

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2010

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Patricia Crosby, Nancy Griswold, Timmie Smith

Approval of Minutes: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve the minutes of 8/16. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Four Winds School Lease: The Board signed a modification to the lease with Four Winds School for the Riverside Municipal Building. The change reduces the monthly rent to \$500/month for the 2010-11 school year, as voted at the last meeting.

United Nations Day: The Chair signed a proclamation that declares October 24th as United Nations Day in Gill.

Comments from Guests: Nancy Griswold asked questions regarding the new Open Meeting Law, and whether public participation is allowed and encouraged at all levels of boards and committees in Gill. A discussion ensued about the meeting practices and minutes keeping of the Finance Committee and Energy Commission.

Fire Department: Gene Beaubien, Mike Crochier, and Steve Connell joined the meeting to discuss a number of Fire Department matters. He requested that the presentation on the junior firefighter program be rescheduled to the September 13th Board meeting.

On behalf of a number of firefighters, Gene requested the Board to consider paying firefighters at their usual call rate for offsite (out of town and/or not town-sponsored) class time. Randy recused himself from the discussion. The request comes because training opportunities often conflict with firefighters' regular jobs. The Board asked Gene to assemble an estimate of the potential yearly cost if this type of payment were allowed. The Board will revisit the matter at a later date, in order to gather more information and think about the implications.

Gene reported that Franklin County has received two "burn trailers" which can be used for training simulations. The trailers are available to all towns that belong to the Tri State Mutual Aid program. On a separate note, Gene will be attending training in September to learn more about using the department's new mobile data terminal, which was received for free from the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association. Gene also noted that Vermont Yankee had declared an unusual event in the late evening on August 29th. Three-quarters of the alarm enunciators in the control room were not operational.

Mike Crochier reported that the new brush truck is in town, parked behind the salt shed. He is in the process of getting quotes for the work and materials necessary to convert it from a pickup to a brush truck. The pickup body needs to be removed, and a flatbed body purchased and installed. They will also purchase a skid-mounted pump/tank/reel unit. Funds for this project will come from the NMH donations fund.

Mass. Broadband Institute: Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to appoint Ray as the Mass. Broadband Institute community representative for Gill. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Rep. to Franklin Regional Planning Board: Ray explained that Larry Underwood has been serving as the Selectboard's rep to the Franklin Regional Planning Board, and that Gill's Planning Board has its own rep (Tim Storrow). Ray has spoken to Larry, and he is willing to continue to continue if the Board cannot find anyone else. The Board indicated they are comfortable with Larry as their rep. Ray will reconfirm with Larry and notify the FRPB of the reappointment.

CDBG - Riverside Sewer Pump Station Project: Ray reported that Tighe & Bond has made a preliminary visit to the pump station, and has quoted \$2,000 to perform a needs assessment. This amount can be reimbursed to the Town from the rehab loan repayment money being held by the Housing Redevelopment Authority. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to hire Tighe & Bond to conduct a needs assessment per their proposal, and to authorize John to sign the contract. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

In answer to questions from last meeting, Ray reported that roughly \$45,000 of the \$93,000 in rehab loan repayment funds are attributable to loans made to Riverside-area households. The funds are under the direction of the HRA, and can be used for any CDBG-eligible purpose.

There was discussion of ways that additional money could be raised, should the sewer system ever need major repairs. Likely this money would come from a special assessment on the sewer bills. There appears to be roughly \$35,000 currently available as a "rainy day" fund. The Board asked Ray to perform an analysis of sewer rates in relation to ongoing expenses, maintenance costs, and future needs.

Highway Dept. Truck Body: The Board reviewed a quotation and photos from J.C. Madigan for a used dump body for the 1990 highway truck. The \$4,500 price is below budget, and the condition appears excellent, but the Board wants Mick to inspect the dump body in person before authorizing the purchase. Randy volunteered to go with Mick, if schedules allow.

The Board signed three Chapter 90 reimbursement forms in the amounts of \$45,669.28, \$56,950.70, and \$114,675.00.

2011 Annual Town Meeting: The Board identified Saturday, May 7th and Saturday, June 25th as tentative dates for the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. Residents seem to want to try a Saturday meeting again, and by picking dates well in advance it is hoped that scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

Moderator for GMRSD District-Wide Meeting: GMRSD Superintendent Carl Ladd has notified the Gill and Montague Selectboards that they need to meet jointly to appoint a moderator for the November 18th District-Wide Meeting. September 13th is a possible date for the joint meeting, although the Board indicated that they would support appointing either of the towns' moderators (Ray Steele and Ray Godin).

Miscellaneous Topics: Ray reported on the availability of funds from Franklin County Home Care for seniors to use as matching funds for performing energy efficiency and home weatherization projects. Also, the Slate Memorial Library will have new hours effective September 7th (closed on Mondays, open on Tuesdays 2-6pm). The Rec. Committee is holding a tag sale at the RMB Grounds on Saturday, September 4th.

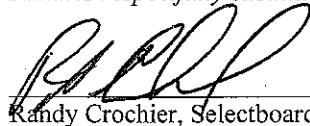
There will be a meeting to discuss the Franklin Regional Pedestrian Plan on Monday, 9/13 at 5:30pm. As the time conflicts with the Board's next meeting, no one will attend. However, based on discussion tonight, Ray will forward to Beth Giannini a request that the Route 2/Main Road intersection be considered for a pedestrian crossing from the lawn by the Mobil station to the G-M Bridge sidewalk.

Capital Improvement Planning Commission: Ray reminded the Board to think about appointments to the CIPC. Nancy Griswold indicated she will send a letter asking to be considered to serve on that group.

Warrants: The Board reviewed and signed FY11 Warrant #5.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Crochier", written over a horizontal line.

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

Mon May 16 = Annual Town Elections
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 Sun Jun 19 = Father's Day
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