TILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Thursday, October 1, 2015

Present: Selectmen Patricia Consentino, Katherine Dawson, Joseph Jesseman, Jon Scanlon, and Selectman Fogg
Others: Tim Pearson, Finance Director, Gayle Bestick, Administrative Assistant, Captain Ryan Martin, Sgt. Nate Morrison, Prosecutor, Chris Paquette and Johnny Van Tassel, Public Works Director
Guests: Residents from on, or near Cedar Street: Scott Davis, Heather Young, Eric Pyra and family, and Beth Crandall.

Call to Order/Roll Call:
Selectman Dawson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Selectman Scanlon arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Non-Public Session - Reputation:
At 4:30 p.m., Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to enter into a Non-Public session as per NH RSA 91-A:3, as it pertains to matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...On a roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

At 5:15 p.m., Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson to close the Non-Public Session, and Reconvene the Public Session. Selectman Jesseman made the motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson, to seal the minutes, as they pertain to matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person permanently or until such time the circumstances no longer apply. On a roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

Director of Public Works Report (Johnny Van Tassel):
There was some discussion about the recent rain event and how the box culverts had withstood the storm. Johnny reported a few trees had gone down; otherwise, things fared well.

Manville Road Trees:
- Johnny talked about cutting some of the trees for safety purposes, however; as far as the water goes, he suggested ditching and stump grinding. There was discussion of the how, and why to install the appropriate piping and swales to alleviate the washout on Mr. Chase’s property, and also Johnny’s recommendation of low salt for this winter’s treatment.

Green Snow-Pro Certification Program: It was agreed, since there was money in the budget for training, the five public works staff should attend the upcoming class.

Johnny distributed copies of his newly created spend down program. Selectman Dawson noticed the figures did not include wages. Johnny explained those figures could be obtained from the Finance Director.

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Sidewalks:
There was discussion of sending out sidewalk Requests For Proposals (RFP's), to all pavers in the area. When quotes are received, and a signed contract is in place, the money could be encumbered, and work could begin in the spring. Selectman Fogg suggested including by the unit, instead of lump sum in the RFP. Johnny suggested “pending town meeting approval” as there may be a need for more money.

Selectman Scanlon mentioned, while the road was blocked, there were a number of potholes at the end of Cannon Bridge that should be filled. After determining the paving price per ton, it was agreed the holes could just be patched.

There was further discussion about the demolition and replacement of sidewalks. Selectman Dawson suggested Johnny devise a specific 5 to 10 year plan so the funds could be raised and appropriated for the reserve fund. She also suggested the RFP include repairing down to Mechanic Street.

Weekly Schedule: Johnny distributed his weekly report for the Board's review. There was discussion of an erosion issue at Ernie's site under the fence from the latest rain. There was a suggestion of creating a swale on the Town's side. Johnny will go and check it out.

Chief's Report (Robert Cormier):
In the Chief's absence, Captain Ryan Martin presented the Chief's report and the framework of the budget. Selectman Consentino explained that in the PD's budget, there was an increase in firearms and weapons which Chris Paquette would explain later. Sgt. Morrison will update the Board on the vehicles.

- Calls for Service: 571 with 4 arrests
- Major Crimes: Detectives are investigating a $40,000 fraud through Walmart, several continuing drug investigations, waiting for assistance from Bank Corporate regarding the Irving skimming matter.
- Training: Detective Keeler attended a Sex Offender Interviewing and Profile training. Officer Glenn and Gilman are scheduled for Reid Interview and Interrogation training. Detective Buffington attending polygraph training in November
- Fleet: Sgt. Morrison obtaining prices on remanufactured engines. The 10A passed inspection with new brake pads. The AC condenser which also cools the transmission fluid has been leaking, needs to be replaced. 6C needs to be registered and inspected, then ready to be put back on the road. There was discussion of why the 6C was taken off the road in June, and why the engine switch was put on hold.
- Building: Water bubbler had a leak, has been replaced. Parking Lot paving scheduled for Monday, October 5th.
- Staff: Officer Applebee has finished his Field Training, working as a solo officer. Officer Murray doing very well in her Field Training. Officer Glenn received an appreciation letter from a citizen regarding a domestic violence assault case she handled.
- Events: Tanger is holding a Fit For A Cure 5K run/walk for Breast Cancer Awareness, October 11th at 8:30a.m.
Other: Tilton Municipal Employee Flu Shot Clinic October 16th from 9am to 10am. Bring your insurance cards. Includes covered employee and covered spouse. If your primary insurance is through Medicare, you will need to provide your Medicare number. Those not covered through Health Trust can pay $27.00 by cash or check to Maxim, at time of clinic.

Budget - Weapons Expense, Ammunition:
Chris Paquette recommended an increase in the line item for weapons and ammunition. His recommendation was based on maintaining the best practice training, and certification for the officers who require duty ammo. Chris explained the difference between duty ammo becoming practice ammo, the need for maintaining an inventory for qualifying, and the strict inventory process he keeps. He further explained the cost of guns, holsters and the weapons platform. Chris will meet with Tim and return with firm numbers next week.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CEDAR STREET SPEED BUMPS
At 7:05 p.m. Selectman Consentino opened the public meeting to discuss placing speed bumps on Cedar Street.
Cedar Street resident, Beth Crandall asked how many signatures were on the petition; answer, more than 26 which included residents from Cedar Street, Spruce Street, and Maple Court. She asked if the speed bumps were of the old style - how high would they be. Selectman Consentino referenced the ones located on Academy Street and on Daniel's Drive. Ms. Crandall asked for the results from the speed trailer located on the crest of Cedar Street. It was determined the peak hours of speeders were between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Selectman Consentino noted the cost of each speed bump including shipping, would be approximately $750.00. Selectman Jesseman commented the additional cost of installing and removing the bumps was approximately $100.00, we currently have three.

Resident, Scott Davis mentioned traffic was heaviest during the spring and fall school year. He suggested policing Cedar and High Street more frequently. Scott also suggested placing a “no thru traffic” or, “only local traffic” sign on Cedar Street.
Cedar Street Resident, Heather Young commented school traffic was heaviest, however; motorcycles are frequent in the summer. Speed bumps would at least slow people down. She noted most of the people she had spoken with while obtaining signatures for the petition, were in favor of the speed bumps.

Scott Davis: how many tickets have been given in that neighborhood in the last two years?
Sgt. Morrison: since late June, he has issued around six. Since his promotion to Sergeant, he stated he has made it mandatory for officers (not on emergencies), to be in the school zone, for a saturation patrol which has been very effective, it has been slowing traffic down.

Cedar Street Resident, Eric Pyra remembered a time when it was suggested to make Cedar Street a one-way street. What the speed trailer statistics does not show is the traffic going down Cedar Street. He stated there was significant traffic in the morning, especially with the NH Veterans Home traffic using Cedar and High streets as a shortcut through the neighborhood, at all times of the year, trying to avoid the back up on Main Street. Eric made a suggestion of putting in reverse speed bumps, or a winter type/year round kind of
asphalt bump. He noted that since it would take time to order the rubber bumps, and they would not be installed until the spring, something needs to be done in the interim.

**Selectman Consentino:** reported the Chief had suggested closing the road to a one way traffic, between the hours of 2-5:00p.m.

**Scott Davis:** clarified his statement noting it was not just students, it was when school is getting out, which backs up traffic.

**Selectman Consentino:** between the hospital shift change, the factories traffic, and traffic from Franklin coming into town at that hour.

**Scott Davis:** why can’t you take a right on red at Park Street and Main Street?

**Sgt. Morrison:** has spoken with State Engineer, it’s a law.

**Selectman Consentino:** spoke with DOT, no radius for trucks, therefore, can’t allow for cars.

**Selectman Dawson:** it wasn't designed that way.

**Sgt. Morrison** explained: there are areas where DOT prevents tractors and trailers from making turns and using certain roadways….they could make them go up to Exit 20.

**Selectman Consentino:** they did change timing of lights which made a slight improvement.

**Scott Davis:** lights back traffic up to the high school, people are taking alternate routes.

**Beth Crandall:** speed bumps or no speed bumps, she is not comfortable making it a one way street during certain hours. She would rather not take a left onto Spruce Street. Ms. Crandall had studies showing the pros and cons of speed bumps and how they reduce fatalities for pedestrians and bicyclists – some cons: the need to accelerate directly after crossing over the bump to make up for lost time; 2) studies show emergency vehicle’s response time, 45 seconds per speed impediment...especially ambulances; there is also the matter of emissions.

**Selectman Jesseman:** if there are bumps placed on Cedar diverting traffic to Spruce, and then on Prospect...we'll have bumps all over the neighborhoods

**Selectman Fogg:** put on Cedar before Spruce...

**Eric Pyra** invited Selectman Jesseman to come and sit in his front yard between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m to watch the cars speed, and see how many don't stop at the stop sign.

**Selectman Dawson:** nothing will work without police being present. One way, speed bumps or no thru traffic, has to be enforced...have police go there during high times and give out tickets.

**Scott Davis:** concerned, once they go over speed bumps they will increase their speed on High street going to Prospect. High Street and Chestnut is one of the worst intersections in town, people don't stop.

**Sgt Morrison:** it's a balancing act. Everyone has to cooperate and understand we are using our assets the best we can. Speed bumps are effective.

**Beth Crandall:** where would the speed bumps be placed?

**Selectman Consentino:** the Police and Selectmen have to meet and discuss.

**Selectman Jesseman:** near 5 Cedar and 33 Cedar which was requested on the petition.

**Eric Pyra:** suggested a stop sign at the corner of Cedar and Spruce.

**Scott Davis:** if there is a new traffic pattern, make sure there is plenty of signage, even painted on the road.

**Selectman Scanlon** suggested informing the neighbors when the speed bump(s) are installed.

**Selectman Consentino:** the Board will speak with the Police Chief and Director of Public Works, and will get back to those who have attended this meeting. **Public Meeting officially closed at 7:45 p.m.**
Selectman Jesseman questioned an item in the accounts payable manifest. Captain Martin confirmed to Selectman Jesseman the need for so many uniform patches was because there is usually a minimum order required.

**PD Budget: Ammunition/Weapons discussion continued:**
Chris Paquette presented a Sig Sauer, 9mm handgun and explained why they were looking at this particular gun. It’s about being safer, particularly while training, you don't have to pull the trigger while disassembling. Another selling point: the compact frame, lighter and smaller, easier to carry. He further showed and explained the cost differential of replacing each gun. Chris showed the flashlight, explaining why the need for new ones. Selectman Consentino suggested in going forward, putting money into the capital reserve fund specifically for weapons. Selectman Jesseman asked about the need for 25 spare, practice magazines. Chris explained he could train 4 or 5 people at a time, (they leave their duty magazines at the station), therefore; 4 people would need 12-15 magazines.

**Fleet:**
Sgt. Morrison distributed his information on the remanufactured engine prices he had obtained from three different vendors. The spreadsheet showed similarities in warranties, pricing, shipping, installation cost, core exchange, and vendor. There was discussion of upcoming details and the 6C getting back on the road. **Selectman Dawson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Fogg, to purchase the remanufactured engine from Barnette, install it in the Chief's car, and put the 6C back on the road. Discussion:** Selectman Scanlon noted the vehicle replacement/retirement plan has changed every year, and did not include increasing the fleet to 11. Selectman Dawson commented there is no plan, each year an anomaly occurs you can't plan on. Selectman Scanlon noted we're adding and repairing, can we get 6C inspected before we purchase the engine? After further discussion, **Selectman Dawson rescinded her previous motion, Selectman Consentino seconded the rescinded motion. Selectman Dawson made a new motion to purchase the motor from Barnette for the Chief's car, after the 6C passes inspection, and get the 6C back on the road. Motion passed 4 to 1.**

**Finance Director (Tim Pearson):**
**Cruiser Options/Expedition with Trade-In:** Tim presented information on an option to trade in the Expedition for a new vehicle, more fuel efficient, and under warranty - 2016 Utility, Interceptor, for a net cost of approximately $15,000.00. He explained the new Interceptor could be for the detectives, the black, unmarked detective vehicle would move to the Chief, the Chief's car (with replaced engine) would move to the Captain, and the Captain's car would move to the prosecutor (with required cage for prisoner transport). Tim explained the money was available this year to purchase the vehicle, also the impound yard, and next year, continue on with replacement plan. Selectman Scanlon disagreed with purchasing another vehicle without a plan. After further discussion, **Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Fogg, to trade in the Expedition, and act on the 2016 Utility Interceptor for the detectives use. Discussion:** Selectman Dawson questioned what equipment would need to be changed with shuffling of the three vehicles. Selectman Consentino noted the lights from the Expedition would go on to the Chief's car. After further discussion, it was determined it would be an even swap. Selectman Scanlon asked where the money would come from. Tim answered they had looked at different line items,
including PD wages and it was available in the budget. Selectman Consentino called the question. **Motion passed 4 to 1.**

**Non-Public Session - Reputation:**
At 8:45 p.m., Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to enter into a Non-Public session as per NH RSA 91-A:3, as it pertains to matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...On a roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

At 8:59 p.m., Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson to close the Non-Public Session, and Reconvene the Public Session. Selectman Jesseman made the motion, seconded by Selectman Fogg, to seal the minutes, as they pertain to matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...until such time the circumstances no longer apply. On a roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

**Selectmen's Reports:**
Selectman Consentino mentioned Gabriel's Salon would like to plan for a larger Halloween Downtown event: Friday, 10/30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. The Main Street will be closed, traffic will be detoured around to Academy Street. There will be costume prizes and games. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the best costumes for the businesses and the children.

- Senior Center Roof RFP is ready to be sent to all local roofers.
- Selectman Jesseman reported he is re-certified as the underground storage tank owner.

**Adjournment:**
With no further business to come before the Board, **Sel. Jesseman made a motion, seconded by Sel. Dawson to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m..**