

# TOWN OF GILL

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## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*April 23, 2009*

### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

### Present

Nancy Griswold, Ann Banash, Leland Stevens, Selectboard members; Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant; Pat Haigis, Ray Steele, Tupper Brown, Joanne Rabideau, residents.

### Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Ann recommended the Board include an article providing the opportunity to hold a Proposition 2/12 override vote if necessary. Tracy provided some sample language from Northfield's town meeting warrant. Ann moved to use that article, with some language changes. Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Tracy added the final article to the warrant and the Board signed it.

### GMRSD Teacher's Contract

Ann explained to the Board how the School Committee had recently realized that they hadn't included town officials in contract negotiations for the teacher's union and they need them to sign off on the contract. The Board has been invited to an executive session meeting on April 28. Nancy will attend; Lee may; Ann is unavailable.

### Police Chief Contract

The Board listened to residents in attendance about their thoughts on the police chief's pending contract.

Tupper reiterated that the Finance Committee recommended limiting the term of the contract to one year and to eliminate the "golden parachute" clause. A survey of surrounding towns revealed that no other town has a contract with their chief. Nancy replied that that was because most towns around have strong chiefs, which Gill does not.

Ray recommended a one-year term as well, because of economic times, and elimination of the golden parachute.

Joanne encouraged the Board to keep an open mind to changing with the times and to be open to involving others in town proceedings.

Pat stated agreement with all that had been said thus far and expressed her wishes that more people were notified about today's meeting.

Pat, Ray, Joanne, and Tupper left the meeting.

Executive Session

Ann made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Police Chief's contract, not to reconvene in open session. Lee seconded the motion. Ann voted to accept the motion; Lee voted to accept; Nancy voted to accept. The Board entered executive session at 4:50 p.m.

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

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Nancy A. Griswold, Selectboard Chair