

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2010

The meeting was held simultaneous with a regular meeting of the Montague Selectboard at the Montague Town Hall.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: All others present were assumed to be in attendance for the Montague Selectboard meeting.

Joint Appointment of a Moderator: The two boards discussed the upcoming November 18th District-Wide meeting to vote on a budget for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, and the requirement that they jointly appoint a moderator for the meeting. The Montague Selectboard unanimously voted to appoint Ray Godin as moderator for the District-Wide meeting. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Ray Godin as moderator for the November 18th District-Wide meeting. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

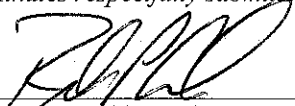
In a related discussion, there was consensus between the two boards that votes at the District-Wide meeting should be taken using paper ballots. Montague will communicate this to Ray Godin.

G-M Bridge Meeting: There was a general discussion of a meeting being planned by Walter Ramsay, Montague's Planner, to discuss town- and business-related issues related to the reconstruction of the Gill-Montague Bridge. The meeting is now scheduled for October 14th at 4:00pm, and Gill officials are invited to participate. Ray summarized a list of topics that he will forward to Walter.

Education Jobs Funding: There was a short general discussion of Tuesday's School Committee meeting where the Education Jobs funding will be discussed. Representatives from both selectboards will be attending that meeting.

Adjournment: The Gill Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk



Gill-Montague Regional School District

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August 25, 2010

Board of Selectmen
Town of Montague
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Turners Falls, MA 01376

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Board of Selectmen:

At a regular meeting of the Gill-Montague Regional School Committee held on August 24, 2010, the school committee voted to schedule a District Wide Meeting to vote on the district budget on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Turners Falls High School Theatre at 6:30 p.m.

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section B, "The boards of selectmen of the member municipalities in a joint meeting shall, by a majority vote of those present, appoint a town moderator or any other person acceptable to the boards of selectmen to act as moderator and the district secretary shall keep the record of such meeting." In preparation for the district wide meeting, the school committee requests the boards of selectmen to appoint a moderator for the meeting.

Please inform my executive assistant, Robin Hamlett, of your decision as soon as possible at 413-863-9324 or rhamlett@gmrsd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl M. Ladd".

Carl M. Ladd, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

9/13 @ 7pm

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Gill Fire Dept [firedept@gillmass.org]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 5:56 AM
To: 'Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard'; chief@gillmass.org; 'Mick LaClaire'
Cc: 'Ann Banash'; johnrward@hotmail.com; 'Randy Crochier'
Subject: RE: G-M bridge public hearing with MassHighway

Two more items.

- 1) Move stop line and remove old ones on Gill side, if you stop at the first line the light does not turn green.
- 2) Put a skim coat of blacktop on the bridge to smooth out the ride.

Gene

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [mailto:administrator@gillmass.org]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 4:35 PM
To: chief@gillmass.org; 'Gill Fire Dept'; 'Mick LaClaire'
Cc: Ann Banash; johnrward@hotmail.com; Randy Crochier
Subject: FW: G-M bridge public hearing with MassHighway

Mick, David, and Gene,

I'm fairly certain that Gill will be joining in on this meeting with Montague, and the three of you are certainly invited to participate.

Topics that I've thought of (but haven't sent to Walter Ramsey):

- Snow removal from bridge and sidewalk
- Future responsibility for street lights
- Wrong way traffic on bridge
- Vehicle that ignored flashing emergency red signal at 3am
- Future pedestrian signal to cross Route 2 from Gill Mobil lawn to bridge sidewalk

Any others?

From: Walter Ramsey - Montague Planner [mailto:planner@montague-ma.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 2:17 PM
To: administrator@gillmass.org
Cc: FrankA-Montague Town Administrator
Subject: G-M bridge public hearing with MassHighway

Hello,

I am writing to welcome Gill's participation in a public hearing to be held regarding the G-M bridge hosted by the Town of Montague. The meeting will be represented by MassHighway officials, project engineers, and contractors, community members and the Montague Business Association. The tentative hearing date for Thursday October 7, 4 pm at Montague Town Hall. I have confirmation from Al Stegemann, MassHighway District 2 Director.

Potential Agenda Items/Status Updates include:

- Detours
- Bridge Closing procedure/notification
- Turners Falls Permanent Wayfinding Signage
- I-91 North ramp closure
- Proposed reuse of historic steel bridge railings
- Other community concerns

Does Gill have any other items to be discussed?

Walter Ramsey

Town Planner and Conservation Agent
Montague, Massachusetts
413.863.3200 ext.112

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Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Gill Fire Dept [firedept@gillmass.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2010 7:22 AM
To: 'Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard'; chief@gillmass.org; 'Mick LaClaire'
Cc: 'Ann Banash'; johnrward@hotmail.com; 'Randy Crochier'
Subject: RE: G-M bridge public hearing with MassHighway

All:

I would like to discuss the possibility of putting a permanent traffic preemption signal on the Gill side that we can activate coming down the hill to clear the intersection for us and Police. This would be the time to do it if they are installing new lights at the end of the project. I have no idea on the cost or who installs them (us or state) but definitely worth looking into. These would be like Greenfield uses on various intersections in their city.

Gene

Gene M. Beaubien
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*New Date
Oct 14th @ 4 pm*

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