

# TOWN OF GILL

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## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*October 26, 2009*

### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

### Present

John Ward, Nancy Griswold, Selectboard members; Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator; Claire Chang, Timmie Smith, Finance Committee members; Paul Nowill, Personnel Committee member; State Representative Christopher Donelan; State Senator Stanley Rosenberg.

### Absent

Ann Banash, Selectboard member.

### Donelan and Rosenberg

The Board and audience asked questions of the legislators.

All left but John, Nancy, and Tracy.

### Management Consultants

Ann Banash joined the meeting via conference call. The Board interviewed Tom Groux from Tom Groux & Assoc.; Tom left. The Board interviewed Mark Morse from MMA Consulting Group; Mark left. The Board indicated a preference for Groux & Assoc. and instructed Tracy to check their references. Ann left the meeting.

### Recreation Committee

Cathy Demars, Deb Loomer, and Nathan Duda of the Recreation Committee, and Claire Chang joined the meeting.

The Committee presented an itemized budget for FY10. Expenses totaled \$6,650, which was balanced between town appropriations and program fees (see attached).

When asked about the summer program, the Committee stated it wasn't sure it would run next year. It is considering running one very good week and building from there, rather than a mediocre program over the entire summer.

When asked about the annual Red Sox trip, the Committee asked how it might purchase the tickets up front without jeopardizing cash flow for existing programs. Deb suggested perhaps taking deposits from people before the date is set, which the Board thought might be a good idea.

Nancy made a motion to approve the Recreation Committee's FY10 budget and allow them to start accessing the town funds of \$3,000 that were appropriated at the September 14, 2009 special town meeting. John seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Cathy, Deb, and Nathan left the meeting.

#### Review Minutes

John made a motion to accept minutes from the October 13 and 22 meeting as written. Nancy seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### Four Winds Lease

Tracy reported that Four Winds School accepted the verbal offer to renew its lease until June 30, 2011. She presented a lease document for the Board to sign that had no changes other than the term dates, as explained. The Board signed the lease.

#### Cultural Council Appointments

Tracy presented the names of two residents the Chair of the Cultural Council recommended for appointment. The first was Jen Simms of 469 Main Road, winner of Massachusetts Cultural Council awards and adjunct professor of art at GCC, UMass, Franklin Pierce College, etc. The second was Harry van Baaren of Northfield Mount Hermon School who is a graphic designer and actively engaged in the arts community. John made a motion to appoint Jen and Harry. Nancy seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### CEDS Project Profile

Tracy presented a notice from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments that it is compiling a list of projects for its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) program. Discussion was tabled until the next Board meeting.

#### Sewer Abatement Request

Tracy presented a request for an abatement from Lawrence J. Marinelli at 61 Riverview Drive for \$23.28 for filling his pool. Tracy pointed out that the abatement form states that requests must be in writing within 30 days of the bill date: the bill date was 9/14/09 and the form was received in the Sewer Commissioner's office on 10/26/09. The request was denied because it was made after the 30-day deadline.

#### AT&T Cell Tower Notification

Tracy presented a notice from the Town of Marlborough, NH informing all towns within a 20-mile radius that AT&T has a hearing for a special permit to install a cellular communications facility in Marlborough. The Board took no action.

#### Payroll and Bill Warrants

The Board approved payroll and bill warrant number 9.

#### Adjourned

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator.*

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John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk