

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2008 7:15 P.M.**

The Annual Town Meeting was brought to order by moderator Ray Steele at 7:15 PM in the second floor of the Gill Town Hall. There were 76 registered voters present of a total of 1060 registered voters in the town of Gill.

Article 1: Move the town vote to hear and act upon the Annual Report of the Officers of the Town.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2: Move the town vote to elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3: Move the town vote to accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork for the fiscal year 2009 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4: Move the town vote to adopt Chapter 59, §57C of Massachusetts General Law to establish a semi-annual preliminary tax payment system.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) to repair the pump and gear box on Fire Engine 1.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) to repair the erosion problem at the Center Cemetery.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) to add to the Board of Assessors' Revaluation Account.

Motion to Passover- Passed Unanimously

Article 8: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Board of Assessors to place a link on the town website to provide access to Gill property card information online.

Motion to Passover- Passed Unanimously

Article 9: Move the town vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited and expended to purchase dog tags, pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other expenses related to dog control under the direction of the Town Clerk, for which total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1st next will be limited to Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00), with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Passed Unanimously

Article 10: Move the town vote to allow the Franklin County Technical School to establish a stabilization fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, §16G ½.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11: Move the town vote to allow the Franklin County Technical School to transfer funds from the school district's Capital Assessment Fund to its stabilization fund, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, §16G ½, for the purpose of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the school district's facilities and grounds.

Passed Unanimously

Article 12: Move the town vote to approve the following, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Defeated-Majority

Article 13: Move the town vote to approve the following, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Whereas the town of Gill lies ten miles to the south of Entergy Nuclear corporation's Vermont Yankee nuclear power reactor in Vernon, Vermont;

Whereas the residents of Gill and other neighboring towns have an inalienable right to have their voices heard regarding possible threats to the health, safety, and general well-being of themselves, their property, and the surrounding environment arising from the continued operation of the Entergy Nuclear reactor; and,

Whereas the people of Gill and people everywhere, want a safe, renewable, and affordable energy supply for themselves and future generations;

Therefore, we the citizens of Gill:

1. Oppose the relicense of Entergy Nuclear's Vermont Yankee Reactor for an additional 20 years to 2032.
2. Call for the decommissioning of the Entergy Nuclear reactor at the expiration of its 40-yr license in March of 2012, and for immediate efforts to decontaminate the site employing current workers at full pay and utilizing the safest and most effective technologies available;
3. Call for the development and implementation of strategies for full re-employment of displaced workers after decontamination operations have been completed; and,
4. Call for immediate efforts to replace the electricity from the Entergy Nuclear reactor with a combination of energy conservation and efficiency measures and sustainable sources of power that are safe, renewable, and affordable, and that provide safe jobs at livable wages.

We further direct the Gill town clerk, upon passage of this resolution, to send copies to Gill's state representative, senator, U.S. representative, senators, governor of Massachusetts, and the Vermont senate, representatives, and governor, with an accompanying cover letter stating that this resolution was passed on May 5, 2008 by the residents of Gill at their Annual Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously

Article 14: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a single-axle dump truck with plow, sander and associated equipment and a single-axle dump truck with plow and associated equipment for the highway department, including borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override.

Defeated 23 YES
54 NO

Article 15: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate \$135,000 to purchase a single-axle dump truck with plow, sander and associated equipment for the highway department, plus borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override.

Passed Unanimously

Article 16: Move the town vote to transfer funds from Sewer Use Fees to Riverside Sewer System the sum of Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 66/100 Dollars (\$51,915.66) to offset Fiscal Year 2009 sewer expenses including the tax collector's salary as related to collecting sewer fees.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17: Move the town vote to create a Building Inspector Assessment Stabilization Fund, into which surplus fees collected through the issuance of building, electrical, gas, and plumbing permits will be transferred annually, upon a 2/3 vote of Annual Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18: Move the town vote to transfer Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,631.00) from unappropriated funds to the Building Inspector Assessment Stabilization Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 19: Move the town vote to release funds from Gill-Montague Regional School District Debt Reserve to offset Fiscal Year 2009 Gill-Montague Regional School District debt payments in the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three and 41/100 Dollars (\$6,363.41).

Passed Unanimously

Article 20: Move the town vote to transfer from the Quintus Allen Fund the sum of Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$900.00) for use at the Gill Elementary School.

Passed Unanimously

Article 21: Move the town vote transfer the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred One and 00/100 Dollars (\$119,101.00) from unappropriated funds to be used to stabilize the tax levy for fiscal year 2009.

Passed Unanimously

Article 22: Move the town vote to transfer Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,748.00) from the Stabilization Fund to make the final payment on the loan for the town garage.

Passed Unanimously

Article 23: Move the town vote to transfer Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 62/100 Dollars (\$22,350.62) from the Stabilization Fund to make payment on the loan for the purchase of the Mariamante property.

Passed Unanimously

Article 24: Move the town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,339,362.00 for its assessed share of the Gill-Montague Regional School District Budget, all or some of which may be contingent upon an override ballot question.

Passed by Majority

Article 25: Move the town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2009, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of

the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount of \$1,346,840.16 recommended by the Select board.

Passed by Majority

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM

A true copy.

Attest:

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo
Town Clerk