Present: Selectman Chair, Katherine Dawson, Selectman Patricia Consentino, Selectman Jon Scanlon, and Selectman Saint John.
Others: Chuck and Kath Mitchell, Jane Alden, Jesse Renauld-Smith, Tanis Gates, Patricia Garcia; Edward Merrill, General Manager for Metrocast, Andrew Kellar with NhSolar Gardens, Joyce Fulweiler, Town Administrator, Tim Pearson, Finance/IT Director, Chief Robert Cormier, and any others not included.

Call to Order:
Selectman Dawson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Approval of Minutes:
The Board reviewed the minutes of August 31, 2017. Selectman Dawson moved, seconded by Selectman Scanlon, to accept the minutes as submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

12:14 into the movie
Metrocast Meet & Greet (Edward Merrill, General Manager):
Mr. Merrill was invited to meet with the Board to answer any questions or concerns relative to Metrocast services or the most recent Atlantic Broadband Franchise transfer. He explained the process of the franchising authority and how it affects the transfer. Mr. Merrill was available for questions or comments.

Selectman Consentino said she had received several complaints about Metrocast's customer service. She and other selectmen voiced their dissatisfaction with Metrocast. Mr. Merrill distributed a complaint form noting that if anyone has any type of complaint, they should fill out the form, and he would deal with each one personally. Mr. Merrill distributed a spreadsheet listing all the service calls over the years in the town of Tilton, noting they had gone down, yet pretty level. He noted most calls were trouble inside the customers homes. Selectman Saint John voiced her dissatisfaction with the service, giving examples of times she's called Metrocast and gotten nowhere. After a few more brief comments of not being pleased with Metrocast service and prices, Mr. Merrill departed. Selectman Dawson suggested placing the complaint form information on the Town's website.

(49:30 into the movie)
Town Administrator (Joyce Fulweiler):
- Donahue Tucker Engagement Letter for attorney to review the Metrocast Resolution: Joyce explained it was a standard letter to prevent conflict of interest. There was confusion of "future conflicts" language. Joyce will have Jesse look at the letter, she will ask Attorney Miller for clarification.
  - The Board signed the letter to be sent to Metrocast requesting information to be forwarded to the assessor for utility taxing.
- MS-1: Joyce reviewed the abatements, Veteran’s Credits and Elderly Exemptions.
There was a brief discussion of Bittern Lane. Joyce explained the ball is in the applicant's court. The Board agreed Joyce could reach out to her to see if she plans to move forward.

- Winnisquam Class V Road ownership: project is on hold. Selectman Dawson suggested preparing an RFP now to be sent out this fall for work to begin in the spring.

- FYI - Fairpoint did file tax appeal with Belknap County Superior Court. Attorney Ratigan will respond. The Town prevailed in the Zoning Board matter with Windy Hill.

(1:15 into the movie)

NhSolar Garden Presentation (Andrew Kellar):
Mr. Kellar came before the Board to present information on a Pilot (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program. He distributed a one page overview for the Board’s review which highlighted the tax PILOT rate, and Solar Rebate PPA Energy Rate. Chuck Mitchell of the Conservation Commission presented a map of the location on School Street.

Selectman Dawson asked how many panels would be placed on the property. Mr. Kellar estimated 3,000 panels per MW, approximately 12 to 15,000 panels. He explained the PILOT was a stand alone component on the taxation of the solar panels; the solar rebate rate is consistent with their business model so everyone can benefit from the solar power, receiving a 10% reduction off electric supply rates.

There was a period of questions and answers where Mr. Kellar confirmed the land would be taken out of current use and the NhSolar Garden would pay the change of use tax on the property. He explained the PILOT program needs to be in place in order to ensure the project is economically feasible.

There was a question of reflection from the panels. Mr. Kellar explained there were no lights and no sound from the panels.

Selectman Scanlon asked about the stability of the company and what would happen in case of bankruptcy. Mr. Kellar addressed the concern noting there is a decommissioning bond in place as part of the conditions of the planning board approval. There are also policies and regulations in place for protection of such scenarios. Selectman Scanlon asked that Tilton Residents get priority on the waitlist.

Selectman Saint John voiced a concern of the length of the contract. Mr. Kellar explained there could be a 10 year check point were the rates could be adjusted up or down based on the actuals.

