TILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
December 18, 2014  

Present: Chairman: Sel. Consentino, Sel. LaPlante, Sel. Jesseman, Sel. Dawson and Sel. Scanlon by speaker phone until 4:45 when he joined the meeting.  

Minutes: Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. LaPlante to accept the minutes of 11-13-2014 with corrections. Motion passed.  

Sel. LaPlante moved, seconded by Sel. Consentino, to accept the minutes of 11-20-14 with corrections. Motion passed.  

Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. LaPlante to accept the minutes of 12-01-14 as corrected. Motion passed.  

Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. LaPlante to accept the minutes of 12-04-2014 as corrected. Motion passed.  

Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, Agenda Items:  

Joyce presented forms to be signed by the Board. She has spoken with Northfield about Empire Recycling to learn that Northfield has extended Empire’s license to the end of December with a requirement of full payment of fees in advance. A hearing for Empire is scheduled for Jan 8 by the Tilton Board of Selectmen. The Tilton Northfield Fire District has requested to meet in Tilton Town Hall which is acceptable to the Board as long as there is no conflict with Town Committee meetings. Gaslight Village has asked if the Town will be willing to go forward with implementation of their grant application for their sewer project which requires the Town to act as the agent for the grant and to hold a public hearing. Sel. Dawson questioned whether this would impact the dollar limit that Tilton can have with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Joyce explained that if we do reach the limit, then it simply means that dollars to pay for a single audit would have to be included in the grant. The Board agreed to hold public hearing for Gaslight Village preferably Jan 15 at 6, with Jan. 22nd as the alternative.  

Joyce presented a request for a warrant article to ask that the state of NH provide a meaningful method of funding education submitted by a Selectman of Webster. The Board would like more information before moving on this issue.  

Board members will attend a walk through at Tilton School regarding taxes and assessment on Jan 15.  

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Tax Map R9 Lot 30: Dave Krause has researched this property which was taxed to “Owner Unknown” and subsequently deeded to the Town. Dave determined that that this property is already being taxed to its correct owner and is indicated as Tract 2 on the owner’s deed. In order to clear up the chain of Title the Town will need to create a Quitclaim deed back to the owner indicating that this was a correction and that it was tax deeded in error. The owner has the right to merge the lots although they are 2 buildable lots of record. Joyce will inform the owner that for assessment purposes the town will be taxing the 2 lots separately.

Assessing: Joyce recommended that the Board stay with Avitar at least for 2015 in order to have them defend any abatement requests resulting from the 2014 re-assessment. The Board has not yet made a decision on a contract for assessing for 2015 or how much to budget for 2015.

WRTA: Sel. Dawson had prepared a draft letter of agreement with WRTA relative to funding for repairs to the River Trail. WRTA has agreed to use the draft letter and Joyce attached the Memorandum of Understanding referenced in the letter. This is assurance that WRTA will provide the $10,000 which will be put into the fund and how the fund can be used. The Board has already moved to create the fund. Sel. Dawson asked for time to review this issue to be discussed next week as she believes there are obligations that the town has during construction, while this fund is for after construction.

Insurance claims for an accident with the Expedition in November: Joyce explained that there were two drivers and two insurance companies involved in this claim. Whenever the town is involved in an accident caused by someone else Joyce is supposed to be notified immediately in order to get insurance information, etc. However, in this instance the Chief took the vehicle for an estimate and signed paperwork to send the invoice to the town’s insurance. Joyce pointed out that the Board may have wanted the Public Works Department to fix the vehicle but the decision was made. Now Joyce is dealing with two insurance companies for proper paperwork and the wrong amount has been paid. The Board policy is that all insurance claims have to go through the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible after an incident. Sel. Consentino asked Joyce to create a memo to this effect for the Board to sign next week.

Sel. Consentino announced that the Town offices will be closed at noon on Dec. 24th and will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1. Sel. Consentino read a letter inviting Board members to the 2015 Lakes Region Music Festival on Jan. 17 at WRHS at 4pm.

Selectmen’s reports:

Sel. LaPlante: Sel. LaPlante will have his end of the year Code Enforcement report ready next week showing that the office paid for itself with income from fees.
Sel. Jesseman: The final proposed Regional Broad Band Internet plan assessing needs throughout region is now available and he would like this to be on the Town website. The Recycling Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 7 to make plans for 2015. Waste Management is selling the Penacook incinerator soon. EcoSmith Recyclers has asked to install a clothing/textile bin at the transfer station with the Town receiving a portion of the proceeds. Sel. Jesseman pointed out that this removes heavy clothing from the town’s waste stream and is recycling clothing. Apparently the Northfield Selectmen were not invited to the Christmas parade and Sel. Jesseman wants everyone to know that they should have been included. Sel. Dawson responded that the Parks Commission did invite the Northfield Selectmen as they have every year.

Sel. Consentino: Tim Pearson reports that if we renew contract with Casella for 2 years they will reduce the price by $22,000 for both years. If we renew for 1 year, they will reduce contract by $11,000.

The Senior Center door will be installed shortly. A limited number of people will be issued new keys. The Executive Committee voted to appoint Judy Suzedelis as a full member of the Committee and now needs an alternate. Sel. Consentino is now Chair and the Vice Chair is Emily LaPlante. Because the new metal roof on the Senior Center deposits ice chunks onto the air conditioner, Dennis Allen has been asked to make a cover for the air conditioner. Sel. LaPlante advised that this should be a permanent cover to keep both snow and rain out. Sel. Consentino has spoken with Peter Salibas about the turf lighting at Tilton School and he wants to do whatever is necessary to make it right and keep abutters happy. He had believed that the lighting is what was approved by the Planning Board. The contractor has re-measured the lighting and the measurements on the abutting property are off from what was submitted to the Planning Board.

Sel. Consentino moved, seconded by Sel. Jesseman, to accept donations to the Tilton Northfield Christmas fund in the amounts of $350 from “Anonymous” $200 from Bond Auto Parts $100 from Ryan employees $50 from “Anonymous” and to the Tilton Parks Commission $175 in memory of Beatrice Ellsworth. Motion passed with gratitude.

Sel. Consentino commented that the Board has to decide what is in the best interest of Tilton when considering budget requests from outside agencies. She is very concerned that there is no assisted living available in town for our residents as many of our residents are seniors and want to remain in the community. She suggested that it is time that we focus on getting help for the seniors.

Sel. Dawson: 3 Proposals have been submitted to remove 2 large Pine trees and trim branches on an Oak tree at the cemetery by Anchorage. They are: Top Notch Tree Experts $4500, Aerial...
Trees Services, $4100 and Chippers $4,050. Local tree experts have been contacted, but a crane is required. Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. Consentino, to accept the low bid from Chippers for removal of the two trees and trimming the Oak tree. Motion passed.

Dave Krause’s estimate to do the boundary survey is $3500 for Manville and Crystal from Rte 3/11 to 45 feet of the high water mark of the Winnipesaukee River including setting monuments. Sel. Jesseman asked if it will be staked wherever there are any non straight areas.

The estimate for impound yard is $3000 for a gravel and stone surface including a membrane. The estimate for a Concrete surface is $6300 including excavating. Fencing has been donated. The consensus of the Board is that concrete is preferable.

Sel. Scanlon: The Conservation Commission has voted to spend the balance of this year’s budget toward the Salmon Run landscaping. The Budget Committee has not voted on total budget yet. Genesis wants to meet with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee on Jan 7. Sel. Dawson asked why the Budget Committee had not even received a draft of the Selectmen’s budget before last night’s meeting. Sel. Consentino responded that this may be because we got our budget done earlier this year and we just didn’t get it to them prior to the meeting.

Chief Cormier:

In his review of the year it appears to be on par from last year although up about 25 arrests and 100 citations. An ambulance was requested 257 times and there were 2076 traffic stops.

The Police Department will be hosting 7 classes for other departments next year which saves money for Tilton. The PD will be delivering food baskets this weekend. Sel. Jesseman asked if a police officer is involved in an accident would they be tested for alcohol. If there is bodily injury involved, yes the officer would be tested. Sel. Jesseman asked how much time the PD spend unlocking people’s cars. The Chief responded that this is not a priority unless there is a child in the car, but we have positive feedback from residents for doing it. Sel. Jesseman asked if there is a set of procedures that a new officer receives for protocol. A new officer receives the Procedures it immediately and is subsequently reviewed for information. Sel. Jesseman asked how the Lie Detector program is working for Tilton and if it has saved the Town dollars. The Chief responded that previously the closest one was in Concord, so it took time and scheduling issues to get them. Now we don’t have to travel to get a polygraph and it is used as an investigative tool as being a trained polygraph operator makes the officer a better interviewer. Sel. Jesseman would like to know how many polygraphs were done this year versus previously as well as how much money comes in from other towns. Sel. Jesseman asked about parking enforcement particularly during snow storms as the Public Works Department has to plow around cars on streets that are clearly marked no parking causing extra work. Will the Police Department tow the cars and are they ticketed? Chief Cormier responded that typically, the
Public Works Department will call about a vehicle and although the PD has authorization to tow, they generally knock on doors first. Sel. Dawson stated that the PWD has been hesitant to report cars parked on streets but parked cars cause problems with plowing and also forces people to walk in the street as sidewalk is not plowed. Chief has talked with Dennis about it and also with the officers. Sel. Dawson stated that the PD needs to enforce the town’s parking ordinance as residents sense that there is no parking enforcement. It’s the town’s responsibility to provide designated parking for apartment residents and if those spots are full the resident then parks in a space they are not supposed to be. The consensus of the Board is to go ahead and tow vehicles during snow emergencies. Ticket now and don’t knock on doors.

**Budget:** Sel. Consentino would like to readdress the Pines budget and not make a decision until we hear their presentation to the Budget Committee on Jan. 7th.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Minutes approved 01-08-2015