11th at 4:00PM.

Joyce informed the Board that she would like to begin scheduling the cleaning of the town’s computers by Network Managers. This is part of the service contract to clean all of the computers. While they are doing this they can do an inventory of exactly what each piece of equipment is, the memory and any other information that is needed.

Joyce also informed the Board that they do owe Network Managers $2,500 for the 2009 invoice and will be doing another invoice for 2010 in the amount of $2,500.

Joyce said she discovered in the Parks Commissioners appointments she noticed that Bill Lawrence’s name was missing and checked with Vicy Virgin who said Marina Sumner replaced Janice Boudreau and Bill was always on the Parks Commission. In order to correct the town Clerk’s records the Board should have a document to sign and will officially appoint him.

Selectman Plessner said as a formality the Selectmen need to approve all of the members of the CHAT committee and they need to fill out applications for the Board to sign. Selectman Consentino said she will take care of this.

Joyce also said that any recognized committee serving the town needs to follow the Right-To-Know Law, 91:A.

Joyce informed the Board regarding the information Franklin Savings Bank needs for the TAN. One of the items needed is they need an opinion from Legal Counsel saying the town has the authority to borrow in anticipation of taxes and that the town has followed all of the statutory requirements for borrowing. This is how the bank receives tax exempt status on the earnings they make. Joyce said in the past they have used Dave Barnes to give the
opinion. She has contacted Mr. Barnes and he said it would be $1,000.00. The Board asked Joyce to obtain three estimates.

Joyce informed the Board that she will be the pro tem moderator for the voting of the Fire District meeting.

Joyce informed the Board they will be receiving a call from Candy Robinson of the 3M Company. She said some of the employees of that company are interested in joining committees. She also said they would be willing to get volunteers for trail clean-up and help pay for signage.

Selectman Consentino asked if Dennis has ordered the signs for the two new street names, Tryon Lane, and Rescue Road. After the Board discussed this they agreed to have Dennis order the signs and to also order a sign to designate the parking space for the Town Car. It will be replacing one of the “town employee” parking only signs in the last space.

Selectman Dawson discussed staggering the dates on committees and that it is not tracked by anyone. The Town Clerk receives the information but does not track it. The Board agreed the Selectmen’s office will track all committee appointments and dates.

Selectman Dawson informed the Board that she spoke with Linda Kennedy, DRA, regarding the tax exemption status on the T-N Fraternal Organization. She said if the Selectmen choose to recognize the group as a charitable organization they need to be prepared to defend this decision in court. Selectman Dawson asked to have a copy of the article that was written, where a Superior Court Judge ruled a local Masonic Lodge can maintain its tax exempt status, into the T-N Fraternal Organization’s file. They file their financial statements with the town every year before April 15th which is the deadline for filing.

Joyce explained that one of the things that has changed is that town’s have to have their assessing practices certified and 2009 was Tilton’s year. The Department of Revenue Administration’s representative Gary Karp has been coming out regularly and physically goes through everyone of the charitable exemptions, all of the current use, and checks on all of the building permits.
As part of the assessment update he does a statistical standpoint to go out and check to be sure the cards are being done correctly. He also takes a sample of all the sales to make sure that the sales data that the assessor is using is correct.

After further discussion Selectman Consentino made a motion the Tilton-Northfield Fraternal Organization is accepted as a tax exempt charitable organization, retroactive to 2009, seconded by Selectman Dawson. All were in favor. The Selectmen asked Joyce to draft a letter informing them of the Selectmen's decision. Joyce will also prepare an abatement.

Chief Cormier joined the meeting and at this time Selectman Dawson informed him the Selectmen would like to take action on the Public Hearing regarding the Ordinance on the speed limit in the Downtown Village District. The public hearing was for 20MPH. Selectman Boudreau made a motion to adopt the Proposed Ordinance to make all the Town Streets in the Village District 20 miles per hour, seconded by Selectman Consentino. All were in favor. This will become effective immediately. The highway department will post the speed limit signs.

At 8:07PM Selectman Dawson made a motion to enter into non public session regarding employee issues, seconded by Selectman Consentino. Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman Boudreau, yes, Selectman Consentino, yes, Selectman Plessner, yes and Selectman Dawson, yes.

At 9:32PM the Board resumed their regular session. Selectman Dawson made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session regarding employee issues permanently, seconded by Selectman Consentino. Selectman Boudreau, yes, Selectman Wadleigh, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Consentino, yes, and Selectman Plessner, yes.

Selectman Boudreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34PM, seconded by Selectman Consentino. All were in favor.