

# TOWN OF GILL

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## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*December 7, 2009*

### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

### Present

Ann Banash, John Ward, Selectboard members; Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator; Ray Purington, Interim Administrative Assistant

### Absent

Nancy Griswold, Selectboard member

### Guests

David Detmold; Jeff Suprenant; Dan Flagg

### Schuetzen Verein Liquor License Hearing

Jeff Suprenant spoke on behalf of the Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein Athletic Association's application for a new Restaurant-type liquor license. The Association currently has a Club license, but learned at a recent ABCC training seminar that the Restaurant category is the correct one for their organization. The Club license is being renewed, but will be deactivated once the ABCC approves the Restaurant license. No one spoke against the request.

John made a motion to grant a Restaurant liquor license to the Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein Athletic Association. Ann seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Jeff Suprenant left the meeting.

### Dan Flagg – Remaining Issues with Main Road Project

Dan Flagg explained to the Board that he feels there are still a number of unresolved issues concerning Flagg's property with respect to the Main Road project. The Board asked Dan to put his request in writing and then they will review each item. The Board also directed Ray to contact David Allen of Roberge Associates and arrange for replacement of Shirley Flagg's property pin at the same time they work on another missing pin on the Flagg's property. Dan Flagg left the meeting.

### Minutes

Ann made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes from November 23, 2009. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### New England Relay

Tracy reported that Chief Hastings had no concerns with the request from New England Relay to have a relay foot race come through Gill on June 12 & 13, 2010. John made a motion, seconded by Ann, that Tracy be authorized to sign the application and grant permission for the race. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Energy Audit Update

Tracy reported that the Town hasn't yet received a signed copy of the ESCO contract with Siemens for the Investment Grade Audit. Siemens has, however, recently requested utility bill information from the town, so they are working on it.

The EECBG application has been submitted – Bob Dean (FRCOG) delivered it to Boston today.

The volunteer project to re-glaze the windows at the Riverside Municipal Building is going well. It was noted that one of the hallways is being used for storage, and there is concern that this might interfere with the Fire Department's access in the event of an emergency. The Board asked Ray to contact the Historical Commission regarding this.

John requested that Siemens be asked to consider interior storm windows as an option for efficiency improvements at the Riverside building. Interior storms would preserve the historical integrity of the building.

### Management Consultant

The second round of the RFP brought proposals from Municipal Resources (\$8,000), Human Resources Services (\$11,000), and Matrix Consulting Group (\$14,000). The Board reviewed the proposals, and asked that Sandy Stapeczynski of HRS be invited to interview with the Board on December 14. The other two firms were interviewed during the first round, and the Board saw no need to meet with them again.

### LUCA Report

Tracy reported for Lynda that the preliminary census report does include NMH, and that the School will be counted as part of Gill for the 2010 Census. Lynda has until 12/15/09 to appeal their findings, but sees no reason to. The Board concurred.

### Fire Department P.O.

The Board reviewed a purchase order from the Fire Department for a gas meter, charger, and calibration gas. The Board was concerned that the \$1,209.90 amount was significantly higher than the estimate Gene provided at a prior meeting. Tracy will get further information from Gene for the next meeting.

#### Northampton Landfill

The Board reviewed an invitation from the City of Northampton to a meeting to discuss future plans for the Northampton Regional Landfill, which is nearing capacity. Jan Ameen of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District will attend the meeting on Gill's behalf.

#### Sewer Commitment

The Board, acting as Sewer Commissioners, signed the 12/8/09 sewer tax commitment to the tax collector in the amount of \$13,101.01

#### Liquor License Renewals

The Board signed liquor license renewals for The Gill Store and Tavern, Wagon Wheel Country Drive-In, Jan's Package Store, Oak Ridge Golf Course, and Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein Athletic Association.

#### Warrant

The Board reviewed and signed Warrant #12.

#### Utility Pole Hearing

Barry Petrin joined the meeting.

The Board considered a petition from WMECO & Verizon to install utility poles on Hoe Shop Road. Barry Petrin, an abutting landowner, spoke in favor of the poles. No one spoke against. John made a motion, seconded by Ann, to approve the petition. The vote carried unanimously.

Barry Petrin left the meeting.

#### Ag Commission

Ann read a letter from the Gill Agricultural Commission explaining the "dancing gourds" that were left for the Board.

#### Recreation Committee Report on Soccer Program

Nathan Duda and Cathy Demars joined the meeting to present the Rec. Committee's report on the recently concluded soccer program that had 49 children participate. The committee had relatively few expenses for the program, and those were more than offset by signup fees and donations, including volunteer student coaches from NMH and first aid kits from Deb Loomer.

The basketball program is getting underway, with 21 children signed up so far. More signups are expected after the holidays are over. David Manning of Applied Dynamics made a generous donation to the program, so the company logo is on the new t-shirts.

The committee is planning on organizing a Red Sox trip this year, but is still waiting for group tickets to be made available by the team. The method for residents to reserve and pay for tickets is still being discussed.

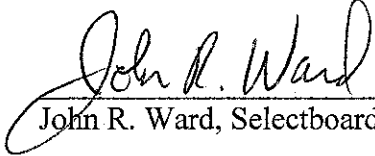
Financial Audit

Tracy reported that the start date for the financial audit will likely be delayed 30-60 days, as receivables for May & June 2009 are still being entered.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Interim Administrative Assistant.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Ward". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk