SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2013.


Also present: Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, and Administrative Assistant Catherine Woessner.

Chair Consentino called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

Approval of minutes of September 26, 2013: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013 as written, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Approval of minutes of October 3, 2013: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2013 as corrected, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

BUDGET, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, 2014

Park Cemetery: Chair Consentino made a motion to recommend their request for $4,200 for Park Cemetery, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.

Birch Hill Kennels: Chair Consentino made a motion to recommend their request for $5,500 for Birch Hill Kennels, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Y.A.P.: Chair Consentino made a motion to recommend their request for $42,080 for the Youth Assistance Program, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.
Fire Chief Brad Ober and Acting Deputy Tim Joubert

Chair Consentino announced that Fire Chief Ober has secured a grant for an AED (defibrillator) for the Tilton Senior Center and it was awarded from Wal-Mart yesterday. The Fire Department will train the staff at the Senior Center as to how to use the defibrillator.

Brad discussed the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid budget for 2014. The overall proposed budget for 2014 is an increase of 4.49 percent. The impact to Tilton of the increase is $989.00. Tilton is coming out of Belknap County and will be direct billed. Tilton will see the $4,176 increase based on 2013. The current proposed budget for Tilton in 2014 is $4,951.15.

Chair Consentino asked Brad if he would still be able to be their LRMFA representative. Brad would recommend the Board appoint Tim Joubert as the member until a new Fire Chief is hired. Brad said while it is an honor that the Board is considering him but feels Tim will be more accessible to the Board on a day to day basis.

Brad went over the rest of the budget with the Board. The increase of the budget is 4.49 percent. The next meeting of the Board is October 30th and they will adopt the budget at that time.

Brad asked the Board if they are going to decide on having Tim Joubert represent them before the meeting of LRMFA of 10/30/13. The Board will have to make a decision if Tim is to attend that meeting. The Board will discuss this when they have a full Board.

The Board continued discussing Outside Agencies budget for 2-14.

**GENESIS:** Chair Consentino made a motion to not fund Genesis in the amount of $8,100, seconded by Sel. LaPlante.

Discussion: Does not serve the Town of Tilton during a crisis, feed back from residents, no help. The Board agreed they would like input from Welfare Dir. Heather Thibodeau at next week's meeting.

**Lakes Region Planning:** Sel. Plessner made a motion to recommend their request for funding in the amount of $3,304.00, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.
Franklin Visiting Nurse Association: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to recommend their request for funding in the amount of $15,600.00, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Red Cross: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to recommend their request for funding in the amount of $1,609.00, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

Casa: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to recommend their request for funding in the amount of $500.00, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

New Beginnings: Sel. LaPlante made a motion to recommend their request for funding in the amount of $1,530, seconded by Chair Consentino. Sel. Jesseman does not think New Beginnings is accountable for some of the things it does, but does support their mission. The Board has some questions they would like answered so will wait until they meet with them at the budget committee meeting. Sel. LaPlante rescinded his motion, and Chair rescinded her second to the motion.

Culture and Recreation:

Recycle Committee: Sel. Dawson made a motion to recommend funding in the amount of $1000 for the recycling committee, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor with the exception of Sel. LaPlante who opposed.

Parks Commission: Chair Consentino made a motion to accept the parks commissions' budget in the amount of $40,156, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor with the exception of Sel. Jesseman who opposed.

Hall Memorial Library: Chair Consentino made a motion to fund the request of $122,000, seconded by Sel. Jesseman. All were in favor.

Old Home Day: Sel. Jesseman made a motion to fund Old Home Day's request of $2,500, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.
Memorial Day: Chair Consentino is recommending increasing the funding from $200.00 to be able to have a parade. The Board discussed asking Northfield, the Legion, and the Veterans Home to become involved in participating in an annual parade. The Board asked Joyce to send letters to them asking them if they would like to be involved in this. The Board will further discuss this when they hear back from them.

Cultural Grange expense: Request is for the amount of $4,800.00. This is for telephone, heat, Terminex, Mango, water, fire extinguishers, light bulbs, cleaning supplies. Joyce said the telephone and cable service have been moved into IT, but the alarm service has stayed in the Grange budget. Sel. Jesseman does not think these items should be charged to the Town Hall they should be charged to line item cultural grange expenses. Chair Consentino said that they have decreased their budget from $6,000 over the past three years to their proposal for 2013 of $4,800. Sel. Jesseman and Sel. Dawson would like to have more information on the budget before they vote on it.

Joyce informed the Board that they will have to increase the Election and Registration budget by $910.00 for the use of the school for town meeting, the AV support and custodians.

Chair Consentino asked the Selectmen to revisit the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s wage versus putting it into next year and if it means getting a clarification from perhaps Dan Crean she is willing to do this. Chair asked how they can go forward with giving the TC/TC a 2.5% wage increase that the town’s people voted for at town meeting. Sel. Jesseman objects to the Selectmen making a correction in the TC/TC’s wages, she can go to town meeting to ask for a wage increase.

The Board was in agreement that they do not need to consult an attorney they can vote to increase the TC/TC’s wages. After further discussion, Chair Consentino made a motion to make a wage adjustment of 2.5% increase, retro active to July 1, 2013 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and to be taken from line item #413099-266, to correct a wrong because they lump summed the merit pool raise and should have left the Town Clerk/Tax
Collector's portion in her budget, seconded by Sel. Dawson. All were in favor with the exception of Sel. Jesseman who opposed.
The Selectmen asked Cindy to join the meeting at this time to inform her of their motion to increase her wage this year by 2.5% retroactive to July, 1, 2013. However, she is to correct her budget and lower that portion of it.

