



AGENDA

SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 1, 2010

***Indicates item added on since previous Friday
bold underlined time = invited guest or advertised hearing
(all other times are approximate)

4:30 p.m. Call to Order

Old business

- € Review minutes from 1/19 & 1/26 (1 min)
- € Financial Audit (1 min)
 - Based on a preliminary conversation with Scanlon & Associates, they will be able to begin the audit in mid-April.
- € Update on Tax Rate/Tax Bills (1 min)
 - The FY10 tax rate has been set by DOR at \$13.71/thousand. Tax bills were mailed 1/28 and are due 4/1.
- € Bucket Truck Update (1 min)
 - The truck was purchased by Northfield for \$3,200, and is expected to be trailered to Franklin County this week. Gill will ask Raymond Repair of Bernardston to inspect the vehicle, and if it's in good condition, we will reimburse Northfield for our half.
- € "Stretch" Building Code Seminar – John (5 min)

4:45 p.m. New Business

- € ***Sergeant Redmond – F.C. Chiefs of Police Assoc. award of recognition (5 min)
- € WMECO Street/Bridge Lighting Audit (5 min)
 - Representatives from WMECO have presented results from a 2009 audit of Gill's streetlights and bridge lights. Once the town reviews and accepts the results, our billing will be adjusted – an increase of roughly \$75/year. Gill now has 3 bridge lights, 44 streetlights, and 4 floodlights, costing approx. \$6000 per year.
- € Sen. Rosenberg's Conference for Municipal Officials (1 min)
 - Saturday, March 27th, at the Clarion Hotel in Northampton – do any Board members want to be registered?
- € Purchase Orders (5 min)
 - Rick James and Lee Stevens are recommending the town purchase some of its own video equipment that can be used for taping meetings and other events in Gill. Funding will be from the PEG Access account.

- Used tires for front-end loader – \$700 plus delivery & mounting. One tire failed last week, and a second tire was near failure. Two used tires were available from Pete’s Tire Barn at \$350 each, versus \$2,500 each new.
- € Fee Schedule for Liquor Licenses (5 min)
 - Ray is recommending the creation of a new category of “Club with Seasonal Restaurant”, with an annual fee of \$990, the same as an annual restaurant liquor license. This category will accommodate the licenses that Schuetzen Verein will be applying for.
- € FY11 Fuel Oil Lock-in (1 min)
 - Recommend again using Paul Schroeder of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative as the town’s agent for locking in next year’s fuel oil price. His estimate is \$2.15 per gallon (vs. \$1.82 this year), but it’s just an estimate.
- € MRF July-December 2009 Revenue (1 min)
 - Gill’s revenue share for recyclables is \$1,626.04
- € Moderator Appointments (1 min)
 - Ray Steele has appointed Bill Burnham to the Agricultural Commission and Colleen Sculley to the Finance Committee, bringing both groups to full membership.
- € Business Sign Complaint (1 min)
- € Franklin Regional Retirement Board – COLA meeting (1 min)
 - The retirement board is meeting on Feb 23rd to vote on adopting a 3% COLA on the first \$12,000 of each retiree’s pension.
- € Disclosure of Financial Interest (1 min)
 - The Board needs to approve Ray’s special municipal employee form that discloses the various paid, unpaid, stipend, elected, and appointed positions he holds in Gill.
- € *** Comcast Form 500 for 2009 (1 min)
 - This is an annual report of customer issues within Gill, and Comcast’s response times. There were 6 complaints, and all were resolved in 1-3 days

**5:15 p.m. Warrant # 16
Adjournment**

Other Invitations/Meetings:

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2/3 | 8:30am | Personnel Committee | Town Hall |
| 2/3 | 1 - 4pm | DESE meeting w/ Gill/Montague/GMRSD | Montague Town Hall |
| 2/17 | 9:00am | Selectboard | Town Hall |
| 3/1 | 4:30pm | Selectboard | Town Hall |
| 3/5 | 8-10am | MMA Legislative Breakfast | Montague Town Hall |
| 3/27 | | Conference for Municipal Officials | Clarion Hotel, Noho |