

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: AUGUST 6, 2019

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 Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen (08/06/2019) at 6:00 PM then and there to act on the following article:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation entitled “An Act Authorizing the Town of Gill to Continue the Employment of Gene M. Beaubien”, as set forth below, to allow Gene M. Beaubien, the Town’s fire chief and member of its fire department, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to serve in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that no deductions from the regular compensation of Gene M. Beaubien shall be made under Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Law subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the Town for retirement or pension purposes; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Selectboard to approve such amendments, which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any action relative thereto.

**An Act Authorizing the Town of Gill to Continue the Employment of Gene M. Beaubien**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Gene M. Beaubien, the fire chief of the fire department of the town of Gill, may continue to serve in that position or in the position of firefighter until January 27, 2025, until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the appointing authority, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. Provided further, that the town may, at its own expense, require Gene M. Beaubien be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town to determine such capability; and provided further, that no deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Gene M. Beaubien pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to January 27, 2020 and, upon retirement, Gene M. Beaubien shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on January 27, 2020.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Motion:** It is moved the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation entitled “An Act Authorizing the Town of Gill to Continue the Employment of Gene M. Beaubien”, as set forth above, to allow Gene M. Beaubien, the Town’s fire chief and member of its fire department, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to serve in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that no deductions from the regular compensation of Gene M. Beaubien shall be made under Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Law subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the Town for retirement or pension purposes; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Selectboard to approve such amendments, which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition

*Passage of this article will authorize the Selectboard to seek special legislation which will allow our current Fire Chief, Gene Beaubien, to remain on the Fire Department (as Chief and/or as a Firefighter) for 5 more years after he turns 65 in January. Massachusetts pension laws require public safety officers (firefighters and police officers) to retire at age 65 unless special legislation is enacted for the individual. Chief Beaubien has expressed the desire to continue with our Fire Department, and the Fire Department’s Board of Engineers and the Selectboard support this course of action.*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Store & Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town fourteen 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July in the year Two Thousand Nineteen.

**Selectboard of Gill**

\_\_\_\_\_ *John R. Ward* \_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ *Randy P. Crochier* \_\_\_\_\_, Board member

\_\_\_\_\_ *Gregory M. Snedeker* \_\_\_\_\_, Board member

A true copy Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Doreen J. Stevens* \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *7/22/2019* \_\_\_\_\_

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 & Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, fourteen days before the date hereof, as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Fred O. Chase III* \_\_\_\_\_, Constable of Gill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *7/23/19* \_\_\_\_\_

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