Reports from Selectmen:

Chair Consentino read a letter that was addressed to State Representative Dennis fields from a Tilton resident, Melissa Bourque. She states that she has a boundary fence which goes around one side of her house and back yard. The fence is a horse fence so it has two boards that go across and the rest is open. My neighbor does not own horses but do have chickens. I am writing to you because they have put up an electric fence approximately one foot from the ground attached to the horse fence. She is expecting her first child in January and also takes care of her two year old nephew once a week. My concerns are that the fence is in reach of the child and if a ball went over near the fence where they would have to reach to get it, it would most likely result in the child getting shocked by the electric fence. I feel as though this is a safety hazard and feels very uncomfortable with this situation. According to the current law, Section 473:5 Legal fences it states that "All fences of such height as to be reasonable adequate for their purpose and in good repair, consisting of rails, boards or stone wall, barbed, electrified, or woven wire all brooks, rivers, ponds, creeks, ditches, hedges and other things deemed by the fence-viewers to be equivalent thereto, shall be accounted legal and sufficient fences" I have gone to the town and they said it was considered a legal fence and that there was nothing that I could do except get the law updated. I am asking to please address this situation for the safety of children. There are children who have undiagnosed heart conditions that touching an electric fence could potentially be fatal. Also those who have a pacemaker, such as my grandmother, who comes to visit and then gets shocked, could end up with serious complications. My hope is to update this law to make my home and yard a safer place to play. I appreciate your time on this matter and hope to speak with you soon.
Sel. Dawson reported that Mrs. Bourque contacted her first as the Health Officer regarding this issue on March 28, 2013 as the Health Officer. It was that the neighbor’s dog that was entering her property and defecating on her property. There are two violations, the leash law and the Town Ordinance, removal of dog defecation. Under the nuisance law there is a health issue because the dog feces does carry disease. Sel. Dawson spoke with the owner and they wanted to try to resolve the issues with their neighbors. The fence in question is not a boundary fence. Sel. Dawson said throughout the summer she has received calls that the issues are still going on but they were still trying to resolve them. Sel. Dawson does not feel as fence viewers the Selectmen have any jurisdiction over the fence as it is a legal fence. This seems to be more of a civil matter between the neighbors. The Board asked Joyce to send a letter to them indicating the Board feels this is more of a civil matter and copy Dennis Fields as well.

Chair Consentino read a letter addressed to the Selectmen from State of NH, DOT, regarding Main Street speed limit.
I have received your request to lower the speed limit on US Route 3/NH Route 11 (aka Main Street) to 25mph. As you know, we have been considering this request for several months as we developed criteria for consideration of similar requests throughout the state. I have completed the engineering and traffic investigating for this location and determined that 25mph would be appropriate from approximately the traffic signals at NH 132 to the monument (School Street). I have attached copies of the speed study and engineering evaluation that support this decision. The sign work to establish this limit will be completed in the near future. William R. Lambert, Traffic Engineer/Administrator Bureau of Traffic

The Board discussed the date for Halloween in the downtown area. They usually coordinate this date with the Tanger Outlet Mall which will be Friday, October 25th. Chair Consentino made a motion to celebrate Halloween for the downtown business on Friday October 25th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor with the exception of Sel. Dawson who was not in favor.
Chair Consentino also reported that Janet Rissler from the PTO Elementary School who would like to set up a table which they did last year in front of on Main Street. Chair Consentino will call her to let her know that she can do this again this year.

Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, agenda items:

- Joyce gave the Board an update on the budget for the Coop. There is no change to the Public Works budget.
- Draft of possible warrant articles
- Planning Board adopted their budget
- Gaslight Village has been working on getting a CDBG Grant. Last week it was announced that they have $12,000 in feasibility study money to see if a project is feasible. Joyce gave them the information to contact Donna Lane who has done CDBG grants before. She can meet their deadline, but the deadline for having their application into the State is by October 31, 2013. We will have to have a public hearing held on October 24th, 2013. Joyce asked the Board if they would be willing to be the conduit for the $12,000 feasibility study grant for Gaslight Village.

Chair Consentino made a motion that the Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on October 24th, 2013 for the Community Development Block Grant for Gaslight Village, seconded by Sel. Plessner. All were in favor.

At 2:50PM Chair Consentino made a motion to enter into non public session as per RSA 91 A:3, (c), matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person request an open meeting, seconded by Sel. Plessner. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

At 3:45PM the Board resumed their regular session. At this time Chair Consentino made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session as
they pertain to adversely affecting the reputation of another permanently and legal issues until the matters have been resolved, seconded by Sel. Plessner, A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

At 3:50PM Sel. Plessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. The Selectmen rescinded their motion to adjourn as Sel. Jesseman would like to make a motion regarding the UST surcharge.

Sel. Jesseman made a motion to pay the amount of $4,567.93 to the Winniesquam School District to include a five cent surcharge that does include that five cent surcharge on a per gallon basis as our part of the shortage at the underground storage tank from last July to June of 2013 which would bring us even, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.

At 3:55PM Sel. Jesseman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sel. LaPlante. All were in favor.