



THE

Gill Newsletter

April 2015 Issue

Town Hall News

Annual Town Meeting

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Because the process for next year's budget is running behind schedule, financial matters will be postponed to a June date yet to be determined.

ZBA Seeking Alternate Members

The Zoning Board of Appeals has two openings for Alternate members. The ZBA holds public hearings and makes decisions on requests from Gill property owners to use land or buildings in ways that are not allowed as a matter of right by the Gill Zoning Bylaws. An Alternate member can participate in meetings and hearings but does not vote unless a regular member is absent or has a conflict of interest. If you have ever thought about joining a town board, this is a great way to gain experience. If you are interested, please contact Ray Purington at Town Hall (863-9347) or any of the other ZBA members listed on the Town website.

From the Tax Collector

A reminder that tax bills are due Friday, May 1, 2015 from 9 to 5 at the Town Hall. The Treasurer's Office will be open even though it is a Friday so that payments may be received. Late payments will be subject to a charge and post-dated bills are not accepted.

Town Clerk

Some residents have not yet responded to the census questionnaire. This information is important to keeping our records complete. Remember also to get your dog licensed for 2015 if you have not.

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on **May 18, 2015 from Noon to 8 PM** at 196A Main Road, the Town Municipal Building, in the Fire Station. The deadline for registration to vote at the Annual Town Election will be 8 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Town Clerk's office.

The offices and incumbent officers on the ballot this year include:

Select Board, Sewer Commissioner, three-year term, *John Ward (Incumbant)*

Moderator, three-year term, *John Zywna (Incumbant)*

Assessor, three-year term, *Nancy Griswold (Incumbant)*

Cemetery Commission, three-year term, *Vacant*

Tree Warden, three-year term, *Ernest Hastings (Incumbant)*

Board of Health, three-year term, *Randy Crochier (Incumbant)*

Library Trustee, three-year term, *Vacant*

Town Clerk, three-year term, *Lynda Hodsdon Mayo (Incumbant)*

Town Clerk Office hours are Monday-Thursday 1-4 PM, Monday evening 5:30-6:30 PM and other times by appointment. (413-863-8103)

From the Assessors' Office

The Assessors are continuing their work in the community to record project progress up to the January 1, 2015, the deadline date that becomes the basis of all the assessments for the 2016 tax bills.

Assessors' Clerk Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Board of Assessors meetings are alternate Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. (413-863-0138)

Public Health

Spring Cleaning For Health

Spring literally offers us a new leaf reminding us of the opportunity to start anew. Here are some spring cleaning ideas to help keep you healthy.

- 1) Create and implement an action plan addressing your personal health goals. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound goals are easiest to achieve. Sharing your action plan with a friend or coach can help keep you accountable.
- 2) Review and update a current medication list, including all prescription, over the counter medi-



Check in with the Gill Website
www.gillmass.org for up to date news, announcements and contact information!



HONOR ROLLS for Gill Students

Second Quarter

Pioneer Valley Regional High School

Grade 12

Honors: Malcolm Crosby and James Elliott

Grade 11

Honors: Eric Shutta and Julie Wallace

Grade 9

Honors: Josiah Nilsen

Grade 8

Highest Honors: Audrey Corrigan

High Honors: Rylie Zager

Honors: Emily Minor and Hugh Schatz-Allison

Turners Falls High School

Grade 12

Second Honors: Zachary Demars, Brittany Rawson, Stephanie Robertson, Kaleb Warren and Nick York

Grade 11

Second Honors: Nadia Hansan and Mackenzie Phillips
Third Honors: Alexander Lindgren

Grade 10

Second Honors: Gabrielle Arzuage, Bryn Kruzlic and Kaili Lynch
Third Honors: Tahner Castine and Jeremy Wolfram

Grade 9

First Honors: Kyle Kucenski
Second Honors: David Tricolici and James Vaughan
Third Honors: John Wheeler II

Great Falls Middle School

Grade 8:

Second Honors: Reilan Castine and Ethan Shilo-Draper
Third Honors: Deven Goshea

Grade 7

First Honors: Alyson Murphy and Lindsay Whiteman
Third Honors: Mason Kucenski

Grade 6

Taylor Murphy, Julie Sprankle and Olivia Whittier

Frontier Regional High School

Grade 12

High Honors: Kori Wileman

Grade 10

High Honors: Ashley Levasseur

Grade 9

High Honors: Joseph Lawton-Curtis

Franklin County Technical School First Trimester Honor Roll

Grade 12

Honors: Ryan Bezio

Grade 11

Honors: Fallyn Adams

Friends of Gill

Thank you to everyone who supported the scholarship fund by organizing, cooking, cleaning-up, and of course to everyone who came and ate pancakes as they enjoyed each other's company. Thank you also to Jacob Rau and his family from Rolling Ridge Sugar House in Gill for the delicious maple syrup.



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The costs of mailing the newsletter have increased so that our budget is very tight. If you would like to make a contribution to help us meet expenses, we would appreciate your sending a check, payable to "Town of Gill", to Barbara Watson, 143 River Road, Gill, MA 01354.

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