

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Population: 1435

The Special Town Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Moderator Raymond Steele. 57 of our 1044 registered voters were in attendance.

Article 1. Move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 15, allowing the Moderator to not take a count and record the vote if a two-third vote of a town meeting is required by statute.

Passed by Majority

Article 2. Move the Town vote to transfer \$800 from the Dog Revolving Fund to the Library Account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Recreation Committee and allow the Park Commissioners to assume its responsibilities, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to pass over.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of Money to pay the bills incurred by the Recreation Committee prior years, or take any action thereto.

Motion to pass over.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) for FY2010 operating expenses of the Recreation Committee, with the following conditions:

- a. An FY2010 budget, itemized per activity and per revenue source, must be presented to the Selectboard by October 31, 2009,
- b. An FY2011 budget, itemized per activity and per revenue source, must be presented to the Selectboard by February 1, 2010, and
- c. The Committee must present a report of revenues and expenses per activity within 30 days following conclusion of each activity.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6. Move the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of 75/100 of a percent (0.75%).

Passed Majority

Article 7. Move the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 64G, Section 3A to impose a local occupancy excise at the rate of six percent (6.00%).

Passed Majority

Article 8. Move the Town vote to establish an Energy Resources Commission, consisting of five members appointed by the Selectboard for staggered three-year terms, under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8I.

Passed Majority

Article 9. Move the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 49 to provide for the printing of all reports of town officers and boards, committees and commissions on a fiscal year basis in place of a calendar year report.

Passed Unanimous

Article 10: Move to see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 17 (Gill Montague Regional School Budget) on May 4, 2009, to increase the sum of money by Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,927.00), provided that the Town declares that the Gill Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall be notified that the Town does not agree to any GMRSD budget in excess of the budget corresponding to the assessments voted by the Towns of Gill and Montague in June 2009 and is approving this increase only because it is being compelled to do so by DESE.

Amended Motion Passed by Majority

***Amendment Underlined**

Article 11. Move the Town vote to apply retroactively to July 1, 2009 a one percent (1.00%) cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees and elected officials, totaling no more than Five Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,700.00), by way of raising and appropriating.

Defeated

Article 12. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,810.00) to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Passed by 2/3 YES 36 NO 9

Article 13. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) to the Stabilization Fund contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½.

Defeated

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

A True Copy.

Attest.

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo

Town Clerk