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

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

Chair Consentino called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Chair Consentino discussed the Selectmen’s reports and in the interest of time, unless a decision is needed from the Board regarding the committees the Selectmen are on she asks to keep their reports as concise as possible. The Board is in agreement.

Chair asked the Selectmen if they had anything to report from their committees that needs a decision.

Selectman Boudreau reported that he does need a decision in order to pursue the buying of energy from a re-seller. They need to sign a document that allows PSNH to release the town’s information to the re-sellers so they can tell what the town is paying. Selectman Boudreau said he wants the Board to be aware that he plans to sign the document to have PSNH release the information. Selectman Dawson informed him that it has to have three Selectmen’s signatures on it to be an official document. Chair Consentino asked if anyone has looked into the background of the company itself. Selectman Boudreau said to his knowledge, they have not. This is spearheaded by Wayne Crowley of Northfield who is the Chair of the Energy Committee. Selectman Boudreau explained that with Halifax American they have the ability to change every 30 days. They will only be locked in for 30 days. The town will still get a bill from PSNH for distribution, but the actual
electricity (kilowatt hours) will be paid to whatever company they choose. Selectman Boudreau said this document is allowing for the release of Tilton's information (billing and usage) to Integress so they can start doing their own comparisons. Chair Consentino stated that her concern is Selectman Boudreau’s statement earlier that the City of Franklin is doing it and they have already looked into Halifax America. Selectman Boudreau said if he led them to believe that they are going on Franklin’s research, yes in part they are, and no in part they are not. Selectman Boudreau said PSNH has not indicated that there will be a fee to go back to them. Selectman Dawson would like to have that in writing from PSNH. Selectman Boudreau said he would pose the concerns that Chair Consentino has at the next Energy meeting. After further discussion, Selectman Dawson made a motion to authorize Selectman Boudreau to sign the document allowing for the release of Tilton’s information (PSNH billing and usage) to Integress Corporation and the rest of the Board will initial it, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor with the exception of Chair Consentino who abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 6TH & 17TH: Chair Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of May 6th, 2010, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

Selectman Boudreau made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17th, 2010, seconded by Chair Consentino.

Discussion: After minor corrections all were in favor of approving the minutes of May 17th, 2010.

Chair Consentino reported she received a call from a resident concerned about the article in the Winnisquam Echo dated May 13th, regarding the repairs on the cruisers and the three estimates obtained for them. It lists the quotes and what the quotes were. Chair Consentino said that after checking into the bids it appears that they were not making a fair comparison at that time. Because of this Chair Consentino suggested that when the Chief comes in to discuss bids, rather than using names they code them as vendor #1, #2, and #3. This does not give the appearance that there is an impropriety or there is something missing.
Chair Consentino said it does put them at a disadvantage now because that was posted in the paper. That was not the intent of the Selectmen. Going forward, when they receive estimates from companies, particularly from town they will number the vendors, rather than using the names. The Board is in agreement. After this discussion Selectman Dawson made a motion to remove from the Minutes of May 6th, bottom of page 2, the estimate amounts of each company. If someone would like a copy of the estimate they can obtain copies of the estimates at town hall. Also on page 3 remove the amount that is listed, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor.

Chair Consentino reported they have received to date one resume for the Life Safety Building Committee secretary.
Chair Consentino read a letter from Chair Mitchell of the Conservation Commission regarding Tax Map R22-Lot 30. The conservation Commission discussed the issue of the potential sale of the town property and whether some sort of easement should be placed upon the lot. There was considerable concern about the enforceability of a conservation easement and therefore the Commission decided not to recommend such an easement. The Conservation Commission voted to file a wetlands violation form with DES. There are many possible legal issues surrounding what has taken place and what the possible remedy might be. Once in the hands of DES, the issue and any possible enforcement will be in their hands. The previous filling onto the town’s property may well muddy the waters of the possible sale of the land. If the Selectmen decide to move forward with selling the property, they suggest the Selectmen consider including a provision in the deed that it may never be build upon and that no additional fill may be added.

Donna Lane, CDBG consultant for the White Rock Coop would like to meet with the Board on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00PM regarding the White Rock infrastructure improvements (sewer and water). She will be providing a status report on the project as White Rock has completed the engineering design and are nearing construction which means expending the $500,000 in CDBG funds authorized at the 2009 Town Meeting.
HB 1174 passed on 4/28/2010 this is under 35B:4 recreation or Park Commissioners. If any Town, City, County, or Village District decides that the above powers shall be exercised by Recreation or Park Commission. It shall consist of citizens or such Town, City, County, or Village District it used to say (who shall serve without pay). HB 1174 has stricken that from this RSA so they will now be able to receive a stipend like all of the other committees in town.

Lakes Region Public Access Television, the Selectmen requested a refund or credit for services that they did not receive from December 2009 until March 2010. The letter states that it is the consensus of the LRPA Board of Directors that the station staff responded within a reasonable time period to rectify Tilton's audio problem. LRPA TV cannot guarantee the playback quality of any program produced off-site. Once aware of the problem LRPA's TV staff will attempt to correct it within a reasonable time period. They are sorry that they are unable to issue the requested rebate. They thank the Board for bringing the issue to their attention.