Selectman Dawson opened the discussion to the public for comments or questions. Chuck Mitchell asked about the current rate being paid by Eversource to Nh Solar Garden. He mentioned that an acquaintance was getting 2 cents a kilowatt hour from his solar panels whereas the town residents would be receiving less with Nh Solar Garden. He also asked if Tilton residents could sign on to the Sanbornton project and receive electricity from that town instead of the Tilton project and he was told yes.
Kathi Mitchell asked about the agreement with Sanbornton for 20 years but with a revisit after ten years. While that will occur for Sanbornton, Mr. Kellar said they would not be modifying the arrangement; it would just be a review.

With nothing further, Selectman Dawson stated the information would be forwarded to the Town’s Assessor, and Mr. Kellar may be invited back.

(2:07 into the movie)

Chief Robert Cormier:

No Parking Signs: The Chief explained the safety issue at 5 Academy Street when a car is parked along the side of the road. He further explained how on 13 West Street from in front of the house to the intersection of Chestnut Street, not only could the garbage truck not get through, it was dangerous to have cars there. The Chief noted the dangerousness at the crest of the hill on Academy Street; hence, posting of the signs. He noted there needs to be two safe lanes in front of 5 Academy Street.

Selectman Consentino voiced her objection of the process and protocol of the signs being posted. She apologized to the residents for not notifying them ahead of time before posting those "No Parking" signs. Selectman Fogg reminded the Board of the traffic engineer's information which had not been addressed. Selectman Dawson noted various amendments to the traffic ordinance(s), some of which states the police are in charge of road safety. She also noted the parking ordinance has contradictions and should be reviewed. Selectman Scanlon questioned why his street (Morrison Ave) was not posted with no parking signs. He suggested all streets under two lanes wide when cars are parked on the sides, should be posted No parking. Selectman Scanlon also suggested the streets where trucks need accessibility could be posted for certain days and times. He agreed all of these matters need to be brought to the full Board for discussion.

The Chief agreed, suggesting a study be done with members of the selectboard, the fire department, and an officer, to go out and view the streets for hazardous conditions.

Patricia Garcia of #9 Academy Street asked the definition of the "crest of the hill". (Chief Cormier showed her a picture pointing out the crest). There was again a suggestion of making Academy Street a one way.

There was further discussion of blocking a travel lane, parking in the roadways and enforcing traffic control. Selectman Consentino moved, seconded by Selectman Scanlon to remove all the recently posted no parking signs, until the matter is resolved. No discussion. Motion failed, 3 to 2. Selectman Fogg, Saint John and Dawson opposed.

Selectman Scanlon moved, seconded by Selectman Consentino, to remove all the no parking signs with the exception of the one on the crest of the hill in front of #5 Academy Street. Discussion: Chief explained the sign stating here to corner was corrected, the one in front of 5 Academy should stay. Motion carried 4 to 1. Selectman Dawson opposed.

Selectman Fogg asked if the highway department could measure the non "tree streets" for their widths. Selectman Scanlon asked if Tony from Pinard could indicate the problem streets his garbage trucks have issues with.
(3:00 into the movie:)

Non Public Session - Personnel:
At approximately 7:45 p.m. Selectman Dawson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Consentino, to enter into a Non-Public session as per NH RSA 91-A:3, as it pertains to personnel. On an affirmative, roll call vote by all members, motion adopted unanimously.

At approximately 8:45 p.m. Selectman Consentino moved, seconded by Selectman Fogg to seal the minutes, as they pertain to personnel, permanently. On an affirmative, roll call vote, motion adopted unanimously.

Selectman Dawson suggested getting the new PD building committee formed as soon as possible. Joyce will contact the interested parties and come up with a date and time which works for everyone to meet.

Acceptance of Donation:
Selectman Consentino moved, seconded by Selectman Dawson, to accept a donation from Cindy and Laney Clark, in the amount of $100.00 for the Tilton Senior Center. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vicy Virgin Food Drive:
Selectman Consentino discussed various dates to choose for this year's annual food drive. Saturday, October 14th will be first choice. Gayle will check with Market Basket to see if that date is available.

Selectman Consentino reported the Senior Center Executive Committee had paid for the lights to be replaced. Motion sensors have been added, however; the electrician discovered other issues with the lights for the stage. It was the consensus of the Board to have the electrician make the repairs.

Selectman Consentino reported she had received a letter from Jim Clements, representative from the Lakes Region Charitable Fund, presenting the Senior Center with a grant of $500.00. Selectman Consentino moved, seconded by Selectman Dawson to accept that donation. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a question of when the construction project on Winter Street would be complete. Joyce will contact D.O.T. and the Water Company.

Adjournment:
At approximately 8:45 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Fogg moved, seconded by Selectman Scanlon to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 4:45 p.m.