Selectmen’s meeting minutes of October 25, 2012.


Also present: Town Admin. Joyce Fulweiler, Catherine Woessner, Joel Weinrebe, Jim Cropsey, Dennis Allen, Bob Hardy, and Peter Fogg.

Chair Consentino called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

At this time Chair Consentino announced the total 2012 Town of Tilton tax rate declined 20 cents to $20.14. The Town of Tilton Board of Selectmen announced today that the total Town of Tilton tax rate declined 20 cents to $20.14 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The 2012 Budget had been developed with the Board’s continued sensitivity to the economic conditions of the local economy and the need to balance investments in town projects with keeping the tax rate stable and affordable for all tax payers. Chair Consentino said “at the risk of repeating myself from last year, our mission and responsibility to taxpayers has not changed. We strive each day to be responsible stewards of taxpayer’s money while being responsive to our citizen’s needs. Sel. Plessner commended the budget committee, department heads, and town and financial management for their budget effectiveness and overall frugal focus which added to the town’s financial health and rate stability. This information is on the town’s website.

Joel Weinrebe Haircuts for Men joined the meeting to inform the Selectmen that on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 8-9:30AM there will be a Veteran’s Day Motorcycle run to benefit the Veterans. There will be donuts donated by Ian of Wicked Good Donuts and coffee from deCafe Café in Franklin. The motorcyclists will ride to the cemetery then back to the American Legion where there will be free pizza provided by Uno’s in Tilton.
Chair Consentino announced the Vicy Virgin Annual Food Drive for the hungry at Shaw’s and Market Basket held on Saturday, October 20th from 9am to Noon was able to replenish the Congregational Food Pantry. The Southwick and Union schools also donated food and cash donations for the food pantry. The total cash collected from Shaw’s, Market Basket and the two schools totaled $577.00. Chair Consentino thanked everyone who supported this event.

Jim Cropsey, presented a Consent For Access to Property for Riverfront Park. Jim stated that he anticipates that anything he gives to the Board will be reviewed by counsel. Jim presented the plans approved by the Planning Board for the sidewalk connecting the off site parking lot and Riverfront Place. Jim said the consent form he gave the Board is just for the sidewalk connection nothing to do with 307 Main Street. Sel. Dawson asked Jim if he is comfortable doing this without any type of maintenance agreement. The original agreement dealt with maintenance of the sidewalk as it went through Riverfront Park, Mill Street and also lighting in the park. It also talked about allowing the town to use the Mill Street parking for Riverfront Park. This agreement is not signed. Sel. Dawson again asked Jim if he is comfortable going forward without any agreement with the town as far as any maintenance is concerned. Sel. Dawson produced the original agreement that was never signed by either party, Board of Selectmen or Jim. There was never an agreement,

Chair Consentino asked Jim to clarify that this Consent For Access to Property is simply for access and nothing to do with maintenance. Jim asked if the Parks Commissioners are amenable to have the work done on the sidewalk as soon as possible. Jim said he is relatively confident that something along the lines that had been proposed by the Selectmen in the past and something similar for the agreement of 307 that they have been discussing and hopefully can have the mutual easement for this property as well. Sel. Dawson said what Jim is presenting is a temporary construction easement that he wants to connect to without any agreement. There is no agreement in place for anyone to maintain either sidewalk, Jim’s or the town’s to keep the lights on or anything else.

Chair Consentino asked Parks commissioners Bob Hardy and Peter Fogg if they have seen Jim’s plan to connect to the sidewalk. Bob said he has not
seen a plan as to how he is going to relocate the town’s existing walkway. Jim showed the Parks Commission the plans he brought in showing how this will be done.

After discussion the Board informed Jim that they will have some changes for the temporary construction easement. Sel. Dawson and Sel. Plessner will work on the changes and send changes to the Board, Jim, and Parks Commissioners for their review. Sel. LaPlante suggested that while work is being done Jim put signs up, No Trespassing, Under Construction. The Board discussed the town’s bushes that were cut down by Jim’s construction crew and they would like to have them replaced. The Selectmen and Parks Commission also agrees they need the buffer to prevent people from walking through and going down to the embankment. They would like this to be part of the construction agreement.

Regarding 307 Main Street Jim informed the Board he is looking for direction regarding planter versus raised sidewalk. He said either one can go in. Public Works Dir., Dennis Allen what joined the meeting and asked Jim what will prevent people from driving through the parking lot onto Rte. 3. Jim said it would be either a raised planter which would be a raised area with some soil in between. This would be between the sidewalk and the road; this would protect anyone from the traffic. Dennis’ recommendation is a granite curb as it will hold up, anything else will be damaged. After much discussion regarding the type of berm to be put in, Chair Consentino asked Dennis to meet with Jim to look over the area and try to come up with the best solution for the berm. The walk way is the concern; this has to be free and visible for people to walk. The intent is to not allow people to go from the parking lot to Rte. 3. If they can manage to do this safely which is the intent then hopefully they can come to some type of agreement. Jim and Dennis will meet with the Board in two weeks with their recommendation.

Dennis informed the Board that the dumpsters will be removed after the fall clean-up. They will keep the co-mingle bin for newspaper and cardboard. At the Boards request the transfer station has been open from 8am to 4pm on Saturday for the past 12 weeks. Dennis would like to change Saturday’s hours back to 9am to 1pm for the winter months. Sel. LaPlante made a motion to approve Dennis’s recommendation to change the hours at the
transfer station on Saturday to 9:00am to 1:00pm effective immediately, seconded by Sel. Plessner.

Discussion: Sel. Jesseman asked to have a notice informing people that the Bestway facility on Rte. 140 is open. The facility is closer for residents in the Winnisquam and Lochmere area and they may not know it is there. Sel. Dawson suggested putting this information on the town’s web site and making up posters with the hours of Bestway on Rte.140 are and what items they accept and fees. All were in favor of the motion.

Dennis reported that he has talked to Mark and Paul from Bestway regarding Municipal Solid Waste. If the Board is in agreement they would like to have an extension for another one year contract for curbside pick up. The price will be the same as this year. If the Board would be willing to do a three year contract, they would only go up 3 percent for the last year. In 2013 & 2014 there would be no increase and in 2015 and 2016 a 3 percent increase. They would also reduce the disposal cost of the demolition and wood that is going to Bestway from $95.00 per ton to $75.00 per ton. There will be no rental charge for disposal costs for bins. The Town’s contract is up in March of 2013.

Next Dennis discussed trash on Main Street. Dennis said this is getting out of control. Some businesses and residents are putting their trash out by 2:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon on the Main Street. The trash barrels are full of household waste, not street waste. Dennis said he will be removing the trash barrels on Main Street next week for the winter. Dennis said the trash ordinance is not being enforced and he has talked to the police about this. Sel. Dawson said this ordinance should be enforced and should not treat Main Street any differently. Sel. Dawson made a motion that they notify the police department that the Board of Selectmen request them to enforce the trash ordinance town wide, including Main Street, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. Adopted 3/17/2001 as amended, 2001 Town Meeting. All were in favor.

Recycling Committee, Marge Bonneville, Chair, Joe Jesseman, Dennis Allen, and Sarah Lakeman, Solid Waste Municipal Specialist.

Sarah has been working with the Recycling Committee for three years at no cost to the town.
Recycling Committee member Joe Jesseman reported that the committee has been working on ways to come up with ways to increase recycling in town. Joe discussed how expensive it is to haul trash. The current tipping fee for every ton of Municipal Solid Waste cost the town of Tilton $66.80 per ton. The Town’s goal is to increase the amount of residential recyclable tonnage collected by implementing curbside collection and disposal of comingled (single stream) recyclables.

Marge discussed that the Recycling Committee was tasked with bringing recycling to the Town of Tilton and they feel that now is the time to do it. Marge said their main reason for being here this evening is they would like the Board’s approval to send out the RFP for the Curbside Single stream Recycling out to bid so they would have it back by November 15, 2012 and know the exact amount it would cost. Marge introduced Sarah Lakeman a Solid Waste Management Specialist who has been working as a consultant with the recycling committee for the past three years.

Marge said the only way to make it work in town; to make it worthwhile is to implement it with the Pay as you throw System. This is where people have to pay to get rid of their solid waste and the recycling is done for free. Right now it is estimated that Tilton recycles about 10 percent of their trash which is a small percentage.

Marge said they are asking for two options, one is to be picked up every week, and the other is to be picked up every other week to cut the cost in half. They would like to get an estimate for both options. They asked for a proposal if Pay as you Throw is adopted and is not adopted as proposed at the March 2013 town meeting. June 1st, 2013 is the implementation date. Marge stated that the only way to make recycling work is for residents to pay for their garbage by using the pay as you throw bags.

After the Board reviewed the Request for Proposals, Chair Consentino made a motion to send out the RFP for the Curbside Collection and Disposal of Residential Comingled (Single Stream) Recyclables, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor. Joyce will notify the Recycling Committee of the date and time of the bid openings.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After discussion, Sel. Plessner made a motion to approve the Minutes of 10/4/2012 as corrected, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.

Minutes of October 9, 2012: After discussion, Chair Consentino made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/9/2012 as corrected, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.

Minutes of October 15/2012: After discussion, Chair Consentino made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/15/12 as corrected, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.

Minutes of October 18, 2012: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/18/12 as corrected, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Town Admin. Joyce Fulweiler, Agenda Items:

- RFP for Recycling due Monday, November 19, 2012 at 11:30AM.
- Dennis received a request from the High School that on Tuesday, October 30th they will be conducting mock elections and would like to borrow four of our voting booths. Dennis said he can do this if the Board approves, and will drop the booths off at the High School between 7am & 8 am and pick them up at 2pm. The Board approved this request.
- Joyce contacted the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen will be on their November agenda so they can go forward with Vest Pocket Park Deed.
- Joyce and Tim are working on the Administrative budget. All of the rates are in on the Health Insurance, dental, worker's comp., unemployment comp., and liability. Joyce and Tim will present this information to the Selectmen at their November 1st meeting.
- Town Moderator Chuck Mitchell forwarded a letter to the Board from the Attorney General's office regarding a Voter Registration & Check-in table at the polls. Chuck said he can appoint ballot clerks to do this at $14.00 per hour or if the Selectmen can cover the table. Chair Consentino said the Selectmen will be there at the polls and can take turns. Sel. Dawson stated that if there is a question of whatever a resident is providing for Identification, then they would have to have
• one of the Supervisors of the Checklist and if they are not available, then the Moderator or the clerk.

• Joyce informed the Board that Chuck asked if she could be a “greeter” at the polls on Election Day. The Board agreed. The Town Offices will remain open on Election Day.

• The responses to the office cleaning proposals are in the Selectmen’s packets. Joyce asked the Board if they would like to appoint a subcommittee to do the interviewing. Sel. Plessner suggested Catherine Woessner from town hall, Chief Cormier, Police Dept., Chair Consentino, Sel. Dawson, and Sel. Plessner will be on the committee. Joyce will prepare a schedule for the interviews.

Reports from Selectmen:

Chair Consentino reminded everyone that the fundraiser for the Senior Center is a pancake breakfast at Applebee’s on Saturday, October 27th, from 8AM to 10AM. Tickets are $10.00 and are still available and also on sale at the door. There will be two Craft Fairs at the Senior Center, one November 10th, and one on December 1st. Tables are $10.00 each and are still available. Please see Emily LaPlante if you are interested in a table.

On Wednesday evenings Paul Boudreau and his band perform at the Senior Center. Iris Ianno, who is on the executive committee of the Senior Center announced they will be accepting can good donations for the TNS Santa Fund.

Sel. Plessner informed the Board she received a call from Jessica Dow, a Girl Scout Troop leader in Tilton who would like to have a craft fair in the old Agway Building. Ms. Dow has permission from the Gaudet’s to use the building but is asking if she needs a Vendor’s permit. The Girl Scouts will have their own table selling baked goods and are hoping to have at least 20 tables for different vendors. This will benefit the Girl Scouts. All of the vendors will be selling homemade gifts. Sel. Plessner did tell her that if they have more than 20 tables there is a concern for parking because the Agway parking does not have a lot of spaces. Ms. Dow said she is aware of the
parking situation and has discussed it with the Gaudet’s. After the Board discussed this they agreed if they do go over the 20 tables they should contact the police department to see if she will need a detail. Sel. Dawson read the ordinance and a vendor permit is not required for a non profit as it is exempt. Sel. Plessner will call Ms. Dow tomorrow morning and inform her she does not need a vendor permit and if she has more than 20 tables she will have to talk to the Chief of Police. Sel. Dawson suggested they ask the police department to donate their time for this event. The Board agreed.

Chair Consentino reported that John Bernard did receive approval from the Lochmere Water District on the design for the water to the Senior Center. Chair Consentino also reported she was part of the oral boards for the promotion from patrolman to Corporal. Three candidates applied for this position.

Chair Consentino received an email from Andrew Murphy who would like the Selectmen to fill out a form to nominate the Explorer Post 750 for the Explorer Post Community Service Award for the work they have done in Tilton and recognized on a State wide level for all of their hard work. The Board discussed how the Explorers are always available for community events and were in agreement to fill out the form for this well deserved award.

Sel. LaPlante reported when checking on damage to the front entrance of 61 Business Park Drive he found the door to be unlocked. The Board discussed a keyless entry and the cost involved. After further discussion the Selectmen asked Joyce to send a letter to all the businesses that lease the space at 61 Business Park Drive to be sure they lock the doors.

At 8:05PM Chair Consentino made a motion to enter into non public session as per RSA91-A:3, personnel, seconded by Sel. Dawson. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

At 8:08PM the Board resumed their regular session. Sel. Jesseman made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session as they pertain to
personnel permanently, seconded by Sel. Dawson. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Sel. LaPlante made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.