

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2010

At 4:37 p.m. Selectboard Member Nancy Griswold announced that the Public Hearing advertised for 4:30 p.m. would be held at 6:00 p.m., when there would be a quorum of the Board. The only other people present were Ray Purington and Rick James, neither of whom objected to the postponement.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Nancy Griswold, and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Guests: David Detmold, Montague Reporter; Jeff Suprenant and Mark Matusz, Schuetzen Verein

Public Hearing – Liquor License Applications from Schuetzen Verein: Nancy opened the Public Hearing and John read the hearing notice. It was explained that the Schuetzen Verein Athletic Club 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. No one spoke against either the new license or the modification. Nancy made a motion, seconded by John, to grant a seasonal restaurant all-alcohol license to the Schuetzen Verein and to approve the modifications to their existing club license. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m. Jeff and Mark left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Nancy, seconded by John, to approve the minutes from 2/17. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

EECBG Grant: Ray reported on the \$150,000 Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant awarded to Gill by the Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources, as well as an award of unspecified funds to provide an Owner’s Agent for the various projects. It was noted that Tracy Rogers, Claire Chang, Tupper Brown, Ben Storrow, Pam Shoemaker, Bob Dean, and Roland Butzke were instrumental in writing and submitting the grant. 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 to be grant-funded is the replacement of the boiler at the Gill Elementary School.

Gill Elementary School Well Water: Ray reported that he has met with a representative from Mass. Rural Water Association, and is working to schedule a time for them to visit the school’s well and use their sensitive equipment to listen for leaks at the wellhead or in the piping between the well and the building. There is a federal grant/loan that may be available to help remediate coliform problems with the well; Ray will investigate this further.

FY11 Budget: Ray reported that department budgets are slowly coming in. The snowstorm and state of emergency from the previous week was an unplanned delay to the process.

Public Gathering Permit: The Board reviewed the Schuetzen Verein’s application for a public gathering permit for the various clambakes and other rentals of the grounds this year. Ray reported that 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." There was no one in the audience who spoke against the gatherings. Nancy made a motion, seconded by John, to grant the permit. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Regional Emergency Shelter: The Board discussed an invitation for Gene Beaubien, Emergency Management Director, to represent the Town in the exploration of establishing a regional emergency shelter in Montague, possibly at Sheffield Elementary. The Board supported the idea and voted unanimously to grant their permission for Gene to participate, and asked that he periodically report on progress.

Energy Commission Bylaw: In approving September's Special Town Meeting vote that established Gill's Energy Commission, the Attorney General's Office noted that the vote did not clearly define the bylaw. The AG recommends the Town develop clearer wording. The Board referred the matter to the Energy Commission.

Historic Maps of Gill: The Board gave permission to the Cultural Council to use the upstairs of Town Hall on April 6th from 7-9pm for a presentation on historic maps of Gill by Dave Allen of Old Maps.

Part-Time Police Officer: Nancy made a motion, seconded by John, to appoint Jeffrey McAndrews of Erving as a Part-Time Officer for the Gill Police Department, effective 3/1/10 through 6/30/10. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chapter 90 Project Requests: Nancy made a motion, seconded by John to approve and sign Chapter 90 project requests from the Highway Superintendent for the loader purchase (\$116,000), gravel resurfacing in various locations (\$8,000), and paving as needed on Walnut and Meadow Streets and Riverview Drive (\$70,000). The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

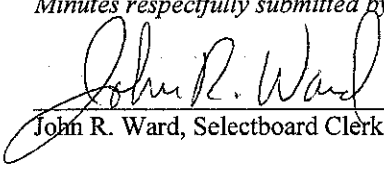
Tree Work Purchase Order: The Board signed a purchase order for \$900 to Jim's Tree Service for emergency tree work performed as a result of the Feb. 24-25 snowstorm.

Resignation: Ray read a letter from Valeria (Timmie) Smith in which she submitted her resignation from the District Agreement Advisory Committee, effective immediately. Nancy made a motion, seconded by John, to accept the resignation with regret. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Warrant #18: The Board reviewed and signed Warrant #18.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk