

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MAY 5, 2008

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Gill Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the Fifth day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Eight (5/5/2008) at 7:15 p.m. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To hear and act upon the Annual Report of the Officers of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 2:** To elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will 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 or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to adopt Chapter 59, §57C of Massachusetts General Law to establish a semi-annual preliminary tax payment system.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) to repair the pump and gear box on Fire Engine 1.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) to repair the erosion problem at the Center Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to allow the Franklin County Technical School to establish a stabilization fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, §16G ½.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to approve the following, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Town employees, spouses, and immediate families will be prohibited to bid on any town owned surplus equipment. Sealed bids and public auctions are included.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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 (date of town mtg) by the residents of Gill at their Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a single-axle dump truck with plow, sander 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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.

**Article 18:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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).

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 21:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 22:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money 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, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town of Gill will 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 recommended by the Selectboard, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

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**FRANKLIN, SS.**

**TOWN OF GILL**

And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Store, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this Twenty Fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight (4/25/2008).

**Selectboard of Gill**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Board member

\_\_\_\_\_, Board member

A true copy Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals who may need auxiliary aids for effective communication for this meeting should call the Gill Town Hall at (413) 863-9347 or MA Relay System at (800) 439-2370.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Store, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Constable of Gill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_