TILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Thursday, June 2, 2016

**Present:** Selectmen Chair, Patricia Consentino, Vice Chair, Katherine Dawson, Selectman Peter Fogg, Selectman Jesseman and Selectman Jonathan Scanlon.  
**Others:** Joyce Fulweiler, Town Administrator, Gayle Bestick, Administrative Assistant, and Johnny Van Tassel, Director of Public Works.

**Call to Order:**  
Selectman Consentino called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Selectman Fogg arrived at 4:25 p.m.; Scanlon arrived at 4:32 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to bring the minutes of May 19, 2016, to the floor for discussion. Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson to accept the minutes of May 19, 2016, as submitted. No further discussion, All in Favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to bring the minutes of May 26, 2016, to the floor for discussion. After making a minor change to include more detail on page 2 under Selectman Dawson's selectmen's report stating the cost of continued arsenic sampling, Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to accept the corrected minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Administrator Report (Joyce Fulweiler):**

- **Employee Evaluations:** Joyce explained the new version of the employee evaluation form is a Word document which could be completed online. It was agreed every department would use the new form, with the exception of the PD who use the CALEA format. Joyce will explain to Johnny for the highway department, the modifications she made to the specialized performance criteria. An email will be sent to the department heads informing them of the June 23rd deadline for the completion of all employee evaluations.

  The evaluations will be completed as follows:  
  Selectman Jesseman will review the Administrative Assistant, Health Officer, Finance Director, and Human Services Director. Selectman Dawson will review the Town Administrator and Land Use Coordinator; Selectman Consentino will review the Chief. Joyce will review the Director of Public Works and the Code Enforcement Officer; and Cindy will review her employee. Selectman Consentino mentioned she would like employee input on the Selectmen, Selectman Scanlon agreed he would also like the input.

- **Town Hall Window Awnings:** Joyce reported she had received a $4,200.00 estimate to replace the awnings, which includes installation, and the use of the same frames. After discussing options of installing an awning over the handicap ramp, or installing one just over the top of the door, or waiting for further estimates for same, **Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson and**
Jesseman for discussion, to purchase awnings for only the windows for the $4,200.00. Motion passed, 4 to 1. Selectman Fogg opposed.

- Insurance Quotes: Joyce discussed the insurance quotes she had received from Davis & Towle, and Primex. After explaining the property liability, workers' comp, unemployment compensation, training benefits, discounts and advantages to being part of a risk pool, **Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Scanlon, to award the insurance contract to Primex for $117,262.00. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Question:** Resident, Pat Clark deduced there was no meeting scheduled relative to the Pines. Selectman Consentino noted the Board had met and discussed the possibility of meeting with the Pines Council, however; nothing is scheduled as of yet. Mr. Clark asked if the Board would reconsider their decision of holding back funding to the Pines. Selectman Dawson and Consentino explained the decision and actions up to date have been in non public and would violate the sealing of the minutes.

**DPW Update:**

- **Manville Road:** Johnny explained his sketch of the storm drain, drop outlet and catch basin of Manville Road. Selectman Dawson asked how to solve the issue of the outlet pool. Selectman Consentino asked how to fix the flooding. Johnny explained a dry sump could be installed. Selectman Consentino reiterated the problem needs to fixed. Selectman Dawson suggested the next time it rains, Johnny go examine the flow, and come back with a plan.

- **T-Hop Parking Area:** Johnny reported he had talked with the Chief about parking lot E, and possible available grants. He explained his sketch of the area to be revamped. After some discussion it was decided to prune the trees, install small curbing, plant perennials, have no extra walkway and pave behind Gale Insurance Company at 280 Main Street.

Selectman Dawson asked Johnny why the cemeteries and Buffalo Park had not been mowed, and was anyone monitoring the mowing. She stated, and Selectman Consentino agreed, that it was unacceptable the cemeteries had not been mowed for Memorial Day. Selectman Jesseman asked why the tractor/mower hadn't been repaired before now. Johnny explained the part had just come in last week, and has since been repaired.

There was discussion of painting the parking spaces and sidewalks before Old Home Day. Johnny will skim coat the crosswalks, but not the parking spots unless they are really bad. He talked about the State painting with thermoplastic paint, and the poor lasting effects. After further discussion of painting, **Selectman Scanlon made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman, to have the State forgo painting the sidewalks, we, (the Town) will apply the sidewalk paint (with or without beads to be determined later). Selectman Dawson opposed, as not enough research has been done. Selectman Fogg opposed, Selectman Consentino opposed. Motion failed 2 to 3. The State will paint.**
West Street: Johnny reported the corner would need to be paved as there is too much asphalt built up. He would rent a coring machine to determine the depth of the road. After discussing mill and fill, reclaiming and resetting the road, it was decided Johnny should fix the hole on the side of West Street with paving swells, as soon as next week.

Selectman Consentino talked about unfinished projects and how to get the jobs done. The number of personnel is the same, why are things not getting done. Selectman Dawson suggested asking the Park Commissioners if Paul Rushlow could mow Buffalo Park and the 132 Ballfield. Selectman Scanlon talked about developing a list and to start tracking the mowing projects with the time it takes, and who is on the job.

- **Summer Laborer:** Johnny recommended Jack DeCormier for the summer laborer position. **Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Scanlon to hire Jack DeCormier at $12.00 per hour, for 12 weeks, pending the background check, a physical, and a drug test.** Motion passed 4 to 1. Selectman Dawson opposed.

**Selectmen's Report:**
Selectman Jesseman discussed the Underground Storage Tank repair issue. He explained it's an all or nothing to repair, and the funds are just not available. The Tank Committee will meet to discuss options of possibly contracting with Irving or using the State facilities. After a brief discussion, Selectman Jesseman suggested closing the tank. **Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson to close the underground storage tank. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Selectman Consentino announced there would be NO Selectmen's meeting next Thursday, June 9th, as the Board will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated 99 Restaurant.

**Non Public: Attorney Client**
At 6:10 p.m., Selectman Consentino made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dawson, to enter into a Non-Public session as per NH RSA 91-A:3, as it pertains to negotiations and Personnel matters. On a roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session where Selectman Jesseman made a motion seconded by Selectman Fogg, to seal the minutes on the matters as they pertain to Reputation until such time as the matters are resolved.

6:30 p.m. **The Board Recessed to attend the Public Meeting at the Boutin Center to Discuss Village District Parking**

7:00 p.m. **Public Meeting to Discuss Chestnut Street et. al:**
Selectman Consentino welcomed everyone and introduced the Board, Johnny Van Tassel as Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Robert Cormier, and Gayle Bestick, Administrative Assistant. She explained the reason for the meeting and thanked the audience for their attendance.
Selectman Consentino informed the audience there would be an extra dumpster at the Highway Department Transfer Station on Saturday from 9:00 a.m until 1:00 p.m., as the confusion with the trash pick up today on the West side of Town left several residents without their trash being picked up. Scott Davis suggested an "Alert Tilton" message.

Selectman Consentino opened the floor to comments, questions and/or concerns:

**Ron Allen, 8 West Street:** had ideas on speeding and suggested putting up signs "slow, children at play" throughout the neighborhood streets; regards to parking - should be parking on one side only, violators should be ticketed.

**Jamie Dalessio, 6 West Street:** suggested the sidewalks could be made narrower to allow more real estate for parking.

**Ann (Betsy) Glidden, 39 Chestnut Street:** the streets have always been problematic, especially during church services however, has noticed attendance has declined. The people living in the apartments are the ones parking on the side of the road. Making a one way road would cause a problem. There is no easy answer. Put up signs, parking limited to 15 minutes for unloading. Regards to speeding, it's the kids getting out of school, speed bumps are great, but maybe putting up signs "not a through street from this time until this time" and I'm all for parking tickets.

**Eric Using, 9 Linden Street:** why are we allowing parking on Chestnut Street at all? Every apartment has assigned parking. Why are they parking on the street? Emergency vehicles couldn't get through ... every landlord should have off street parking.

**Tina DiGiorgio, 4 West Street:** Chestnut Street should not be one way, there are several families with small children on West Street - it would cause a lot of traffic and be unsafe.

**Kevin LaChapelle, 57 Chestnut Street:** Thanked the Board for having a public forum. He asked what the outcome was from a suggestion made at last October's public meeting, regards to consulting a traffic engineer. **Selectman Consentino** said there had been much discussion, it's a great suggestion, however; at this point, no consultant has been contacted.

**Scott Davis, 5 Linden Ave:** asked if all the roads in town were the same width. **Selectman Consentino** responded no, and noted Chestnut was one of the most narrow, Cedar is wider, High is wider than Chestnut.

**Jamie Dalessio:** commented city streets are mostly one way... but it would advantageous to avoid them.

**Scott Davis** agreed with Mr. LaChapelle to contact a traffic engineer and determine how best to accommodate parking and sidewalks on our narrow streets.

**Bill Lawrence, 56 Chestnut Street:** Agreed contacting an engineer was a great idea. He asked if the main problem was when school lets out? **Comment from audience:** it's the apartment dwellers - **Selectman Consentino** remarked, it's not just the apartment dwellers, parking becomes an issue when you can't park on the painted line sidewalk areas - cars are in the street.

**Bill Lawrence:** suggested you could deal with the school by having an officer diverting school traffic at 3:00 p.m., having all traffic going one way. **Selectman Consentino** mentioned the Chief had suggested that idea last year when Cedar Street residents came to the Board, and/or perhaps a no-thru street between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

**Jamie Dalessio:** the school is part of the problem, they are the ones that speed.

**Selectman Consentino:** it's not just the high school speeding... it's the Veteran's Home changing shifts. Last year the Chief arranged for the light on Main Street to be shorter...

**Sharon Smith, 6 Spruce Street:** asked for statistics of the age for those being stopped for speeding.
Sgt. Nate Morrison: from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. officers are out there with laser on Cedar Street, Winter Street, and Peabody Street...it's not just a certain street issue, it's an overall issue that's caused by traffic at Main Street and Prospect...a lot of speeders are not teenagers...the new ladar (a laser tracking system), is very accurate and can pinpoint every car, most speeders are between 21 and 39 years of age....you have a vast majority of different walks of life; students, teachers, Veterans Home nurses, Watts Regulator people, all coming together at that one particular time, they cut through and avoid the backup from Main Street light, we do what we can...we try to deploy staff for expected problems...there are a lot of traffic related problems at Exit 20, at the same time of day. We do try to keep visibility in this area...there are times when we can't staff that much.

Sharon Smith: the one way street idea will inconvenience everyone in the area. A traffic engineer should be looked into. Spruce Street has no stop signs on either end. (comment: or West Street).

Chris Gilb, 62 Chestnut: noted over in the O'Shea Industrial Park in Laconia at 3:30p.m. when all the factories let out, ...folks going away from 106 to the back roads and out, the town put up a no entry sign at the back end of Lexington Drive...traffic had to go out to 106....from 3p.m. to 4p.m., in the afternoon...you can post selective one way signs in areas to siphon traffic the way you want it to go... you could do that on High Street between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to keep school traffic...you don't have to have one way streets all the time.

Don Giguere, 4 Chestnut: lives in the first house on Chestnut Street, it's very narrow...church parking makes it a one way street ...if it were one way going up Chestnut it would feed a lot of traffic up to High Street, ...not the answer. If you make Cedar a one way, or Chestnut one way in opposite it would make a lot of problems right in front of his house....one way not the answer, I'd much prefer eliminating parking all together on Chestnut, than going to a one way street.

Scott Davis: the light downtown is a delayed green going toward Franklin, is the time the same going West?....is it shorter? It's backing up traffic more in the afternoons.

Chief replied: he had met with the engineer...he added 15 seconds to East and West, to try and help, which is the highest as he could take it....it helped alittle...took some away from Park Street.

Scott Davis: that's the issue now - there were 4 cars trying to go left, he sat through 3 lights.....going to Laconia they were backed up on bridge...it never cleared out...have the times changed?

Chief...coming off Prospect? Chief Cormier explained when the State looked at the westbound, it was at 30...added 15 seconds eastbound...took westbound from 30 seconds to 45...I can bring suggestions back to them ...the system that's there is programmable.

Comment: Why take 5 off?

Chief: he was trying to alleviate backstreet issues....I'll bring it back to him and ask him to change it back if we need too.

Ann Glidden: could there be a left or right arrow?

Johnny Van Tassel: you'd have to have another lane there.

Mark Kantowski, 92 High Street: ..route of problem is getting through lights at rush hour traffic...adding speed bumps or a 4 way stop sign may take care of it., I don't mind cars on the side, it slow things down...at the light anytime there is a pedestrian, it slows it down...react to normal traffic...that naturally pushes traffic back and forth.

Sgt. Morrison: a lot of people on Park Street bridge, they don't pull up and to trip the light...they don't pull up far enough...that's where you get the over abundance of traffic trying to get off the bridge causing other issues.

Jamie Dalessio: observes that if cars are backed up at bottom of Prospect, she goes to Academy then pulls out on the rotary....with the light, you're moving the problem to a slightly other traffic.
Jay Woodward, 6 Chestnut: lives right next to the church, across from the parking lot. Talked about the problem with waiting at light...downtown intersection for school street, has it ever been suggested for a roundabout? *(rumbles from the audience -NO)*

Selectman Consentino brought the audience back on topic...she stated, the State has addressed that issue many times.

Eric Pyra, 37 Cedar Street: has approached selectmen years ago, at one time Cedar Street was discussed for a one way in the afternoon. Daniels Wells had an issue, but since they are not there anymore...if you make one way from 2-4 or 2-5, Monday through Friday, would alleviate a lot of traffic...or put a stop sign at the corner of Cedar and Spruce...if you take Chestnut Street and make it one way to High Street, guide people to the light...he gave example of sitting at light changing 3 times...maybe the State can install camera on lights instead of the pressure plates.

Doug Merrill, 53 Chestnut: are Park and Prospect identical? Prospect needs 5 sec, you only get 3 or 4 cars...you get 15 coming across up 93 going to Franklin...you can't get across..

Chief: they can time them separately.

Doug Merrill: maybe 3 to 5 seconds..

Don Giguere: the traffic backing up is obviously a big problem which is causing overflow on Cedar...traffic is really huge lately...right hand turn lane is too narrow...could we possibly have it temporarily open from 2 to 5 for instance?

Selectman Consentino: I hear what you're saying, I want to keep the discussion to the Cedar St. and High St. Chestnut area...The Chief has heard about the lights...Nate, and the Chief will run with it and look at options.

Sgt. Morrison: answered the questions about the right turn lane....It's been answered by the State engineer...it's not a positive barrier because of the railroad track going across the intersection...unless State wants to invest in putting a positive arm... it's convincing the State to invest the money.

Father Ray Gagnon, St. Gabriel's Church on Chestnut Street: agree with narrowing the sidewalk. We use the property 4 hrs a week, 2 hours on Saturday, and 2 hours and Sunday...the rest the parking lot is open for people during daylight hours; we don't vandalism at night....question of one way street is what got me here...starting at Main would be a nightmare...people going to Franklin won't turn right getting off Chestnut, the corner of Winter street, does not lend itself to a left hand turn...compounds the problem...make it a lot worse...if it had to become a one way, I would suggest no parking to the Boutin parking driveway...make it a 2 way, starting the one way in front of the church...if cars have to go up, I think it's a nightmare...as far as parking, the first few houses have good parking areas for their tenants...when it gets beyond, it gets harder....

John Bruno, 127 Sherwood Drive of St. Gabriel's: going along with what Father had to say, Tuesday night we had confirmation here, there were 170 people here with about 80 vehicles....if that was one way, and they had to take a left, West Street could not handle the traffic, High Street people won't care for that...if you had that all the time....then the problem with light trying to get out of there....going one way from Main Street up...I would have to agree with Father, if it starts here at the church and went up, a lot of traffic go up West Street and High Street anyway.

Eric Using: commented, if the one way starts right after the church.. we have 2 rental properties dictating what happens.....is it really what happens after this, that closes the road down, that one way from here down, because of these two properties which have off street parking...I don't understand why we're willing to make a one way street for a couple rental properties.

Jamie Dalessio: I've seen congested area at all different times of day, even the post office truck that parks there, the rental apts area. It's a neighborhood thing.you see a car coming,... you just wait your turn and let them pass.

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Pete Deleault, 17 Chestnut Street: it seems like the consensus no one wants one way...I don't envy you having to make a decision to resolve this... The root of problem is Main Street, there is no answer...whatever you do will be a bandaid...I'm asking, looking long term... moved here over 30 years ago there was talk about a Franklin Laconia bypass, has there been any more talk of that? How do we make that happen?

Selectman Dawson: that's a done deal, that's gone, that died...will never be resurrected....it would have made Lochmere a village under the overpass...Route 3 corridor itself is very valuable.

Ruth Nelson, 54 Chestnut: a teacher at the high school...I’m hearing concerns about kids coming up Cedar Street, it is posted at the high school, the kids, nobody can go out Deer Street...the kids are not supposed to exit from that street, if we could enforce it better; it’s been a concern for a number of years, it is posted you cannot go that way between 7-7:30 and then 2:30 to 3 in the afternoon.

Sgt. Morrison: I’ve thought about this...the school can control the student population going into Northfield, if school is issued parking passes if you live in Northfield, you go West on Route 3 to Cross Mill Road....that would alleviate, not all of it, but a lot of students...the school does have the authority to enforce that...we have a school resource officer who knows all the students, they could put a sticker N for Northfield or T for Tilton, to divert them.

Scott Davis: there's no common sense not to take a right at the railroad tracks that's only used very infrequently....where is the common sense with State to say we have an issue...that train does not operate like a regular train...because of limited amount of time it goes out....if we had that traffic bleeding to the right... I think, we don't have that many parking spots there...if you put that lane in...maybe it's lacking conversation...

Sgt. Morrison: talked about relocating a railroad track right arm from Laconia.

Selectman Dawson: that intersection was never designed as right turn lane...tractor trailers would be in the through lane, the State will not recognize that as right hand lane...because of the bridge and railroad tracks, and because of the expense of what they would have had to do.

Bud Laraway, Chestnut Street: What are we losing if we have a right turn lane. Is it the State?

Selectman Consentino: it's State owned and we can't do anything about it.

Scott Davis commented in jest noting Selectman Consentino could contact Jeanie Forrester...

Continued conversations about the right hand turn lane at the bridge...parking spots at "The Store" being private property, and sidewalks.

Theresa Deleault, 17 Chestnut Street: we have no parking in the wintertime, why not have no parking all the time?

Kevin LaChapelle: suggested again to consult with a traffic engineer....we could do this or that.....most of it equates to money, .....they may have more answers than what we can offer.

Selectman Consentino: they're not cheap.

Ann Glidden: Would the engineers take our input?

Selectman Consentino responded they would probably take into consideration the history of the area. Selectman Fogg: they have design standards.

Kevin LaChapelle: for further public forums, we should have state reps here...this is really overload for Route 3 traffic...if we can engage them in the discussion and ask for their support.....this is not going to be answered overnight.
Selectman Consentino: the next time we have public forum, we'll be glad to invite the State Senators, however, you'll be in charge to invite House Representatives, we've invited them in the past and they've not shown up - question? Who are they? Answer, Brian Gallaher and Dennis Fields.

Bill Dawson of Cross Mill Road in Northfield: Commented, Cross Mill is not a local road anymore, it's a highway. You've got a bottleneck down here, that's impacting all over the place....

Scott Davis: if that intersection in downtown Tilton when there was no sides streets to it.....then the State would have to address the issue.

Comment: Sounds like Mainstreet is an issue, now state issue, can we petition the State, calling State reps, to make it a State issue? We can't fix it until the State fixes...if we have enough voices, someone's going to listen.

Selectman Dawson: that's what our TAC member can bring to State,there's an emergent need, especially if there's an accident...there's a number of ways we can do this...get our reps here...

Don Giguere...that stone wall will not hold forever, every year sinkholes are getting bigger...we need to be timely...with right hand turn...

Kevin LaChapelle: for an immediate solution, for more positive reinforcement, instead of righting tickets...positively reinforce with a $10 gas card for those doing the speed limit? ...the Veteran's Home......if you give one high school kid a $10 gas card, could be an immediate, temporary solution only....

Selectman Consentino: 1 gas card for $10 and have ten kids...

Selectman Scanlon: we did purchase more signs. There were a lot of signs missing throughout the district...

Sgt. Morrison: we purchased 55 that are definite which we have to post.

Ruth Nelson: also on a more positive note, Father Ray is offering the church parking lot during the day when there's no church services, and there are designated parking all year long, could we consider putting up no parking overnight...no parking for more than half hour or just for unloading....and free up the streets until other things could be considered?..for at least the summer months...

Father Ray: as long as it's during the daytime hours..

Ruth Nelson:.....in the winter you can't park on the side of the street....if you have a parking area that's designated, you should leave your car there overnight.

Gary Plourde (employee of St. Gabriel's Parish): having a one way street will create problems somewhere else...agree to get State to do something...use of the parking lot is ok, but not during a snowstorm.

Selectman Consentino asked the folks that live on Cedar and High streets if they see a difference in speeding and travel.

Anne Glidden: High and Chestnut, no. That area is an accident waiting to be had.. Coming down from the gully, most people go beyond bushes...you can't see...it's not all the kids...it's around that time..

Gary Plourde: example of different business getting out at same time...to alleviate traffic problems some companies he used to work for, staggered time they got out of work, which gave lights a chance......some had 300 employees per shift...might be something to work with school, corporations...I have been here, trying to get to Franklin the wrong time of day...

Selectman Consentino any questions? 
Comment: could we include, DOT rep should be here too...
Comments: Stopping trucks making right on parks street and having them use Exit 20? How does that work? Selectman Consentino: State of NH
Comment: If trucks had to use Exit 20, would pick up's...

Selectman Consentino noted that Park Street is a state owned road.
Doug Merrill asked why so much traffic in Tilton?
Selectman Consentino reported a traffic study had been done with the speed trailer, going east and west, where over 50 thousand cars travel Main Street during 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., which increased in the summer...
Doug Merrill: Where does it primarily come from at 5pm, into Tilton?
Selectman Consentino: the highway.

Comment: roads were built for way back 100 years ago...

Selectman Consentino: there will be paving coming in July.

Selectman Consentino ask the audience if there were any more questions. There were none. She thanked everyone for coming out.

8:13 Public meeting ended.
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Adjournment:
With no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Scanlon made a motion, seconded by Selectman Jesseman to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m..

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2016, 4:30 p.m. NO MEETING ON JUNE 9TH