

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Ann Banash and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant

Finance Committee: Alden Booth, Timmie Smith, Claire Chang, and Ronnie LaChance

The meeting opened with a discussion of meeting protocol – the need to let people know if anyone has a time constraint, and the need for someone to facilitate the flow of the meeting.

Ray explained updated handouts for the Assessor's budget request (FY13 projections have been added) and the Police Department's request (descriptions of the various salary lined have been clarified). Timmie reminded everyone of the request made by the Police Chief during his budget meeting for an additional \$10,000 to provide part time officers to cover his and the Sergeant's vacation and holiday time.

In a discussion of a budget allocation for the inactive, one-member Recreation Committee, it was suggested that the traditional \$3,000 Rec budget be removed from the Omnibus and made a special article for Town Meeting, in order to highlight the need for more members if the Rec programs are to continue. Ray will include a plea for members in the next newsletter as well.

Due to schedule conflicts, there will not be a budget meeting on June 5th. To offset the loss, a meeting was scheduled for June 3rd at 6:00pm.

School Security Measures: Questions were raised about security-related improvements at Gill Elementary School, and what plans the District had for similar measures at the Hillcrest/Sheffield buildings owned by Montague. Ray will check with Montague's Town Administrator to see if the District has approached Montague to pay for security upgrades at Hillcrest/Sheffield.

Alden left the meeting at 7:03pm. The Finance Committee adjourned at 7:03pm due to the lack of a quorum.

Ray was asked to invite Michael Sullivan, the new GMRSD Superintendent, to the June 11 Annual Town Meeting. Representative Denise Andrews will be invited also.

Adjournment: The Selectboard adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk