



AGENDA

SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 15, 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. One-Day Liquor License Applications from Northfield Fire Dept. (5 min.)

The Northfield Fire Department is holding a fundraiser/dance on the NMH campus on March 20th, and has requested a one-day all-alcohol liquor license for the event. Both bartenders working the event are certified, and the event does have liability insurance. There were no issues or concerns noted by the Police, Fire, Highway, Health, or Inspection departments.

4:35 p.m. Old Business

- € Review minutes from 3/1 (1 min)
- € *** Ken Johnson – Municipal Energy (10 min)
 - Municipal Energy is a consulting firm that goes after refunds of street lighting overcharges by WMECO. The “fee” is 25% of the total amount recovered for the town. Since the last time this was discussed, their standard contract has been revised to accommodate suggestions by Gill’s legal counsel. There is also an estimate of the amount that might be recovered.
- € Schuetzen Verein Liquor Licenses (2 min)
 - The ABCC has asked that we submit an amended Form 43 for the new seasonal restaurant license approved on 3/1. The amended form will show the address of the “restaurant” as “Rear of 55 Barton Cove Road”.
- € HRS Police/Fire/Highway Study Contract Extension (2 min)
 - Sandy Stapczynski has requested to extend the project deadline from April 2 to April 30. She plans to have a presentation and final draft report ready for the Board the week of April 19th.
- € Gill Elementary School – Water Well Update (1 min)
 - Mass Rural Water Association will be at Gill Elementary School on Friday 3/19 before school starts to perform leak detection on the wellhead and piping.
- € FY11 Budget (15 min)
 - Legislative leaders are indicating that local aid will likely be cut 3-5%.
 - Today is last day for the Finance Committee and Selectboard to turn in to Ray written questions for the departments about their budgets. Questions will go out to the departments this week, with written responses due 3/29.
- € ESCO Investment Grade Audit (10 min)

- The Investment Grade Audit has been received from Siemens Building Technologies. The Energy Commission will be discussing it at their meeting Wednesday 3/17 at 6pm.
- Between lease legalities and the Town having a \$150K grant, the Gill Elementary School will be included in the Town's ESCO project. We will be asking Siemens to conduct the IGA there a.s.a.p. How energy-related costs and savings are tracked/reported/accounted/assessed by & between the District and the Town will need to be agreed upon.

5:05 p.m. New Business

- € Timeline for Annual Town Meeting (10 min)
 - We need to set the start time for Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 3rd, and should think about a date for continuing the meeting if necessary. We also need to announce a deadline for residents to submit articles for the warrant.
 - Mon, May 3rd at ____pm = Annual Town Meeting
 - Mon, April 26th = last day to post warrant (should be signed at least several days earlier to allow constables time)
 - Mon, April 12th = regular Selectboard meeting – review rough draft warrant
 - Mon, April 5th = proposed date to “close” the warrant (deadline to submit articles to Ray)
 - Mon, March 29th = regular Selectboard meeting
- € GMRSD Financial Stability Advisory Group (5 min.)
 - The group's next meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 7pm. Ann is the Board's representative, but is not able to attend.
- € Aubuchon Hardware – Blue Tarp Credit Application (5 min)
 - Ray is recommending the Town apply for a credit account through BlueTarp Financial for use at Aubuchon Hardware stores. The Highway, Fire, and Police Departments support the request. A \$500 credit limit is suggested. The account would consolidate purchases into a single monthly bill, and provides online account tracking and reporting.
- € Tax Collector's Auction (1 min)
 - Douglas Auctioneers will be conducting an auction on April 7th at 5:00 and 5:30pm of two parcels of land taken for non-payment of taxes. One is 3.55 acres on Main Road and the other is 1.25 acres on Chase Road.
- € Update to Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (5 min)
 - The FRCOG Planning Dept. has grant funding that will allow it to work with Gill to update our LNHMP. This was last done in 2004. We've been asked to assemble a team to review and update our plan.
- € FRCOG Long Range Regional Transportation Plan (5 min)
 - Ray has been invited to attend a meeting on March 17th to discuss Gill's transportation needs and potential projects. Ideas and suggestions to bring to the meeting would be especially welcome.

- Online survey for public to give input: Visit www.frcog.org and look under “What’s New”.
- € Authorization to Access MassEnergyInsight (2 min)
 - MassEnergyInsight is internet-based software that municipalities and school districts can use to report and track energy usage data. To be certified as a Green Community (and be able to apply for certain grants), someone from town must be authorized to use the software and receive training. The initial recommendation is that Ray and Claire Chang (Chair of Energy Commission) be authorized. DOER also suggests that towns authorize the sharing of their energy data with other participating towns.
 - Related note – there will be an info session on 3/31 at 6pm concerning the Green Communities Act. “During this initial meeting, FRCOG staff will give a brief presentation on Green Communities, what will be included in the technical assistance, and next steps. However, the majority of the meeting will be spent going through each criteria, discussing current status, remaining tasks, responsible parties to complete each task, and a timeline for completion. “
- € Common Cause e-Government Award (1 min)
 - For the second year in a row, Gill has won an Award with Distinction from Common Cause Massachusetts for having a municipal website that provides governmental transparency.
- € *** Sewer Abatement Request (1 min)
- € *** FRCOG Offer to do Traffic Counts (1 min)
 - It has been a year or two since FRCOG has done traffic counts in Gill – since we have our own counter. But since the service is available, it may make sense to take advantage of it. The Police Chief and Highway Superintendent both have copies of the request form.

5:45 p.m. Warrant # 19

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/21	12-4pm	Gill Sugarhouse Open House	4 sugarhouses in Gill
3/25	7 pm	GMRSD Financial Stability Advis. Group	Montague Town Hall
3/27	8:30-2:30	Conference for Municipal Officials	Clarion Hotel, Northampton
3/29	4:30pm	Selectboard	Upstairs, Gill Town Hall
3/31	6:00pm	Green Communities Act – Info Session	Gill Town Hall
4/6	7-9pm	Cultural Council – Old Maps of Gill	Upstairs, Gill Town Hall