



AGENDA

SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 17, 2010

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

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** **Old business**

- € Review minutes from 2/1 & 2/3 (1 min)
- € Gill Elementary School – Water Well Repair Bills (5 min)
 - 3 new bills totaling \$3,080 have been received for the well project at the school and for replacement of old components which failed as part of the project. Ray & Mick will be meeting at the school with the electrician and facilities manager on 2/16, and will report. Because of the \$ amount, approval is needed before payment is made.
- € FY11 Fuel Oil Lock-in (5 min)
 - Year-to-date usage has been 4,032 of 7,200 gallons contracted for, with a projected use of 6,000 gallons by June 30. Recommend locking in 3,600 gallons and carrying over the unused balance, for approx. 4,800 fixed-price gallons next season. The remaining 1,200 gallons (20% of expected total) would be bought at market price on the day of delivery.
- € Update on FY11 Budget Schedule (1 min)
 - Feb 15 – budget forms out to departments, using COLA recommended by Personnel Committee (see related item in New Business)
 - Mar 1 – department budgets due back to Ray to assemble & distribute to Selectboard and Finance Committee
 - Mar 15 – written questions on budgets due in to Ray to collate and distribute to departments
 - Mar 29 – written answers due in to Ray to distribute to SB & FC
 - Early April, dates TBD – joint SB & FC meetings with departments
- € 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.

9:15 a.m. **New Business**

- € Request by Gill snowmobile club to cross Mariamante property (10 min)
 - Members of Gill's snowmobile club have asked for permission to resume use of the trail crossing the Mariamante field, assuming we ever get any snow. Access is desired because it is the only route currently established that provides access to the gas station, and because the club's trail grooming equipment is stored at

the south end (lower Main Road) of that trail. Ray has discussed the request with Doug Harris, and will report.

- € Highway Department – Front-End Loader (10 min)
 - The loader has served us well for 18 years, but the time has come to seriously discuss its replacement. Mick will make his recommendation, and will present cost figures and funding options.

- € FRCOG Assessment for FY 2011(5 min)
 - Gill’s assessment next year is up \$8,338 over this year’s. The two primary causes are the Inspection Program (\$4,667 – was expected) and Health Inspection (\$2,510 – was not expected). FY11 is the final year (of 3) that uses FY07’s spike in Gill building permit activity as part of the assessment calculation. The Inspection Program assessment should drop for FY12. The increase in the Health Inspection assessment is largely due to extra time needed for the summer camp program at NMH and for a lead paint issue at an Oak St. residence. Ray and the Board of Health will be reviewing both situations with the possibility of issuing bills for services rendered and/or raising the fee schedule for next year.

- € Boyle Lot Lease with Dr. Zak (5 min)
 - Dr. Zak’s 3-year lease with the Town for the 2-acre Boyle Lot field is up, and he desires to renew for another 3 years. This is the property on Center Road, up the hill from Town Hall, which Town Meeting unanimously voted last May to NOT declare as surplus.

- € Personnel Committee COLA Recommendation (1 min)
 - At their meeting on 2/3 the Personnel Committee unanimously recommended a 3% COLA for employees for FY11. This amount has been applied to the budget spreadsheets that were sent to the departments.

- € Conservation Commission Resignation (1 min)
 - Ken Sprankle, Chair of the Conservation Commission, has submitted his resignation effective April 15, 2010.

**9:50 a.m. Warrant # 17
Adjournment**

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
2/22	10am-4pm	Legislature’s Joint Committee on Ways & Means Public Hearing on Local Aid	UMASS Campus Center Auditorium
2/26	2:00pm	Rosenberg/Kulik Informational meeting on traffic issues – Gill/Montague Bridge project	Great Falls Discovery Center
3/1	4:30pm	Selectboard	Town Hall
3/5	8-10am	MMA Legislative Breakfast	Montague Town Hall
3/15	4:30pm	Selectboard	Town Hall
3/27		Conference for Municipal Officials	Clarion Hotel, Northampton