Selectmen's meeting minutes of Thursday, February 21, 2013.


Also present: Joyce Fulweiler, Catherine Woessner, and Tim Pearson. Cindy Reinartz, James Fischer.


Chair Consentino called the meeting to order at 11:40AM.

Sel. Dawson made a motion to authorize Chair Consentino to sign the single documents as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Public Input: James Fischer informed the Board that he is in pre-production for an amateur documentary on the history of Tilton, NH and would like to film segments about the town and some of its historical buildings, such as Bryant & Lawrence Hardware, and Tilton School and including Town Hall. Mr. Fischer is asking the Board’s permission to film inside Town Hall and would just take one day for the filming. Chair Consentino said they would be in favor of Mr. Fischer putting something together for input at no charge to the Town of Tilton to put on public access. Mr. Fischer said he would start filming the basement of the town hall and would not necessarily have to film people. Chair Consentino said she is fine with this but because of confidential reasons he should be cautiously approach people at their desks. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s inner office cannot be filmed. Chair Consentino asked Mr. Fischer to notify them the day he is going to film so notices can be posted the day before stating a documentary is being filmed, time and date. The Board is in agreement and asked Mr. Fischer to contact Joyce when he will do the filming.
Town Admin, Joyce Fulweiler Agenda Items: Joyce presented the corrected Warrant Articles for the Board's signature. Chair Consentino made a motion to accept and sign the 2013 Town Warrant as corrected, seconded by Sel. Plessner. Chair Consentino amended her motion to include the MS7 report, Sel. Plessner amended her second to the motion. All were in favor. Joyce asked the Board's permission to be deputized at Election Day as Fire District Ballot Clerk. The Board was in agreement.

Business owner's present for discussion regarding the letter on trash collection day they received from Lt. Richard Paulhus.

Kim Chadwick, Consignment Shop and Sonny, Paris nails. Chief Cormier and Public Works Dir. Dennis Allen were also present. Chair Consentino stated that there have been several comments and concerns over the letter that was sent from the police department. The Board of Selectmen asked the police department to send the letter out because the town has received complaints of trash being placed on the sidewalks the day before trash collection day in violation of the town ordinance. The Tilton Town Ordinance Article 9; items for collection from single family as well as multi family dwellings and commercial locations are to be placed in locations No sooner than the scheduled day of collection or midnight the day of collection. Also the trash cannot block the sidewalk parking spaces or impede traffic. Also there is a limit of five 33 gallon bags or 33-gallon trash containers per residential unit or business.

Kim Chadwick, a business owner on Main Street said she received the letter on February 16th, which was hand delivered to her at her business. She did not receive this letter at her residence which is also in Tilton. Ms. Chadwick was under the impression that they were supposed to put out their trash after business hours which is what she does and the rest of the businesses on Main Street do as well. Ms. Chadwick asked why this letter was not sent to residents and not all of the businesses received it. Chair Consentino explained that the businesses on Main Street are putting their trash out as early as noon time on Wednesday, particularly when it snows. They are not
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putting it on the edge of the curb and this is hindering the plowing. When there is no snow, animals are getting into the trash. Ms. Chadwick discussed the ordinance and feels the ordinance is unrealistic that trash is to be put out from midnight to, no specific time to put trash out on the curb. If this ordinance is to be enforceable, the letter should be sent to everyone, not selective. Sel. Dawson said the only thing the Selectmen can do is enforce the ordinance because it comes from Town Meeting, it does not come from the Board of Selectmen. The ordinance was voted on at town meeting.

Chair Consentino suggested they invite all of the business owner’s downtown to meet with the Selectmen to discuss concerns, parking, signage, trash or any other issues they are having to resolve these issues. The Board is in agreement.

Chief Cormier said the police department is trying to let the business owners know there is an ordinance in place and they cannot put their trash out until midnight. They were not being selective, they were trying to inform everyone that there is an ordinance and by putting it out before midnight they are in violation, town-wide, not just businesses.

Sel. Dawson said all they have done is notify a problematic area of town and are now the Board needs to discuss how they are going to enforce the ordinance town-wide.

Dennis informed the Board that he has contacted Bestway and they have changed their route schedule this morning. Instead of going down from Granite Street down to Main Street at 6:30AM they picked up at the Franklin end and then came down to Main Street between 8:30am and 9:00am to pickup the trash. The problem is that at that time of the morning Bestway is in the travel way of cars because of traffic going both ways and are holding up traffic to pick up trash. At 6:30am Bestway does not have this problem.

Chair Consentino asked the Board if they do change the ordinance, what part would they like to change. Her suggestion would be to change the time the trash is put out. There was discussion regarding placing dumpsters at the south and north sides of Main Street. Dennis said Bestway would charge for dumpsters.
Chief Cormier informed the Board they he received calls from some of the Businesses on Main Street and one of their suggestions is to be able to put the trash out at dusk.

The Board agreed to work on changing both the sign ordinance and trash ordinance for next year. The Board also agreed to schedule a meeting on Thursday, March 28th, at 6:30pm for a public night for all businesses to discuss this. Until the ordinance is changed it will be enforced, trash cannot go out until after midnight.

At 2:30pm Sel. Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.