

# TOWN OF GILL

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## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*January 5, 2009*

### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

### Present

Nancy Griswold, Ann Banash, Leland Stevens, Selectboard members; Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.

### Review Minutes

The Board unanimously approved minutes from their December 22, 2008 meeting as written.

### Special Town Meeting

The Board discussed what to do if driving is difficult Wednesday night due to the weather. Rather than postpone the meeting, which would mean a 14-day delay, Ann made a motion to, in the case of inclement weather that night, convene the meeting briefly and continue it to Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

### Rosenberg Meeting re Sharing Police

Tracy reported that the Bernardston Selectboard has invited the Gill Selectboard to a meeting with Senator Rosenberg to discuss sharing police resources. The Board accepted the invitation.

### MIA Nominations

Tracy asked if the Board would like to delegate Ann to vote on its behalf during MIA's Board of Directors election at the MMA conference. Lee made a motion to delegate Ann; Ann seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

### Vermont Yankee Grant

On behalf of the Fire Chief, Tracy presented the contract for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant grant of \$7,500, which Nancy signed.

### AJ Cycle Class License

Tracy presented a class license for AJ Cycle, now that the owner provided all necessary paperwork. The Board signed the license.

### Purchase Orders

The Board signed the following purchase orders:

- Hobbes & Warren, class III license book, Selectboard expense, \$58.00
- Tracy Rogers, reimbursement for postcard stamps, Selectboard expense, \$162.00
- Lee Audio 'N Security, Inc., fire alarm monitoring at RMB, Town Hall/RMB expense, \$264.60

Tracy asked if the policy to require purchase orders for purchases over \$50 would revert back to a limit of \$500 after the Special Town Meeting. The Board stated that depended on how things turned out that evening. If the budget recommended by the Board passes, yes; if a further reduced budget is proposed and passes, no.

### Municipal Facilities Task Force

Tracy presented an e-mail from the Lt. Governor's office asking for a list of "shovel-ready projects" should federal aid come to the state. The Board stated that there are currently no such projects in Gill.

### Classification Hearing

Assessors Peter Conway and Ray Purington and Assessors' Clerk Lynda Hodsdon Mayo joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. to open the classification hearing.

Ray stated that the Board of Assessors recommends the Selectboard vote a residential factor of 1, which results in a single tax rate. Ann made the motion; Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Ray stated that the Board of Assessors recommends a negative vote on adoption of an open space discount (since the Town does not have open space) and on residential exemption (which is used in resort communities where there is a large second home population). Ann made a motion to adopt an open space discount and residential exemption; Lee seconded the motion and it was defeated by a unanimous vote.

Ray stated that he'd like the assessors to research the process and impact of changing the assessment year from calendar year to fiscal year, which Peter and Nancy agreed would be a good thing to look into.

Nancy suggested a future meeting with the Board of Assessors and Selectboard to discuss issues with Mayflower, which all agreed would be beneficial.

Tracy asked how the Selectboard felt about having the Annual Report cover a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. The Board had no complaints and suggested Tracy research the possibility.

At 5:25 p.m. Ann made a motion to adjourn the classification hearing. Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote of the Selectboard. Ray, Peter, and Lynda left the meeting.

Payroll and Bill Warrants

The Board approved payroll and bill warrant number 14.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.*

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Ann H. Banash, Selectboard Clerk