Selectmen's meeting minutes of January 24, 2013.


Also present: Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler and Catherine Woessner.

Sel. Plessner called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 1/17/2013:

Sel. Jesseman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013 as corrected, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler-Agenda items:

Draft Warrant Articles:

Recycle:
Joyce informed the Board that she received a response from DRA regarding the recycling warrant article. Joyce was correct in saying they only have to budget for as many months as the contract is. It starts in June so it will be for seven months with the amount need for the appropriation is $50,750.00. Joyce further reported that Shelly from DRA said that once the money goes in the revolving fund it does not lapse so they could go ahead and raise the full amount of $87,000 and put it in the fund.

Town roads: #12
Sel. Plessner reported that Public Works Dir., Dennis Allen is asking for $100,000 for town roads. Joyce said right now there is over $200,000 in the capital reserve fund. Sel. Dawson discussed the town is not gaining any interest on this money and questioned if it would be better to bond this rather than keep adding money in the capital reserve account where it does
not gain any interest. Sel. Dawson feels this would be a better use of taxpayer's money. After further discussion the Board agreed they would like to further discuss this with Dennis and Finance Officer, Tim Pearson. They would also like to know how many miles of roads or feet of sidewalks can be repaired in a year. The Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, January 30th, at 11:30AM to further discuss this Dennis and Tim.

**Tilton-Northfield Island Park: #10**

Joyce informed the Board that the original estimate for engineering was $30,000. Tilton only has $15,000 in their account. Joyce suggests they ask Northfield again for $15,000, their half of the engineering costs, and if they say no then have them do a petitioned warrant article to raise and appropriate $15,000. Joyce will call the Northfield Board of Selectmen to see if they will preset this as a warrant article, if not a petitioned warrant article. The Board agreed.

**Highway equipment #11.** Joyce said $35,000 is what they have been putting in and this is the amount Dennis asked for again this year.

**Parks Commission #13** $5,000 to the Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, same as last year.

Sel. Dawson explained that the Parks Commission would like to establish a baseball/softball field at the North West corner of Rte. 132.

**Revaluation Capital Reserve #14 ($17,000)** Joyce explained that she needs to check to see what the amount is in the fund because they delayed their update until 2014. Joyce said it may be less, but will verify the amount.

**Lake improvement/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund #15 ($1,500)** Joyce reported they have been putting the money in the fund but does not know if anything is being withdrawn. Sel. Jesseman reported that he was in touch with the Silver Lake Association last year and they are going to make application for this spring. One of the purchases the Silver Lake Association made with the funds is a pontoon boat to help with the removal of milfoil.
Sel. Dawson reported that she would like to present as a warrant article, the Energy Audit that was presented to the Board a few months ago. By presenting it as a warrant article it will give the voters the opportunity to decide on the $17,000 for the energy audit. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $17,000 for labor and materials to retrofit the Tilton Town Hall, Tilton Public Works Garage, and the Tilton Police Dept., with new energy efficient light fixtures and bulbs which will save the town an estimated $5,508.00 per year. Sel. Dawson will contact J.P. Carter to see if the incentives and costs are still a valid proposal.

Sel. Dawson said they should also have a warrant article to raise and appropriate monies to fix the lot next to 61 Business Park Drive for the town's snow dump. Sel. Jesseean would like to further research this. Because the land is being filled with snow that has sodium in it should have some type of liner or membrane down to help filter the snow. Sel. Dawson would like to have contractors look at the area sometime next week to give the town an estimate. The Conservation Commission will be informed of this and also the Planning Board will be notified of what the town will be doing with that property.

Sel. Plessner reported on the Public Hearing the Planning Board had on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. They are recommending zoning changes and these changes will be on the ballot.

Sel. Plessner asked if they were going to do a warrant article or just enlarge the budget for the town hall renovations. Joyce reported they have $25,000 right now and only need $4,000 maximum for regular maintenance, such as alarm contracts or for repairs. Sel. Plessner asked about purchasing portable walls for an office for the Welfare Dir. The Board agreed Heather needs more space and also privacy. Sel. Dawson's office space as Health Officer will be moved up to the stage area and Heather will be given her space. Sel. Dawson suggests they do a warrant article for the renovations on the stage area; to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $13,000 for the construction of office space on the stage area of town hall. Joyce will check into prices for the portable walls.
Sel. Dawson reported that the only other warrant article she has is as Health Officer she has written two ordinances that she will present to the Selectmen. One ordinance (littering) the Board of Selectmen can adopt, and the other will be as a warrant article regarding housing, fees collected as revenue.

**Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, Agenda Items:**

♀ Ernie’s update. Joyce reported one of the piles of debris on the ground is asbestos material and the other is not. There is one wall left to come down and there about 10 hours of work left to do and the contractor hopes to be finished by January 31, 2013.

♀ The Winnisquam Middle School has a program called “Kids That Care”, Chris Hampe is the sponsor of this program. They would like to put out the bins again this year at town hall to collect food for pets and then they drop them off at the animal shelters. The Board was in agreement to allow this at town hall.

Sel. Plessner read a petitioned request the Selectmen received on January 23, 2013.  

To Whom It May Concern, we the undersigned taxpayers of the Town of Tilton, hereby inform the Town that a substantial number of parking spaces on Main Street in the downtown district of town remains unplowed after several storms and through the critical Christmas shopping season. These spaces are along the Winnipesaukee River on Main Street from ark to Chestnut Street. In prior years, these spaces were maintained by the town, but have not been maintained for at least the last three years since the spaces were made “two hour parking only” to the detriment of our businesses and properties. Our taxes continue to go up, but the services we receive and revenue we can generate to pay those taxes keeps diminishing. Parking continues to be critical downtown. We urge you to recommence plowing & snow removal of the spaces on Main Street and continue through the entire season.

Sel. Dawson said the town has never plowed these spaces and in checking with Public Works Dir., Dennis Allen he said he has never plowed these
spaces before. Sel. Dawson said this is the first request the town has received to plow these spaces and questioned why this request was not made six years ago when they finished Riverfront Park. After further discussion the Board agreed to table this request as there was no one here to explain the need for the parking spaces to be plowed.

Joyce asked the Board for clarification regarding the trash ordinance on two property locations. The first is 822 Laconia Rd., South Bay-12 units on one parcel, 11 individual rental units, 1 house with 4 apartments. The property owner places 5 trash containers on each side of his driveway for a total of 10 trash containers. Only 5 are picked up. He feels he is entitled to 5 & 5 because it is a combination of “residential” and “commercial”. The property manager called Bestway because they do not always pick up all of his trash and he was told to call the town. Joyce explained that what they need clarification is in that he feels that the 822 Laconia Rd., property he sees the cabins as being “commercial” and the 4 unit house as residential. Therefore, he can have 5 bags for the house and 5 bags for all of the rental units. Sel. Plessner explained that the owner never completed them; they are not condo units, that it is a cottage development, all commercial. The condo agreement was non seasonal dwelling units; they would still not be residential units. It is still commercial and he is only allowed 5 bags of trash. A non seasonal dwelling unit is not considered residential.

The next request was from 1013 & 1015 Laconia Road. Two individual rental units on one parcel. The owner placed 5 small bags at one and 7 small bags at the other. Bestway left 2 of the bags. The bags were small white kitchen bags (less than 33 gallons) He feels he should have 5 bags at the house and 5 bags on the business for a total of 10 bags on the lot. The Board agreed he can have 5 at the house and 5 at the business. Bestway did not pick up the extra 2 because it was over the limit of 5. It was suggested that they use larger bags for their trash.

**Reports from Selectmen:**

Sel. Jesseman asked if they had any information as to who put salt down in front of the 3M Company, Manville Road. Sel. Plessner will ask Dennis to look into it. Also, Sel. Jesseman asked why the barriers have not come down
at the causeway. Joyce said they can come down anytime now as the property owners have been notified that it is not a town road.

**Sel. LaPlante** reported that he has sent out more letters today regarding violation of signage. Is working on a complaint from Andrews Rd., resident.

**Sel. Dawson** reported that on the town's website under elected officials there is nothing listed for the Sewer Commissioners and Johanna Ames should be listed as well. Their e-mails and contact information should be listed as well. They are listed in the annual town report under people serving Tilton. Joyce will ask Tim to take care of this.

**Sel. Plessner** reported the Planning Board had a public hearing this week on the proposed changes that will be on the ballot. This was the second public hearing. Sel. Dawson has submitted definitions that will go along with her new ordinance.

Sel. Jesseman reported that yesterday he gave his first bread baking class at the Tilton Senior Center. The Director of the Senior Center, Sarah Paratore will have the next date posted on the senior website.

At 6:20PM Sel. Plessner made a motion to enter into non public session as per RSA 91A:3, regarding litigation and personnel, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor.

At 6:50PM the Board was back in public session.

Sel. Dawson made a motion to increase the budget committee secretary’s rate of pay from $20.00 to $20.60 per hour, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. Discussion: Sel. Dawson amends her motion to pay the increase retro active to July 1st, of 2012 in the amount of $28.20; Sel. LaPlante amended his second to the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Sel. Jesseman who opposed.

At 6:55PM Sel. Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.