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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
*March 24, 2014*

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash (remote)

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant; Janet Masucci, David Detmold.

John stated that he received a request from Ann Banash to participate remotely in today's meeting for reasons of geographic distance (Florida). It was noted that meetings with a remote participant must use roll call for all votes.

Minutes: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to accept the minutes from 2/10 and to release and accept the minutes of the executive session of 7/22/13. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Krejmas joined the meeting.

Schuetzen Verein Seasonal Liquor License: Ann made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the seasonal liquor license for the Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein. Randy disclosed that although he is not a member, he has been proposed for membership, and that he does a lot with the organization. John – yes; Ann – yes; Randy – abstain. The motion passed 2-0.

Sewer Commitment: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to sign the sewer commitment with a bill date of March 11, 2014 in the amount of \$20,900.98. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Use of Town Hall: Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to authorize the use of the Town Hall by Amy Gordon for the ACT After School Drama Program with students from Gill Elementary. Rehearsals for the program begin May 7<sup>th</sup> and the event culminates with three performances at the end of May. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to authorize the use of the Town Hall for Energy Commission workshops on three Saturday mornings this fall – Solar Hot Air Heating on 9/27, Home Weatherization on 10/25, and Winserts on 11/8. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Orders: The Selectboard reviewed and signed a Fire Department purchase order for \$700 to Rose Ledge Repairs for the replacement of the gas tank on the Rescue Van. They also approved a Highway Department purchase order for \$1,497 to Champlain Valley Equipment for a wheel & caster assembly for the loader's power broom attachment.

Veterinarian Bill: The Selectboard discussed an invoice submitted to the Town by Brookside Animal Hospital for treatment of an injured stray cat that was found along Route 2 in Gill and brought in for medical care. According to MGL 140-151B, treatment of a stray dog or cat can be billed to the town where the injury may have occurred in an amount not to exceed \$250. This is the first time in memory that this has happened. Noting that future amounts may need to be reduced to the statutory maximum if this situation occurs more frequently, Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to pay the full invoice of \$373 using money from the Dog Revolving Fund. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Boyle Lot Lease: Ray recommended that the Selectboard exercise the optional second year of the Town's lease with Brian Peila for the use of the 2-acre Boyle Lot as cropland/hayfield. The rent will be \$155.00. Randy made a

motion, seconded by Ann, to renew the lease as recommended. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mariamante Field Bid: Ray outlined a plan to bid out the use of the Mariamante property as a hayfield for one year with two one-year renewal options. This will preserve the Town's ability to otherwise develop the property, but also give some security to the farmer that any improvements to the field (lime, manure) will not be at risk year-to-year to other farmers. The Selectboard approved the plan. Bids will be due on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

FRCOG Diesel Bid: The Town will again participate in the FRCOG's cooperative bid for diesel fuel, at the same 6,500-gallon level as prior years. In order to allow an award decision within 3 days of the May 13<sup>th</sup> bid opening, Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to authorize Ray to award the diesel bid on behalf of the Town. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Fuel Oil Contract & Bid: Ray reported that Global Montello Corporation was the winning bidder for the delivery of fuel oil. The bid was conducted by the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. Although now might be a good time to lock in the gallons for next year's fuel oil, it was decided to postpone the decision for another month or two, due to uncertainty about the type of heating systems that will be in the Library, Town Hall, and Riverside Building. Later, at the end of the meeting, Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to award the bid and sign the fuel oil delivery contract with Global Montello Corp. The motion passed 2-0.

Claire Chang joined the meeting.

Fire Department Helmets & Opticoms: The Selectboard reviewed a request from the Fire Chief to use \$640 (plus shipping charges) from the NMH Donation Account to purchase four Opticom traffic signal preemption devices that can be used to control the traffic lights at the Main Road/Route 2 intersection. Ann suggested also using the NMH account to purchase new fire helmets and a "blitz" nozzle, two things that were mentioned at the 3/19 budget meeting with the Fire Department. The current helmets are old and no longer meet safety standards. Replacements are estimated to cost \$400 each, and 24 are needed. The blitz nozzle will spray water in a fixed pattern without needing any firefighters to operate it. Its cost is approximately \$4,300. During discussion, there was support for the Opticoms and helmets, but it was felt that more information is needed about the blitz nozzle.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to authorize the purchase of the Opticom devices and fire helmets using funds from the NMH Donation Account. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Appointment: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Joshua Day as a firefighter effective March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann Banash left the meeting.

Hose Inventory: The Selectboard discussed a fire hose inventory that was received from the Fire Department. They asked Ray to thank the Department for the information, and to request several more pieces of information – the expected life of the fire hose that we have, and the ideal quantity we should have of each type of hose.

Fence Viewer Request: 6:00 PM. Larry Krejmas, of 444 Main Road, met with the Selectboard in their role as Fence Viewers of the Town. He explained that he is in the process of selling his property, and is having difficulty identifying where his boundaries and fence lines are. He believes one boundary pin at the north corner of his property may have been removed during the Main Road renovation project 6-7 years ago. He is fairly sure where his other property lines are, but would like assistance to find and confirm them.

There was a discussion about Mr. Krejmas's request versus the legal duties of Fence Viewers. Some online research during the meeting indicated that Fence Viewers deal with livestock fences, and questions of their adequacy, fair location, and upkeep. Fence Viewers may not establish property boundaries. The Selectboard suggested that Mr. Krejmas should consult with a land surveyor to find and establish his corners and boundaries. Mr. Krejmas left the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Green Community Grant & Clerical Assistance: Claire Chang, Chair of the Energy Commission, met with the Selectboard to discuss the possibility of using some of the Green Community Grant funds to hire a clerical assistant to work on paperwork related to the grant applications, reports, and energy projects for the buildings. The idea was first raised at the 3/19 budget meeting. The terms of the grant allow for up to 10% of the grant to be used for administrative costs, although no one is suggesting that much money is needed for the clerical assistant. There was support from the Selectboard for hiring such a person, but it was felt that a job description must be developed first. Claire and Ray will work on a draft of the job description.

A proposal from Bart Bales is expected to be received later tonight for a feasibility study of ground source heat pump systems for Town Hall and Riverside, and an air source heat pump system for the Library. The cost of the study is expected to be approximately \$6,900. Claire explained that while an earlier grant-funded audit by Bart Bales recommended new propane heating systems for the three buildings, there is now a consensus among the members of the Energy Commission that the Town should pursue non-fossil fuel technology for its buildings. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and DOER are sponsoring a new grant program that provides up to \$2,000/ton toward the installation of heat pump technologies.

There was discussion whether this switch away from propane amounts to changing horses mid-stream, and whether the energy conservation projects are becoming too complicated. It was also pointed out that by combining CEC grant funds with our Green Community Grant, the Town could now afford the greener, more efficient heat pump systems.

It was concluded that we need to get moving, and “shouldn’t let the perfect become the enemy of the good.” Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to authorize Ray to sign the contract for the heat pump feasibility study, so long as it is determined that it is an eligible expense within the Green Community Grant. The vote was 2-0 in the affirmative.

Project Updates: Now that the snow is melting and the ground is thawing, the Highway Department will be checking manholes along the Riverside sewer system, looking for possible locations where groundwater is entering the system. Ray reported that Hanrahan & Sons, the company that installed the current roof on the Safety Complex, does not recommend installing a pitched roof on that building, but he did not know their specific reasons. It was suggested the Town needs to have an architect or structural engineer examine the building and roof and make recommendations about the various options.

As for repairing the water-damaged areas of the building, Ray will share the two local quotes with MIIA in hopes of getting them to increase their claim allowance. Currently, MIIA will reimburse the Town \$4,448 (minus the \$1,000 deductible). However, the two quotes are for \$8,289 and \$11,150. The Highway Superintendent believes we could make the repairs ourselves for close to the MIIA amount, but the Selectboard questioned whether we would be getting reimbursed for any of our labor costs.

Municipal Aggregation: Ray reported that the Hampshire Council of Governments has filed Gill’s petition for municipal aggregation of electricity with the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities, along with the petitions and plans for the other 35 participating towns. A public hearing with the DPU is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Northampton. The Selectboard also received correspondence from John O’Rourke, the Director of Marketing Northeast for Good Energy, a private company that does municipal aggregation. It was pointed out that the 2010 Town Meeting vote directed the Selectboard to pursue municipal aggregation with the HCOG.

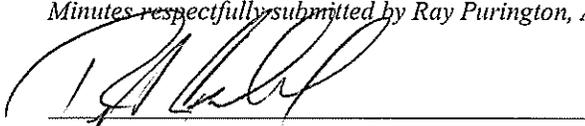
FRTA Update: John reported on a March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the FRTA Advisory Board. They have hired a company to perform a route analysis, and the analysis will include more collaboration with bordering regional transit authorities. Another company has been hired to redesign the FRTA’s assessment formula, with an eye toward making it so the FRTA staff and member towns can understand how it works. Assessments using the new formula won’t go into effect until FY16.

David Detmold left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

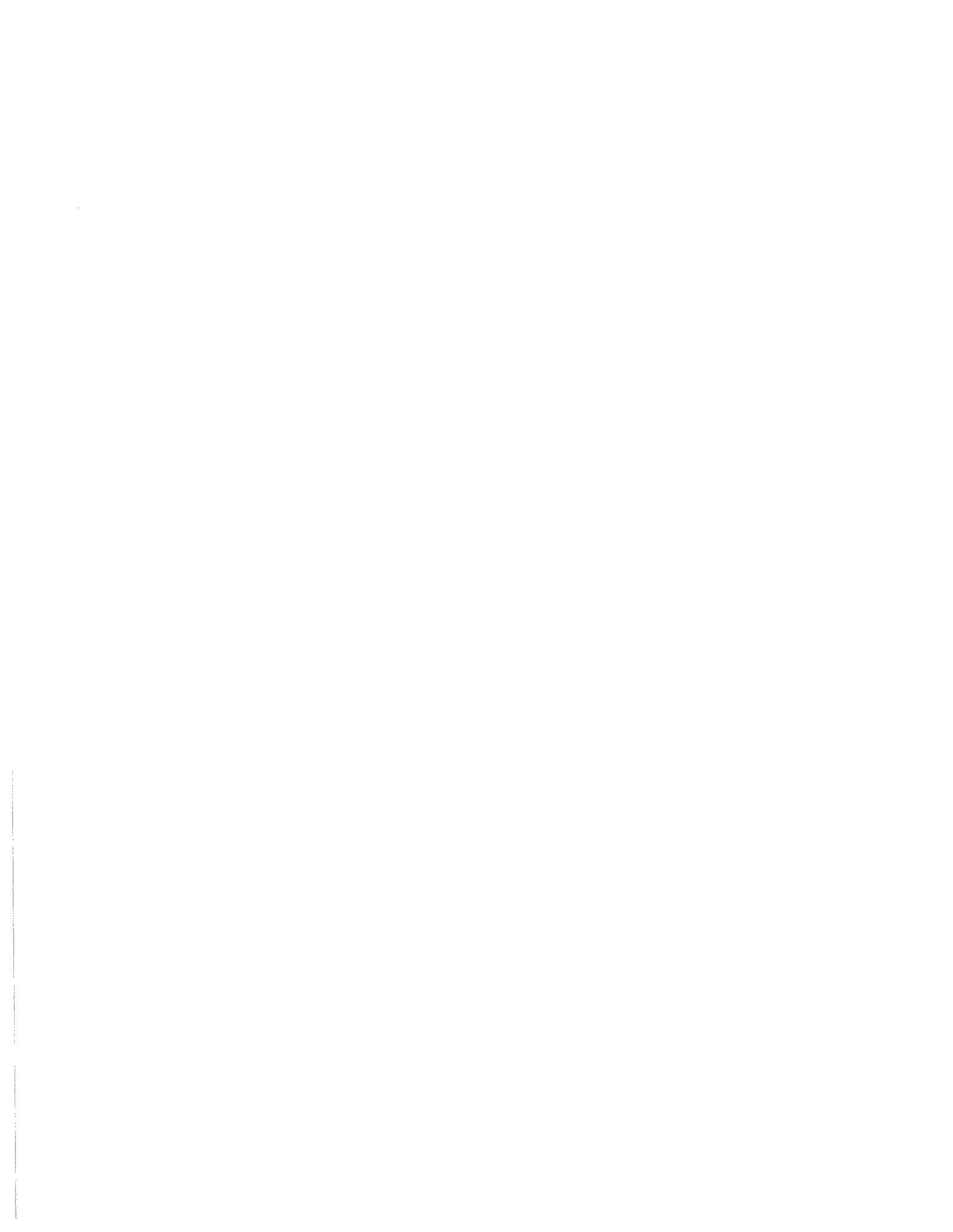
Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY 2014 warrant #20.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.*



Randy P. Crochier, Selectboard Clerk



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## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS Sewer Use Charges and Inspection Fees

To: Town Accountant

You are hereby notified that COMMITMENT(S) as shown below has (have) this day been made by the Board of Sewer Commissioners to Veronica LaChance, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges. Bill date is March 11, 2014.

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To: Veronica LaChance, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges for the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin:

You are hereby required to collect from the several persons named in the list dated February 27, 2014, herewith committed to you the amount of the sewer usage charges assessed therein to each such person, with penalties, the sum total of such list being Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred and 98/100 Dollars (\$20,900.98).

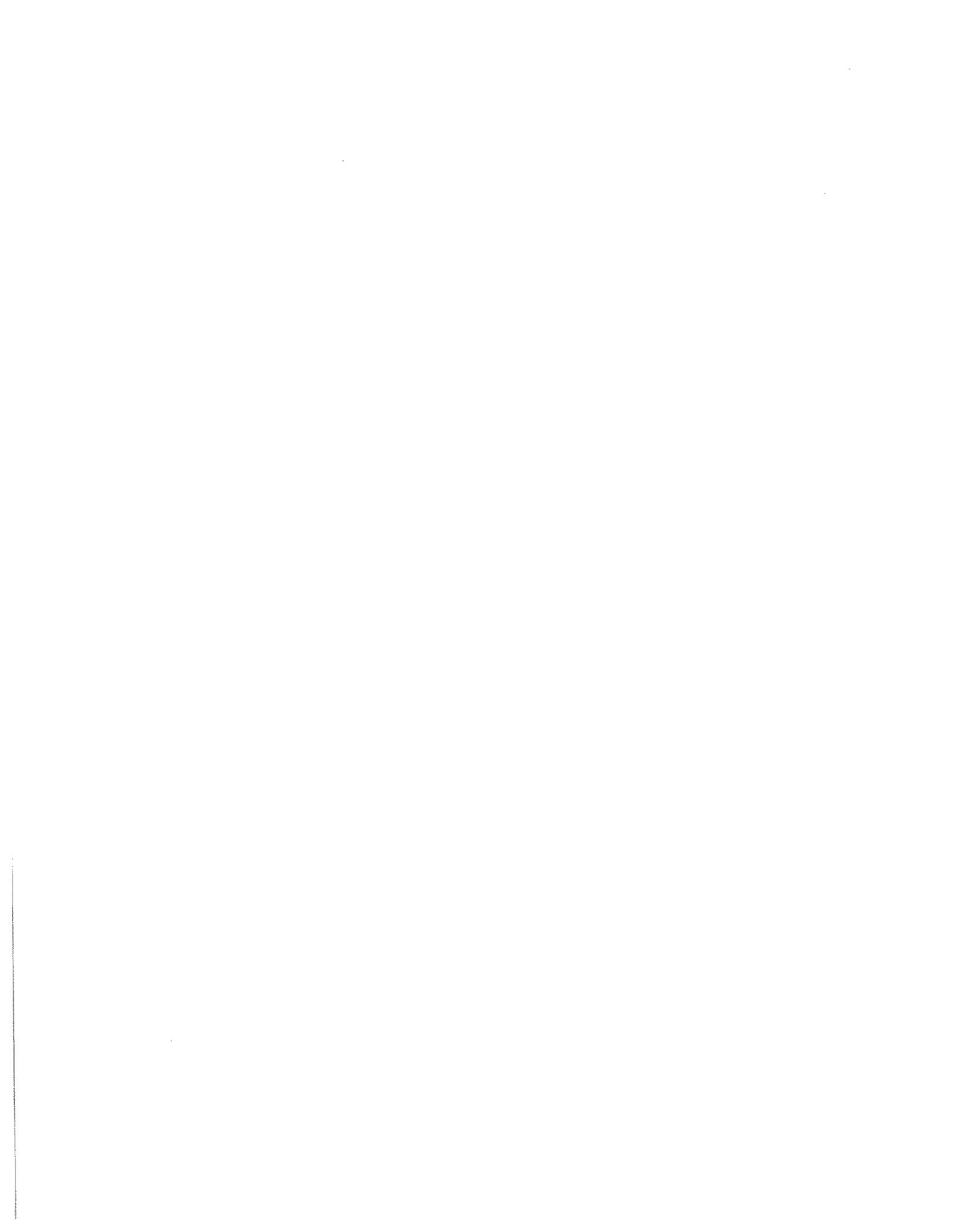
Given under our hands the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
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John R. Ward

  
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Randy Crochier

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Ann H. Banash

Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Gill



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TOWN FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

Name: Amy Gordon

Organization: ACT - After-School Drama Program at Gill Elementary School

Address: 48 Boyle Rd., Gill, MA [school]; 8 Setback Lane, Gill, MA 01354 (home)

Town/City: Gill State: MA

Daytime Phone: 413-883-0490 [cell] Evening Phone: Same

Facility Requested: Gill Town Hall Stage/Auditorium

Date(s) of Use: May 7, 2014 - May ~~31~~ 2014 (Mostly Wednesdays + Thursdays; Sat. May 17  
Fri: May 30)

Hour(s) of Use: 3:30 - 5:30 - on Weds. + Thurs. Performances May 28, 29, 30

Nature of Event: Performance of The Wizard of Oz - grades 4-6 of Gill School  
Elective participating

Number of Attendees: 18-20 children / 24 adults

A town employee, board member, or committee member must be present throughout the duration of the event. If you do not have such a member who volunteers to be present, a fee will be charged to provide one.

Is a town employee, board member, or committee member part of your organization? Y  N

If yes, what is his/her name? Amy Gordon / Conservation Commission / Town Forest Task Force

Fees:

Individual resident	Free
Individual non-resident	\$25 per event
Non-profit organization	\$10 per event
For profit organization	\$50 per event
If a town employee is necessary	\$25 per hour

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## TOWN FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

Name: Pamela Lester  
Organization: Gill Energy Commission  
Address: Main Rd  
Town/City: Gill State: MA  
Daytime Phone: 413-222-9674 Evening Phone: 413 863 4125  
Facility Requested: Town Hall  
Date(s) of Use: Sept. 27  
Hour(s) of Use: 8-2pm  
Nature of Event: Solar hot air heating workshop

Number of Attendees: 20-25

A town employee, board member, or committee member must be present throughout the duration of the event. If you do not have such a member who volunteers to be present, a fee will be charged to provide one.

Is a town employee, board member, or committee member part of your organization? Y\_\_ N\_\_

If yes, what is his/her name? self

### Fees:

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## TOWN FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

Name: Pamela Hester  
Organization: Gill Energy Commission  
Address: Main Rd  
Town/City: Gill State: MA  
Daytime Phone: 413-222-9674 Evening Phone: 413-863-4125  
Facility Requested: Town Hall  
Date(s) of Use: Oct. 25th  
Hour(s) of Use: 9-12:30 noon  
Nature of Event: Weatherize your home workshop  
Number of Attendees: 20-25

A town employee, board member, or committee member must be present throughout the duration of the event. If you do not have such a member who volunteers to be present, a fee will be charged to provide one.

Is a town employee, board member, or committee member part of your organization? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

If yes, what is his/her name? self

### Fees:

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Daytime Phone: 413-222-9674 Evening Phone: 413-863-4125  
Facility Requested: Town Hall  
Date(s) of Use: Nov 8th  
Hour(s) of Use: 8-1pm  
Nature of Event: Wingsert Workshop

Number of Attendees: 15-18

A town employee, board member, or committee member must be present throughout the duration of the event. If you do not have such a member who volunteers to be present, a fee will be charged to provide one.

Is a town employee, board member, or committee member part of your organization? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

If yes, what is his/her name? self

### Fees:

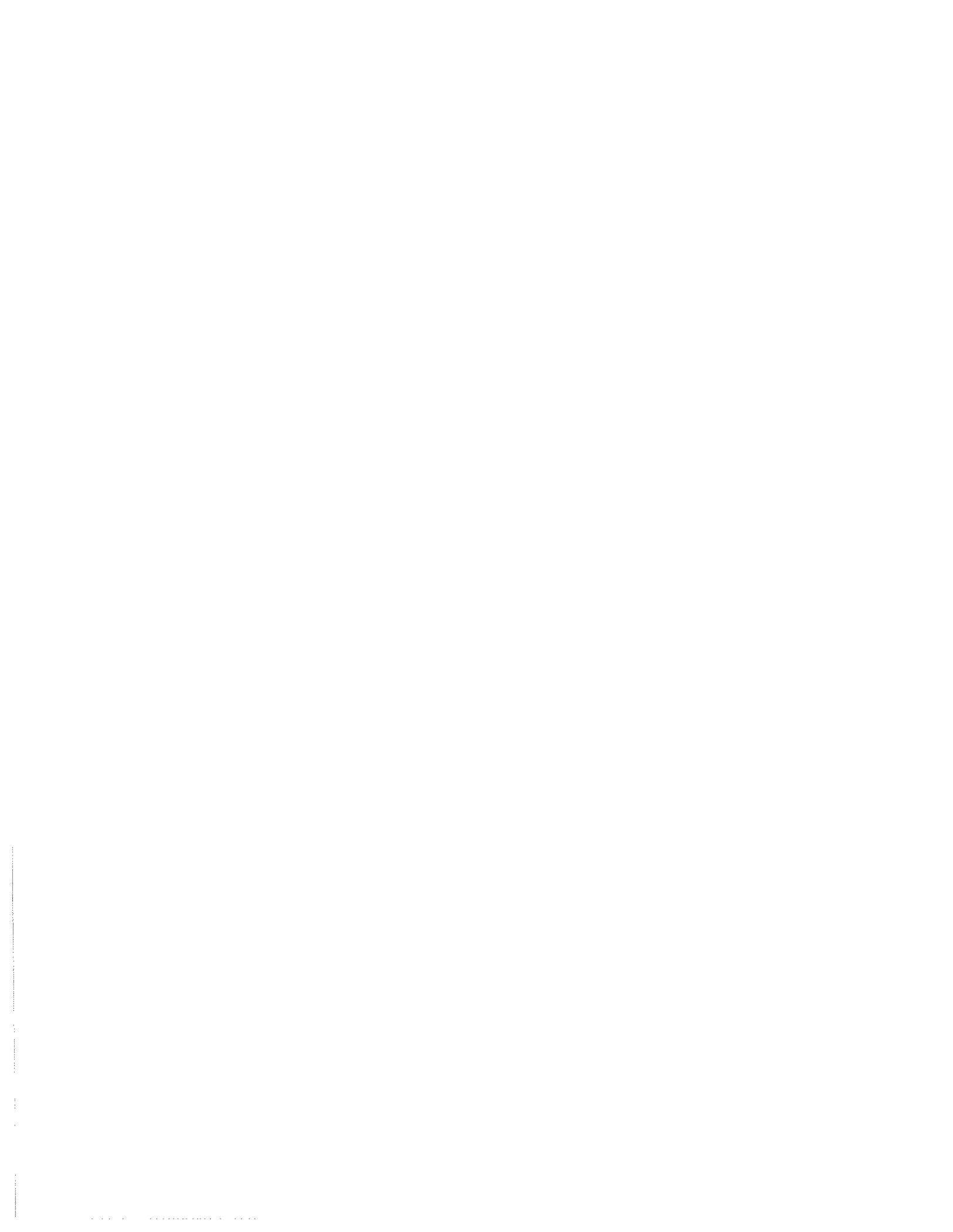
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PURCHASE ORDER

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TO

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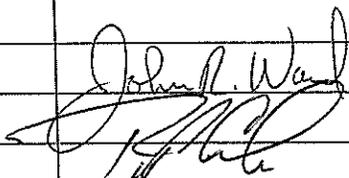
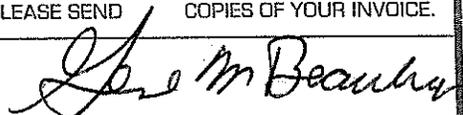
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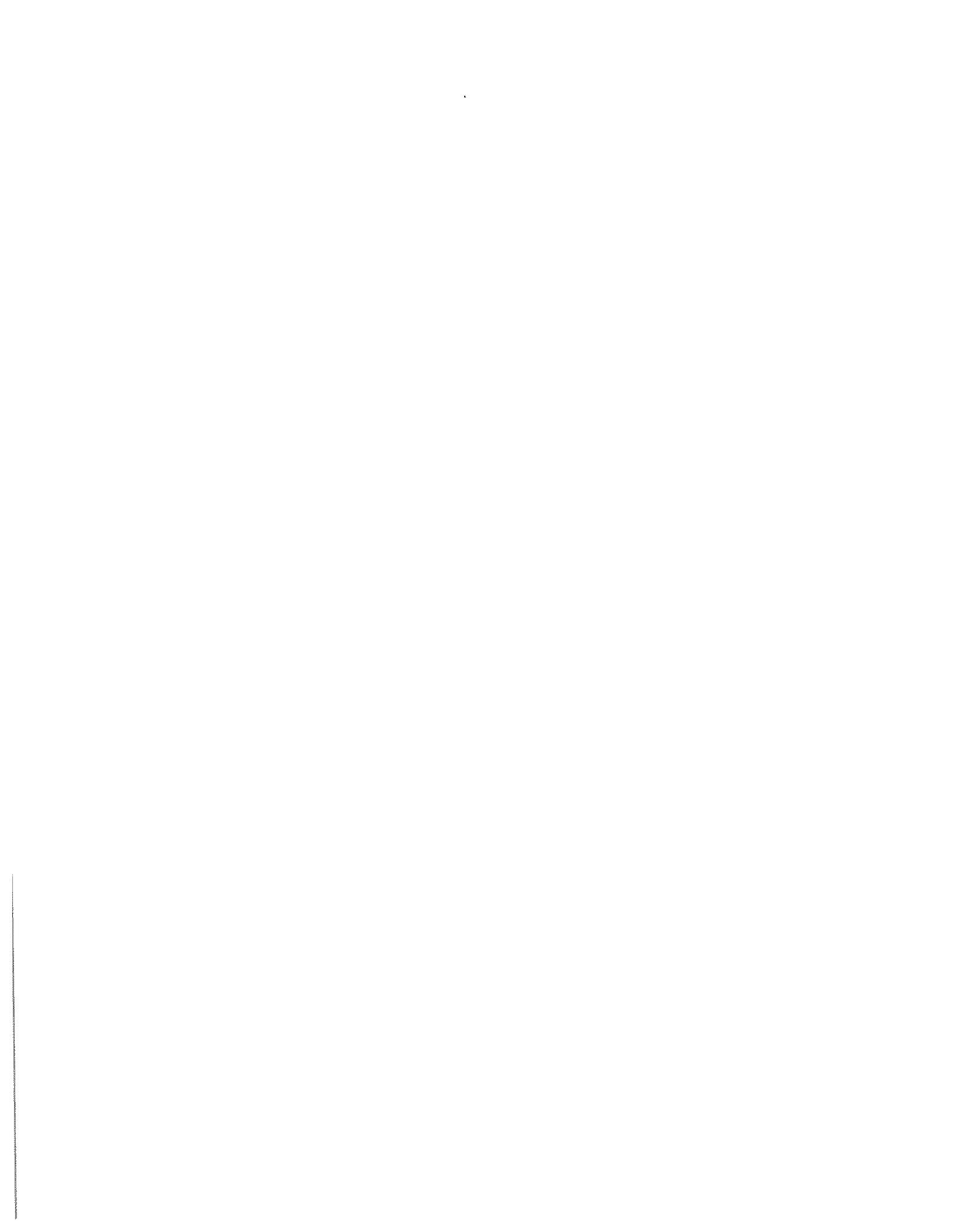
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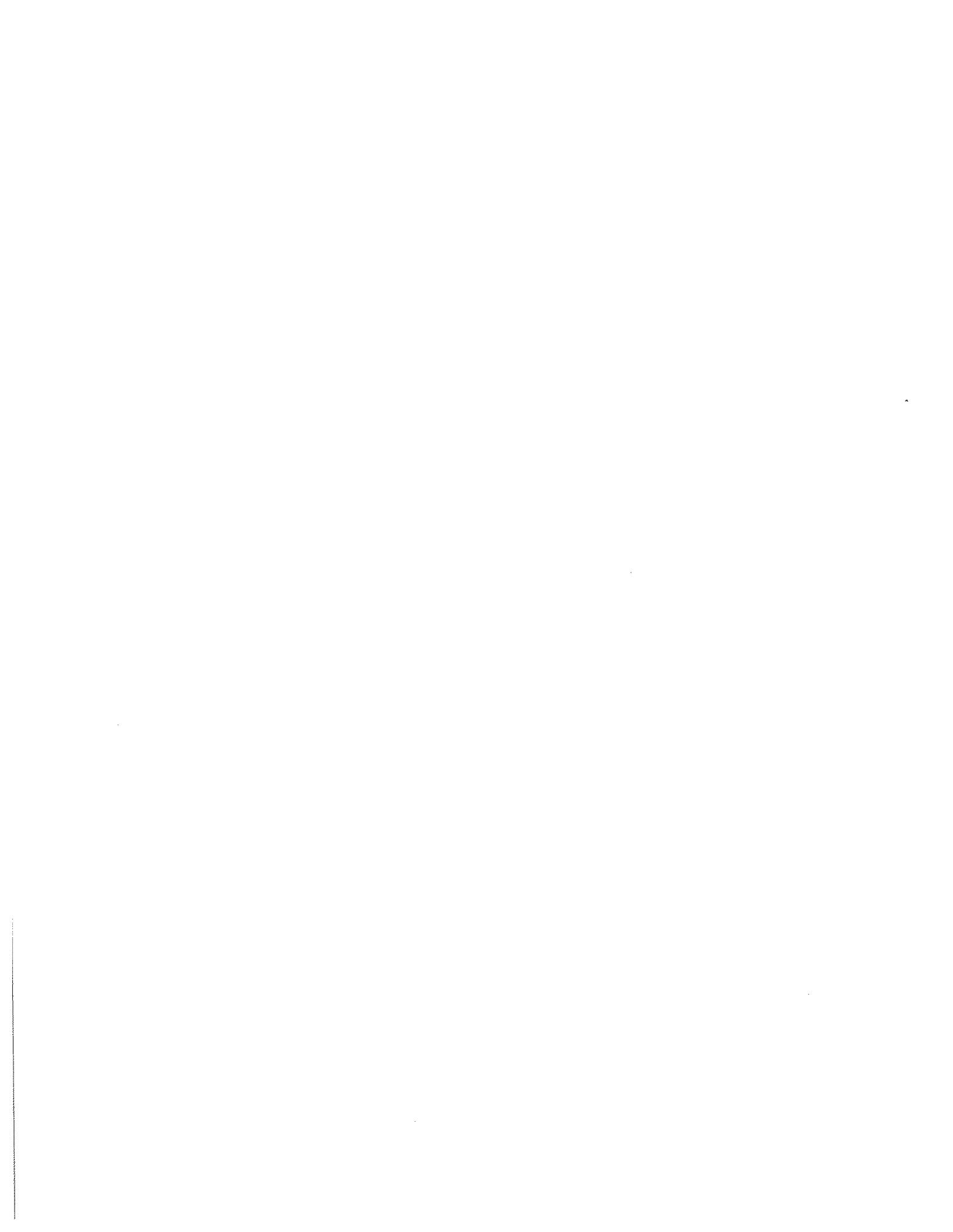
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FD Budget P.O.