Selectman Dawson suggests they do not pay them June to June and bring forward a warrant article at town meeting in March 2011 to not broadcast over Lakes Region Public Access Television. Tim Pearson, Finance Officer had suggested putting (streaming?) the meetings on the website instead. Chair Consentino feel it is worth looking into. Selectman Dawson said they can start looking into prices now and will need to have public hearings on this. The Board agrees.

**Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler:**

- **Northway Bank has donated three park benches to the town and also a chair and small table.** Chair Consentino suggested they put these benches in front of town hall and put the benches that are there now and move them down along Main Street. Selectman Dawson suggested Dennis look over Main Street and put the benches where there are empty spaces.
- Joyce presented a Hauler's renewal application for the Board to sign.
- Joyce informed the Board that when Loren Martin, Avitar last met with the Board she explained that as part of the town's certification update they had to check all of the veteran's credits and exemptions.

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Loren checked with the Department of Revenue Administration and this needs to be done annually. Loren asks that the Board review the list and sign it. This is a list of what the Board has already approved.

- The Finance Officer made the necessary changes to the Holden Contract as indicated by the Selectmen.
- Joyce informed the Board that the Main Street Program is doing their Community Wide Litter Clean-up Day and receives a free bonus for participating. The town receives two five ft. blight resistant American elm trees delivered June 30th, or 400 daffodil bulbs, Oct., 1st delivery, or 50 bare root lilac plants, June 30th delivery. The Main Street Program will be responsible for planting them. Chair Consentino made a motion to sign the 2010 Town registration form for the Main Street Program, Litter Free New Hampshire Program, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor. The Selectmen all agreed with the 2 elm trees. Joyce will send an e-mail to the Park Commissioners regarding the placement of the elm trees.

Selectman Plessner discussed the letter the Board received from Mr. Cropsey dated May 18th. It appears that Mr. Cropsey is looking for either a right of way or an easement for the sidewalk going to Riverfront Park. Mr. Cropsey said his financial institution is requiring more documentation for loans. One of the documents is proof that patrons of Riverfront Place as well as others might cross the Park from the off site parking lot to Riverfront Place or the Park. The Board agreed it is not necessary to give an easement through the park as it is a public park. Selectman Dawson said if Mr. Cropsey requires something that guarantees this is for public use she suggests they copy the Federal Grant they received for the park and include this in a letter to Mr. Cropsey. Chairman Consentino said the document is the USDA Grant Facility for Public Use/Equal Opportunity Requirements. The facility that is constructed improved or purchased with Rural Development Grant Funds and the services provided therein much be available for the benefit of the public at large without discrimination as to race, color, sex, national origin, disability and marital or familial status. Rural Development will conduct a review for Equal Opportunity Act compliance prior to grant closeout. A self evaluation/transition plan must be completed and submitted prior to release of any grant funds.
Selectman Dawson discussed the signage in Mr. Cropsey’s letter. The signage Dennis created are portable signs in barrels so it can be moved in the winter in order to plow. The signs are on town property.

Selectman Plessner discussed the liability issue with the Parks Commissioners and the use of a chain saw. Selectman Plessner read a response from Debbie Lewis LGC Property Liability Insurance. She confirmed that our insurance policy would cover this because it is a town sanctioned activity, however she advised against it because it would be a tremendous liability to the Town. Tree and brush cutting can be very dangerous. Our Joint Loss Management Committee Town Safety Policy requires that town employees adhere strictly to the NH department of Labor safety rules. The Highway Department employees are required to use proper safety equipment and receive training in the proper use of equipment. She suggested having the Commissioners and volunteers mark which trees they want removed and then have someone who is properly trained perform cutting operations.

Selectman Dawson said that Bob Hardy, Parks Commissioner Chair is also a Forrester and suggested they make the exception as to him having certified training as he has the experience as a State Forrester. Regarding the chainsaw, it needs to be housed at the town garage as it is town property.

After further discussion Selectman Dawson made a motion that anyone other than Tilton Highway Department Employees will have to be properly trained in chain saw operation before they use it and the chain saw which is town property will be stored at the Tilton Highway Garage, seconded by Selectman Plessner. All were in favor. The Board will send a letter to the Parks Commissioners informing them of this and also include the information from the LGC, Property Liability, and also the safety and health guidelines.

Chair Consentino announced the Board will be going to class on collective bargaining on Tuesday. Chair Consentino discussed who would be the negotiator for the Selectmen for the union. Selectman Boudreau said he would like to be part of the collective bargaining team for the town. He said he has been involved in negotiating a contract before. Selectman Dawson said what has happened in the past was they chose the attorney first and
after discussion with him he helped the Selectmen pick their team. The team consisted of two Selectmen, the town administrator, and they hired an outside negotiator who was affiliated with the attorney they hired. Selectman Plessner feels the liaison to the police department knows more of what is going on in that department and would suggest they have the liaison to the police dept., on the team and also if they are allowed to have two Selectmen on the team. Selectman Boudreau would be a good candidate as he has experience in union negotiations. After further discussion, the Board agreed they will not make a decision on the negotiating team until they choose an attorney.

The Board agreed to start obtaining estimates from three or four attorneys and to wait until they have an attorney before choosing negotiators.

At 8:00PM Selectman Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Consentino. All were in favor.