



AGENDA

SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 1, 2010

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

Call to Order

4:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Liquor License Applications from Schuetzen Verein

The Schuetzen Verein Athletic Club has received clarification from the ABCC that in order to continue to operate as they always have – as a private club that occasionally rents a portion of its facilities for public functions – they need two liquor licenses. For the public functions, they need a new seasonal restaurant license, which requires a public hearing before it can be granted. Their club license needs to be modified to clearly delineate club spaces versus “restaurant” spaces, and this also requires a public hearing.

6:15 p.m. Old Business

- € Review minutes from 2/17 (1 min)
- € EECBG \$150,000 Grant Awarded! (2 min)
 - Gill was successful in its grant application to the Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources for an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant and also for funds to provide an Owner’s Agent for the various projects. The grant will be used to “buy down” the cost of capital improvements that otherwise could not be afforded in the ESCO performance contract due to lengthy payback periods. The principal project is the replacement of the boiler at the Gill Elementary School, but other recommendation actions include new boilers at the Public Safety Complex and Riverside Municipal Building, as well as new windows in all Town buildings.
- € Gill Elementary School – Water Well Update (5 min)
 - Ray has met with a representative from Mass. Rural Water Association (www.massrwa.org), and they have offered (at no charge) to visit the school and see if their equipment can identify any leaks at the wellhead or in the piping to the building. There is also a federal grant/loan package (from ARRA funds) that might be able to be used for remediation, assuming the coliform source can be located.
- € Update on FY11 Budget (1 min)

6:30 p.m. New Business

- € Public Gathering Permit – Schuetzen Verein Athletic Club (5 min.)
 - This is the Club’s annual public gathering permit for various clambakes and other rentals of the grounds. The Building Inspector, Board of Health, and Highway, Police and Fire Departments have all responded favorably to the

request, with the only condition that “access for emergency vehicles must be maintained at all times.”

- € Gill’s Participation in Developing a Regional Emergency Shelter (5 min)
 - Gene Beaubien has been invited by Montague’s Emergency Management Director to participate in the planning stages for a regional emergency shelter, possibly located at Sheffield Elementary. Gene supports the idea and is asking for approval to explore the idea further.

- € Attorney General Approval of establishing the Energy Commission (5 min.)
 - At last September’s Special Town Meeting, voters approved the creation of an Energy Commission, and in doing so actually modified the Town’s general by-laws. In approving the vote, the A.G.’s office cautions it’s unclear what the actual text of our new by-law is, and suggests the Town develop clearer wording. One possible approach would be to ask the Energy Commission to draft an article, perhaps similar to the Agricultural Commission by-law, which could be voted at the next Town Meeting.

- € Town Hall Use Request (2 min)
 - The Cultural Council is requesting permission to use the upstairs of Town Hall on April 6 from 7-9 p.m. for a presentation by Dave Allen on Historic Maps of Gill.

- € Appointment of Part-Time Police Officer (2 min)
 - Chief Hastings is requesting and recommending the Board appoint Jeffrey McAndrews of Erving as a Part-Time Officer for the Gill Police Department. As this is an annual appointment, if approved, it is for 3/1/10 – 6/30/10.

- € *** Ch. 90 Project Requests (5 min)
 - Signatures requested for Loader Purchase (\$116,000), Gravel Resurfacing Various Locations (\$8,100), and Paving as needed on Walnut, Meadow, & Riverside Streets (\$70,000)

- € *** Purchase Order for Emergency Tree Work due to Snow Storm (1 min)
(Jim’s Tree Service, \$900.00)

6:45 p.m. Warrant # 18

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/5	8-10am	MMA Legislative Breakfast	Montague Town Hall
3/11	7-9pm	Get to Know FRCOG & F.R. Retirement Syst.	GHS Auditorium
3/15	4:30pm	Selectboard	Town Hall
3/27		Conference for Municipal Officials	Clarion Hotel, Northampton