REQ. NO.	FOR	DATE	
DATE REQUIRED	HOW SHIP	TERMS	
QUANTITY	PLEASE SUPPLY ITEMS LISTED BELOW	PRICE	UNIT
1			
2	Replace Rear Gas tank on <del>80</del> Rescue SI - Leaking, need new tank.		
3			
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8	Estimate	700.00	
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12			
<b>IMPORTANT</b>		PLEASE SEND COPIES OF YOUR INVOICE.	
OUR ORDER NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, PACKAGES, ETC.			
PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SHIP COMPLETE ORDER BY DATE SPECIFIED.			
		PURCHASING AGENT	







## Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

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**From:** Lynda Hodsdon Mayo/Gill Town Clerk [townclerk@gillmass.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** 'Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard'  
**Subject:** FW: Scan from Gill Town Hall Xerox 7328  
**Attachments:** img-319131451-0001.pdf

Acc \$ 373.00  
3/24/14  
pay W 14-21

MEMO

To: Selectboard  
Re: Injured animal  
From: Town Clerk

On 3/17/14 I received the attached invoice from Brookside Animal Hospital. They treated a stray cat picked up in Gill by Theresa Conti.

The bill was sent to the Town of Gill according to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 151B, which states that treatment to a stray dog or cat can be billed to the town from where the injury may have occurred in amount not to exceed \$250.00.

By calling the veterinarian, I found out there this invoice represents their full expense and that the cat is now in Foster care, where no further treatment or care costs are expected to be incurred.

A call to our Franklin County Regional Animal Care Shelter revealed no grants that might defray any of the cost, since they treat specifically dogs and not cats. They do hope to expand their care to cats in the future. However for now this is not a fit.

I have included a scan of the invoice along with the MGL that applies. I am looking for a response to how you would like me to be involved and how you intend to respond.

Thank you,

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo  
Town Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: XEROX 7328 [mailto:xerox7328@gillmass.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:15 PM  
To: townclerk@gillmass.org  
Subject: Scan from Gill Town Hall Xerox 7328

The attached file was scanned at the Gill Town Hall.

Number of Images: 3  
Attachment File Type: PDF

Device Name: XEROX 7328  
Device Location: Town Hall

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CHAPTER 140 LICENSES

Section 151B Emergency treatment of dogs or cats injured on ways; payment to veterinarians

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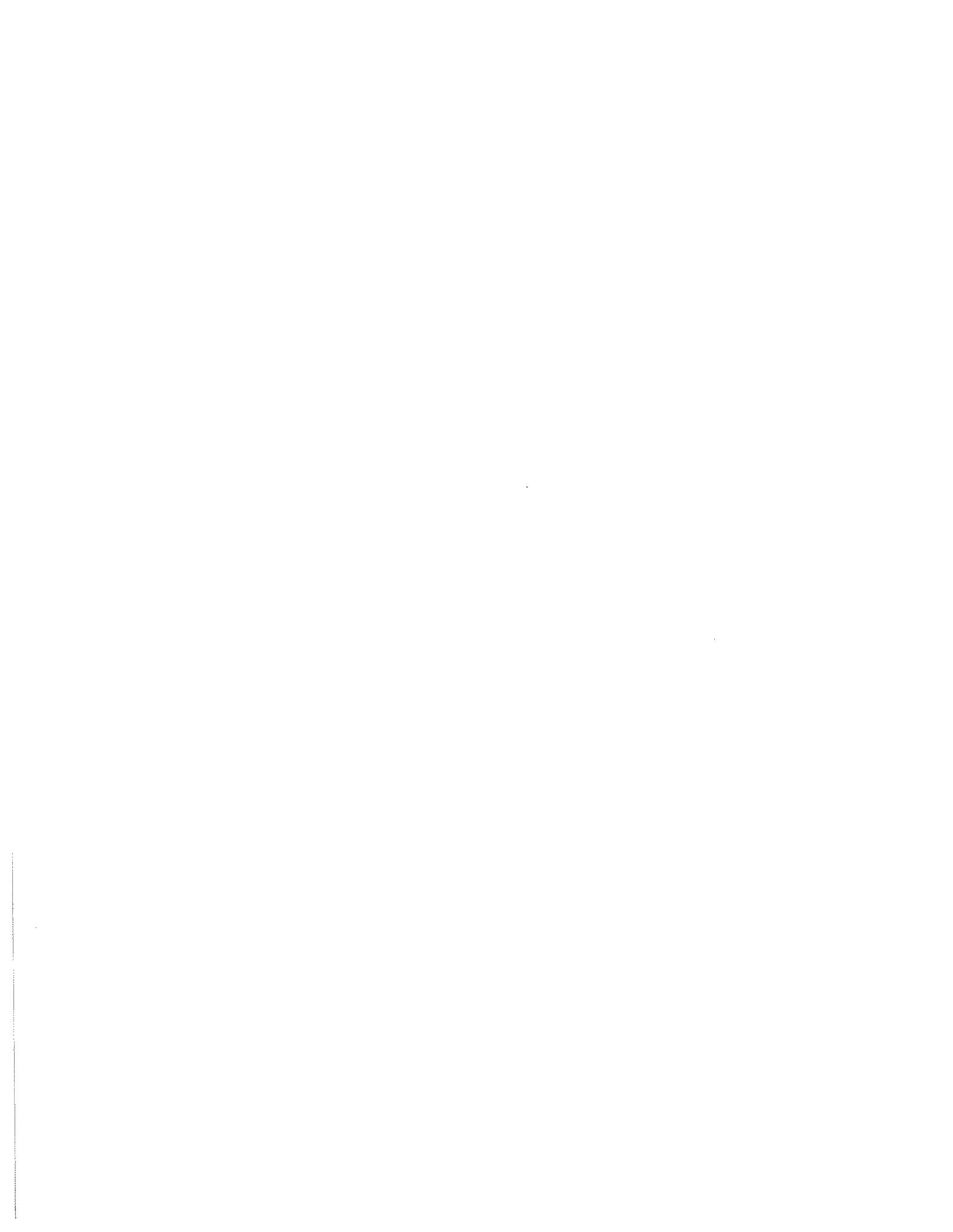
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 279 Plain Road  
 Greenfield, MA 01301  
 (413) 774-5151

STATEMENT

Date: 3/13/2014  
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TOWN OF GILL  
 MAIN RD  
 GILL, MA 01376

Account: 4106

Date	Description/Patient	Invoice No/Type	Charges	Payments
3/12/2014	Balance Forward		373.00	
			373.00	0.00

This cat was found on Route 2 by Megan (owner of Mighty Clean Matt) on her way to work the morning of February 26<sup>th</sup>. He was found near the old nursery near the Wagon Wheel restaurant. Please call with any questions.

Thanks,  
 Marcia

Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Amount Due
373.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	373.00

PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE ACCEPT VISA AND MASTERCARD. \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT A 1.5% MONTHLY INTEREST FEE WILL BE ASSESSED TO ALL BALANCES OVER 30 DAYS PAST DUE \*\*\*

Brookside Animal Hospital  
 279 Plain Road  
 Greenfield, MA 01301  
 (413) 774-5151

Invoice: 3/5/2014  
 45229

Acc. No: 4106  
 Phone: (863-8103)

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 MAIN RD  
 GILL, MA 01376

Patient: STRAY  
 Species: ~~CANINE~~  
 Breed: Husky Mix  
 Color:  
 Provider: Edward Funk, DVM  
 DOB: 6/15/1998  
 Age: 15 yr  
 Sex: ML  
 Tag:  
 Weight: 8.80 lb

STRAY

Service/Item	Date	Qty	Price	Amount
OFFICE VISIT & EXAM-T.C.	3/5/2014	1.00	\$49.00	\$49.00

T.C. IS A STRAY CAT FOUND ON RT. 2 IN GILL APPARENTLY HIT BY A CAR. BROUGHT IN BY THRESA CONTI.

DEXAMETHASONE INJECTION	3/5/2014	1.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
ANTIBIOTIC INJECTION	3/5/2014	2.00	\$22.00	\$44.00
SUB Q FLUIDS (LRS/NSAL) 150ML	3/5/2014	2.00	\$9.00	\$18.00
ANESTHESIA IM	3/5/2014	1.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
WIRE JAW, CASTRATE	3/5/2014	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
NURSING CARE	3/5/2014	1.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
DOCTOR SUPERVISION	3/5/2014	1.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
WARD OCCUPANCY-CAT	3/5/2014	5.00	\$16.00	\$80.00

Tax	\$0.00
Discount	\$0.00
Net Invoice	\$373.00
Previous Balance	\$0.00
Payment	\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$373.00</b>

PLEASE ALLOW 24 HOURS TO PROCESS YOUR MEDICATION REFILLS

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LEASE

This lease agreement entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, by and between the Town of Gill, Lessor, and Brian Peila of Gill, Massachusetts, Lessee;

Witnesses that in consideration of the sum of One hundred fifty five dollars (\$155.00) paid to Lessor, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Lessor agrees to lease to Lessee the following premises situated in the Town of Gill, County of Franklin, Massachusetts:

The so-called Boyle Lot, of approximately two acres, located at or near Gill Center;

Lessee, his successors and assigns to hold the premises for the term commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014 and ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015.

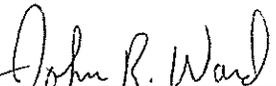
The premises are to be used by the Lessee for cropland only;

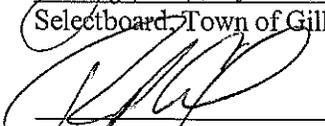
Lessee may not assign this lease or sublet any part of the premises without the consent of the Lessor;

Lessee shall deliver up the premises on the expiration date of this lease in as good condition as they are now, effects of reasonable use excepted.

Lessor or its agents may reasonably request access to the premises to investigate potential future use of the partial or total premises as a cemetery. Investigation may include walking or surveying the premises and its boundaries, conducting percolation tests, and similar activities. Such actions by the Lessor or its agents shall not significantly damage or interfere with any crop or harvest. Requests for access shall not be unreasonably refused by the Lessee.

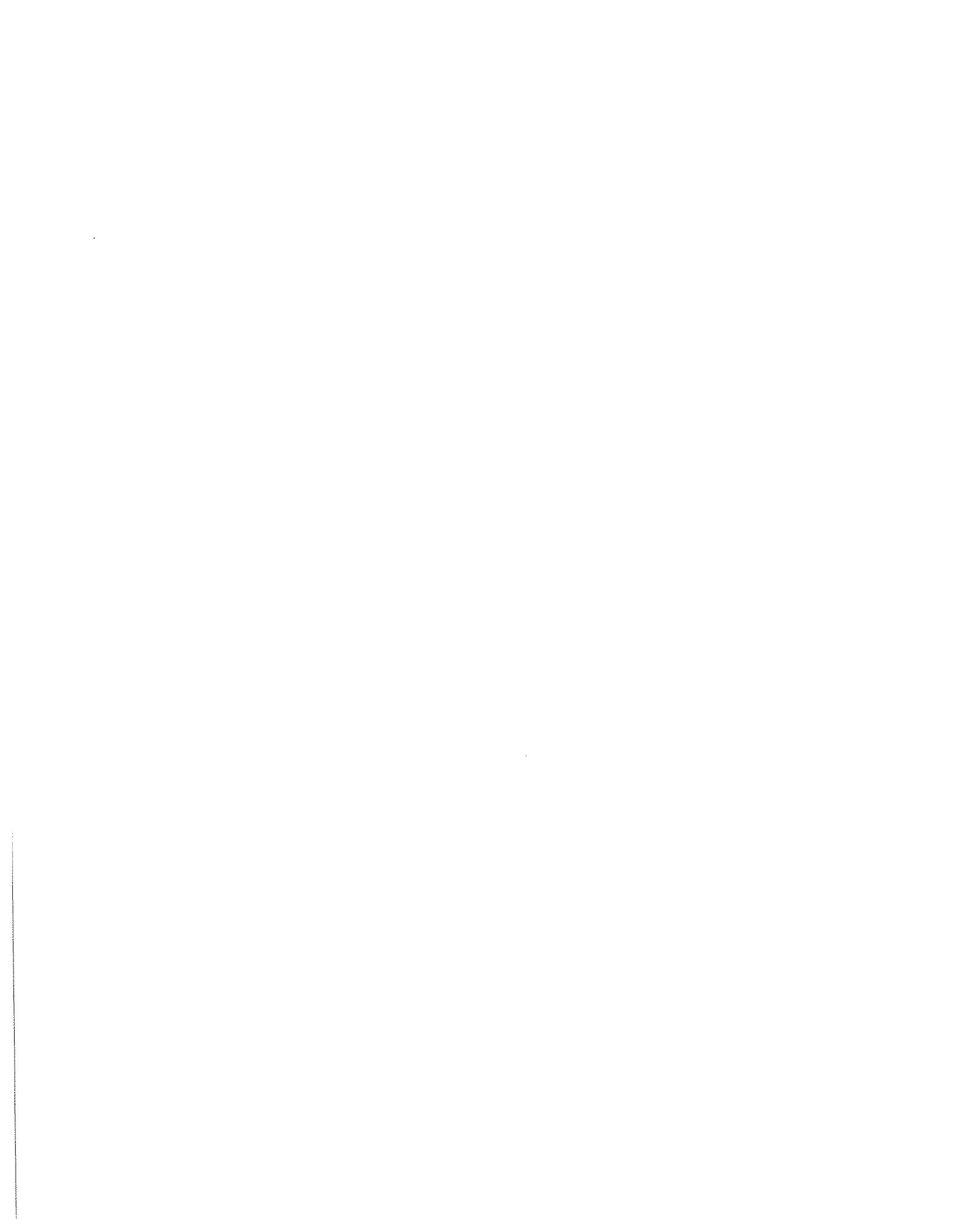
In witness whereof, Lessor and Lessee have executed this lease on the date written above.

  
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Selectboard, Town of Gill, Lessor

  
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Selectboard, Town of Gill, Lessor

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Brian Peila, Lessee

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Selectboard, Town of Gill, Lessor





# Gill Fire Department

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## Gill Selectboard

The Gill Fire Department would like to use NMH funds to purchase four "opti coms" to be placed in the fire apparatus. These opti coms control the traffic signal lights( preemption), to make our travel through an intersection safer. We installed one in our Engine 2 a couple of years ago, in anticipation of the system coming to the Main Road/ Road 2 intersection, as these are universal and work in Greenfield as well.

The cost is \$160/ unit from Strobes and More, so the total cost will be \$640 plus any shipping charges.

The four additional units will be installed in Engine1,3, Brush and Squad.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene M. Beaubien".

Gene M. Beaubien



## **Gill Fire Department Hose Inventory**

### **Large Diameter (4" X 100') Supply Hose (In Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1986	17
1994	19
2005	3
2013	10

### **Large Diameter (4" X 100') Supply Hose (Out of Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1986	11
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### **Large Diameter (4" X 25') Hydrant Supply Hose (In Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1994	6
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### **Large Diameter (4" X 25') Hydrant Supply Hose (Out of Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1994	2
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### **Large Volume (2-1/2" X 50') Attack Hose (In Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1979	15
1986	8
1994	8

### **Large Volume (2-1/2" X 50') Attack Hose (Out of Service)**

**Date of Manufacture    Number of Lengths**

1979	0
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## Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

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**From:** Kenneth Elstein [kelstein@hampshirecog.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:11 PM  
**To:** Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard  
**Cc:** Todd Ford; Ann-Renee Larouche  
**Subject:** Good News: DPU schedules Public Hearing on April 15th

Ray,

We have good news!

Acting quickly on your town's petition for Municipal Aggregation (Community Choice Aggregation/CCA) of electricity for residential and business customers, the state Department of Public Utilities has scheduled a public hearing for all 36 participating towns and cities.

- Tuesday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00 PM
- Northampton Municipal Building, Main Street, Northampton

We hope that you or other representatives of your town would appear in person to make a short statement in support of your town's petition. At Town Meetings and City Councils throughout Central and Western Massachusetts, communities voted to participate in this program. They will use the combined purchasing power of 150,000 people to obtain lower prices for electricity, under the auspices of a local, regional governmental entity, the Hampshire Council of Governments.

Before the hearing, we are planning light refreshments here at the Old Courthouse, 99 Main Street, Northampton. Please RSVP to [arlarouche@hampshirecog.org](mailto:arlarouche@hampshirecog.org) (413-584-1300 x-157).

Following is a list of our participating communities and the Docket Filing Number for each. Written statements should be addressed to Ms. Ann Berwick, Chair, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston MA 02110.

Thank you.

Best,

Ken

Town of Barre, D.P.U. 14-10	Town of Leverett, D.P.U. 14-39
Town of Belchertown, D.P.U. 14-11	Town of Mendon, D.P.U. 14-19
Town of Brookfield, D.P.U. 14-12	Town of Middlefield, D.P.U. 14-40
Town of Charlemont, D.P.U. 14-13	Town of Montague, D.P.U. 14-41
Town of Chesterfield, D.P.U. 14-30	Town of New Braintree, D.P.U. 14-20
Town of Conway, D.P.U. 14-31	Town of North Brookfield, D.P.U. 14-21
Town of Cummington, D.P.U. 14-32	City of Northampton, D.P.U. 14-22
Town of Deerfield, D.P.U. 14-33	Town of Northfield, D.P.U. 14-42
Town of East Brookfield, D.P.U. 14-14	Town of Pelham, D.P.U. 14-43
Town of Gill, D.P.U. 14-35	Town of Plainfield, D.P.U. 14-44
Town of Goshen, D.P.U. 14-15	Town of Rowe, D.P.U. 14-23
Town of Granby, D.P.U. 14-16	Town of Upton, D.P.U. 14-24

Town of Great Barrington, D.P.U. 14-17  
Town of Hadley, D.P.U. 14-36  
Town of Hampden, D.P.U. 14-29  
Town of Hatfield, D.P.U. 14-37  
Town of Heath, D.P.U. 14-18  
Town of Huntington, D.P.U. 14-38

Town of Warwick, D.P.U. 14-25  
Town of Wendell, D.P.U. 14-26  
Town of West Brookfield, D.P.U. 14-27  
Town of Westhampton, D.P.U. 14-46  
Town of Whately, D.P.U. 14-47  
Town of Williamsburg, D.P.U. 14-28

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March 1, 2014

Rec'd 3/4/14

Mr. John R. Ward  
Select Board Chair  
Town Hall  
325 Main Road  
Gill, MA 01354

Re: Municipal Electricity Aggregation

Dear Select Board Chair Ward:

We had a very good exploratory meeting with FRCOG Executive Director, Linda Dunlavy, Director of Planning & Development, Peggy Sloan, and Director of Regional Services, Robert Dean, concerning electricity aggregation for the municipalities in the FRCOG service area.

The FRCOG is interested in providing beneficial programs and services to the municipalities it serves. Aside from aggregating the electricity loads of the residents and businesses in the FRCOG service area, Good Energy, L.P., is interested in aggregating the electricity loads of the school districts and could provide very competitive pricing and terms.

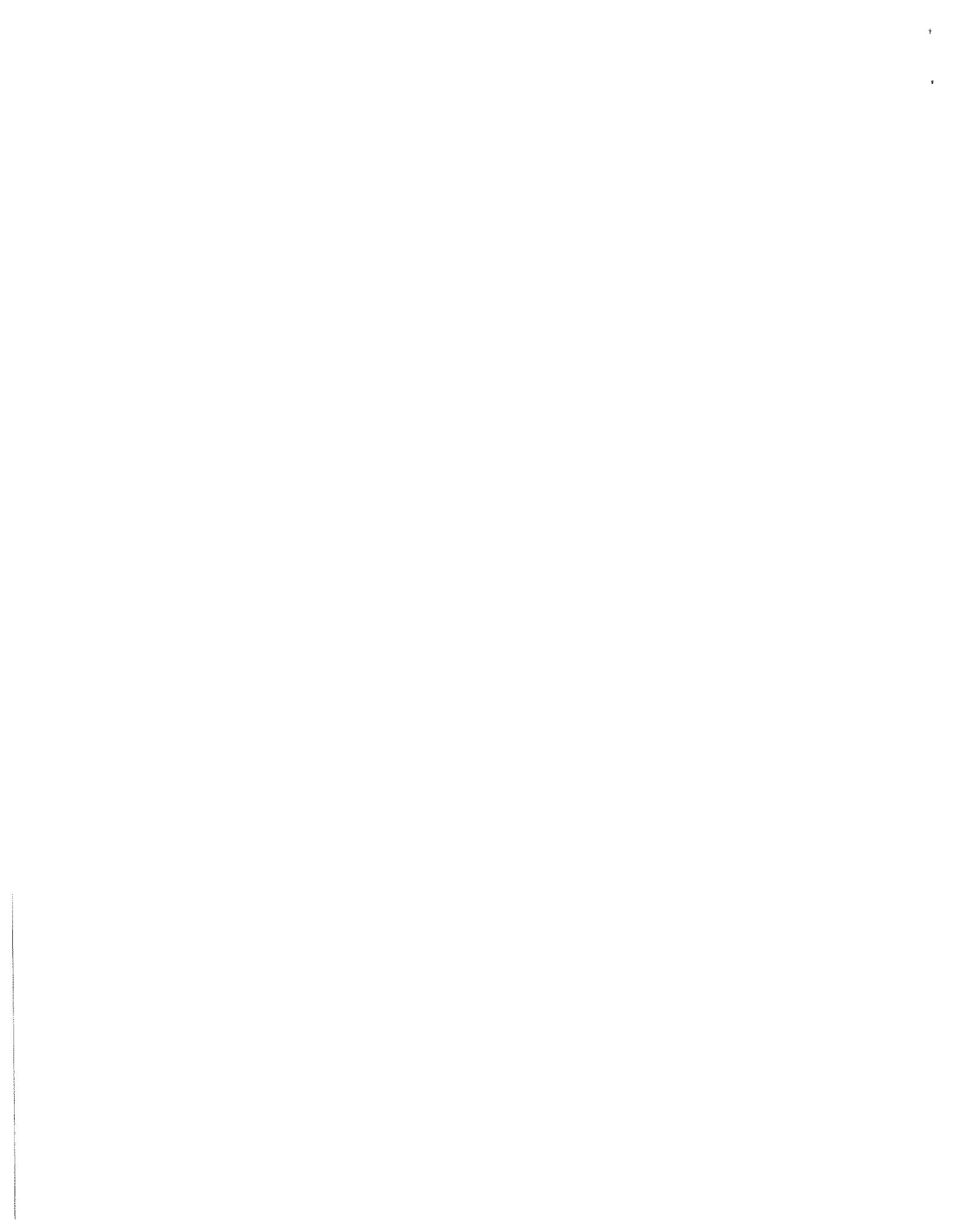
As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Conway, I understand the challenges facing municipalities today and am always seeking ways of reducing costs for both our Town and our residents.

Your Town is under contract with the Hampshire Council of Governments for municipal aggregation. The contract has a termination clause (Section 20, Termination, Other) that permits termination of the contract at any time before Department of Public Utilities (DPU) approval of the Municipal Aggregation Plan.

The DPU municipal aggregation approval process typically takes from 6 to 9 months. The Hampshire Council of Governments has been attempting to obtain DPU approval for some of their municipal aggregations since June 2011, **over 2.5 years**. The Hampshire Council has not had any municipal aggregations approved and has met with strong opposition from the Massachusetts Attorney General.

The Massachusetts Attorney General is strongly opposed to the Council as a public entity participating in the business of municipal aggregation consulting. Aside from the high aggregation fee, this opposition is based on several grounds that mostly concern the organizational structure of the Council and the disconnect of that organizational structure with many of those municipalities participating in Municipal Aggregation Plan.

It is unfortunate that the Hampshire Council is experiencing a major obstacle in fulfilling the will of the your voters regarding electricity aggregation. Your petition for aggregation and the aggregation plan for approval by DPU was withdrawn by the Council on August 20, 2013 and, as of this date, has not been re-submitted to DPU. The opposition of the Attorney General is serious and will continue to block the efforts of the Council to aggregate your electricity load.



Good Energy, L. P. is the largest, most experienced and most successful municipal aggregation consultant in the country with over 150 municipal aggregations serving over 500,000 households (200,000 households purchasing 100% renewable energy) with savings over \$100 million. Good Energy has the buying power of a large, national organization and has recently established a local presence in Massachusetts to bring national strength to deal with the high price of energy in our market.

Please visit our website at <http://massachusetts.goodenergy.com> for more information and watch a short video to learn more. I have enclosed some information on municipal aggregation including *Frequently Asked Questions* and *5 Steps to Lower Electricity Bills*. This information will answer most of your questions and take the mystery out of the municipal aggregation approval process.

Good Energy would make municipal electricity aggregation a win-win for Gill and your residents and businesses.

I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to provide you with more information and address any questions or concerns. Please contact me directly at your earliest convenience by phone or email at 413-548-0999 or [john.orourke@goodenergy.com](mailto:john.orourke@goodenergy.com). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P. O'Rourke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John P. O'Rourke  
Director of Marketing Northeast

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