

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

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

Executive Session: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to go into executive session to consider the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, as related to police coverage during Sgt. Redmond's family leave, and that the meeting will reconvene in open session afterward. A roll call vote was taken – Ann, aye; Randy, aye; John, aye.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:59pm. David Detmold (Montague Reporter) and Doug Harris (Narragansett Indian Tribe Preservationist) both joined the meeting.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to transfer \$4,000 from the NMH Emergency Services Gift Account to the Police Department budget. The motion passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed.

Haying of Mariamante Field: Ray reported that a local farmer has asked about mowing the Mariamante field for a hay crop this season. Doug Harris indicated no personal objection, but stated that he needs to check with the Narragansett and two other tribes before taking any official position on the idea. The Board directed Ray to keep the process moving by contacting other potential hay farmers to gauge interest and to request bids. Doug noted there may be some developments later this year on the tribes' interest in the property, but that he wasn't at liberty to discuss the matter at this time. Doug left the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from 4/25 and 4/27 were not ready.

Siemens Project at Gill Elementary: Ray gave an update on the energy improvement project. The energy savings agreement between the GMRSD and Town has been approved by the School Committee and signed by the Superintendent. At a meeting on May 6th the Selectboard voted to accept the Energy Management Services Agreement (EMSA) between the Town and Siemens, and have authorized the Chair to sign the document. Long- and short-term financing options are still being researched, with the Treasurer and Ray looking into a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities loan and a Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) as long-term options. Bids are being sought for a short-term loan to provide "bridge" funds until the long-term financing is in place.

Gill Elementary Water: Ray reported on a recent meeting at the school with Steve Roberto (GMRSD Facilities Manager), Dick Kilhart (Mass. Rural Water Association), and Bill Pachalis (NMH's water operator). Although we are still waiting for results from an April test on the sediment and odor, the consensus of the two water experts is that the hydrogen sulfide smells are non-organic and most likely are caused by naturally occurring iron and manganese in the water table. It was recommended that the water system be flushed (open and drain everything) on a regular basis, in order to prevent sediment from accumulating. Randy noted that the water should be drained somewhere besides the septic system, in order to prolong its useful life. It is also recommended that a well maintenance project be done this summer, including opening the well and pulling the pump. The pump is roughly 30 years old and should likely be replaced at that time. An article is on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting to fund this work. A scope of work will be written and 3 quotes will be sought.

LPVEC Fuel Oil Bid Proxy: The Board reviewed the documents to name Paul Schroeder (Energy Services Manager for the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative) as the Town's Agent for the purpose of executing the purchase of fuel oil for FY 2012. Paul has acted as the Town's agent for the last three years at least, with excellent results, usually beating other local fuel contracts by 20+ cents per gallon. The Board also reviewed oil-use

projections for FY1 2012, and agreed with Ray's recommendation of locking into the purchase of 5,500 gallons. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to designate Paul Schroeder as the Town's agent on the purchase of 5,500 gallons of heating fuel oil for FY 2012, and to authorize John to sign on behalf of the Board. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DEP & Transfer Station Permitting: Ray reported on the success of a local effort to repeal a 2010 change in site assignment and transfer station permitting from DEP to local Boards of Health. Gill's own Arthur Cohen was an instrumental player in getting legislators to support the repeal. Representative Steve Kulik and Senator Rosenberg were also key to the effort.

Gill-Montague Bridge Lights: Al Stegemann, the District 2 supervisor for Mass Highway/DOT has confirmed that after completion of the bridge renovations, the State will assume responsibility for the electricity and other costs of lighting the bridge. When the construction work moves from the west lane to the east lane, and the 9 existing cobra-head lamps are removed, the lighting costs will cease for Gill and Montague. To formalize the handoff from the two towns to the state, we should send a joint letter to Mass Highway. Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to authorize John to sign the letter to Mass Highway on behalf of the Town. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Board asked Ray to continue efforts to get copies of the plans for Route 2/Main Road intersection, so they may see what changes and improvements are proposed as part of the bridge project.

Town Forest Donations Account: The Board reviewed a request from the Conservation Commission to establish a "Town Forest Donations Account", in which donations would be under the control of the Conservation Commission and used for maintenance, development, and programs related to the town-owned conservation area on Bascom, Hoe Shop, and Dole Roads. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to grant the request and establish the account. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Town Forest Task Force: Ray presented a list of Gill residents who have stepped forward to be members of the Town Forest Task Force. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint the following people to the task force for a term that expires June 30, 2012: Donna Bigelow, Peter Conway, Dick French, Liz Gardner, Ken Johnson, Jeff Kocsis, Barry Petrin, Chris Polatin, Tim Storrow, and Ivan Ussach. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Open Space Committee: The Board reviewed the list of four names of people who have offered to serve on the Open Space Committee as it works to update the 2005 Open Space and Recreation Plan. It was noted that it would be nice to have more or all of the Planning Board involved in the effort. All had been invited, but only Dick French was interested. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Dick French, Liz Gardner, Jeff Kocsis, and Ray Purington (as Administrative Assistant) to the Open Space Committee. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Correspondence: The Board read a letter from Mr. Allan Adie of Walnut Street. As a service to the Town, Mr. Adie offered to sell copies of the 1943-1993 History of Gill from his Riverside home. The Board liked the idea. Ray will make arrangements with Mr. Adie to sell the books for \$15 each. It was also suggested that the book could be sold at town meetings, Friends of Gill events, and the Fall Craft Fair.

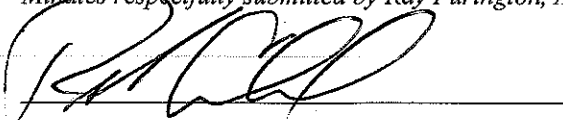
The Board also received an invitation from the Memorial Committee to the annual Memorial Day Ceremony that will be held on May 29th. It is customary for the Chair to offer brief opening remarks at the event.

Road Race: The Board reviewed a request from the New England Relay Race to route a portion of its 225-mile running relay event through Gill on June 11th between 5:30 and 10:00pm. The Police, Fire, and Highway Departments have all granted their approval, but have noted there may or may not be a police officer on duty during the race hours. Additionally, the Highway Department will not allow any painting on road surfaces, and asks that signs be removed within 10 days of the event. The Board had no objections to the race.

Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY11 warrant #23. Randy abstained from signing.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

AUTHORIZATION OF
DESIGNATION AS AGENT
FOR FIXED PRICE FUTURES PROGRAM
#2 HEATING FUEL OIL

The Town of Gill (Awarding Authority) hereby appoints and designates Paul W. Schroeder, Manager of Energy Services for the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, as its Agent for fixing the price on the purchase of 5,500 gallons of #2 heating fuel oil under the Fixed price Futures Program of the Western Mass. Fuel Cooperative Bid.

The Awarding Authority agrees to take delivery of the above specified gallons of oil, at the fixed price locked by its Agent, in Fiscal Year 2012.

The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative offers this service for the benefit of the Western Massachusetts Fuel Cooperative members and in no way will it or its Employees, acting as an Agent, be liable for any losses to the Awarding Authority, including a drop in prices in the fuel oil markets, that may result from this service.

John R. Ward
(signature) _____
John R. Ward (print name)
Chair, Selectboard (title)
Town of Gill (awarding authority)
325 Main Rd, Gill, MA 01354 (address)

Phone: 413-863-9347

Fax: 413-863-7775

Please send me this form with your filled out "Notice to Buy Order" so I know what to fix for you.

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE
174 BRUSH HILL AVENUE, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01089 PHONE 413-735-2200 FAX 413-735-2280

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NOTICE OF BUY ORDER

Number 2 Heating Fuel Oil

METERED PUMP TRUCK DELIVERIES Section 6

_____ (date)

This Notice of Buy Order is for the Fixed Price Future Program as defined by the #2 Heating Fuel Oil Bid of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative and Participants in the Western Massachusetts Fuel Cooperative. By executing this Buy Order, the signatory agrees to the terms and conditions listed in the #2 Heating Fuel Oil Bid. This order is also considered as a contract renewal in the case of successive years as defined in the bid.

This buy order is for 5,500 gallons #2 Heating Fuel Oil at the fixed price based on the New York Mercantile Exchange, Heating Oil No. 2, futures settle price for January 2012 as published in the Wall Street Journal for Today PLUS the contract Margin and Overhead price of \$ 0.2480 as awarded from the #2 Heating Fuel Oil Bid for Metered Pump Truck deliveries, Section 6.

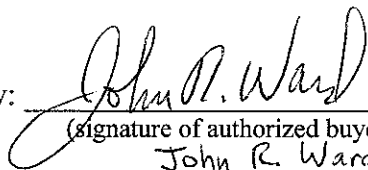
The receipt of the Fixed Future Priced Fuel will commence on Sept. 1, 2011 and continue until the above specified amount of fuel is delivered.

Any additional gallons purchased before the fixed price begins or after the number of gallons listed above is used, will be purchased based on the Boston Low Spot Market Price plus the contract Margin and Overhead price of \$ 0.1965 as awarded from the #2 Heating Fuel Oil Bid for Metered Pump Truck deliveries, Section 6, Franklin County Metered Pump Truck Deliveries.

THIS BUY ORDER IS MADE TO:

David Dunn
Surner Heating Co., Inc.
60 Shumway St.
Amherst, MA 01005
Phone: 413-253-5999
Fax: 413-253-9063

By: _____



(signature of authorized buyer)

John R. Ward (print name)

Chair, Selectboard (title)

Town of Gill (awarding authority)

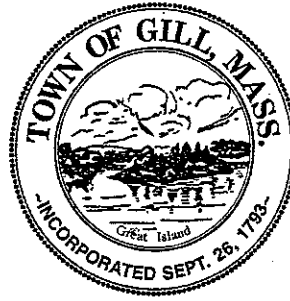
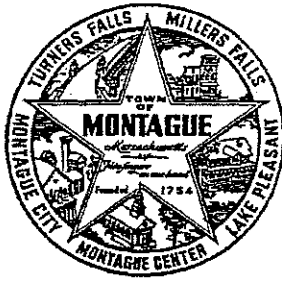
325 Main Rd (address)

Gill, MA 01354

Phone: 413-863-9347

Fax: 413-863-7775

Notice: This buy order must be received by your supplier by 12 noon of the day you wish to fix the futures price.
Follow up with a phone call to make sure they got it.



May 5, 2011

Mr. Al Stegemann, Director

District 2

DOT/MassHighway

811 North King Street

Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Mr. Stegemann:

The Boards of Selectmen of the towns of Montague and Gill kindly request that the Mass DOT commit to the long term payment of all costs associated with the operations and maintenance of the traffic and pedestrian lighting on the Gill-Montague Bridge. This would include the annual cost of powering the lights as well as any on-going maintenance of the light fixtures themselves. This commitment should become effective when the new bridge lights are activated and the eight existing WMECO-owned cobra-head lights are removed from service.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Thanking you in advance, we are

Sincerely

BOARDS OF SELECTMEN

Patricia A. Allen, Chairman
Town of Montague

John R. Ward, Chairman
Town of Gill

Rec'd 5/5/11

9 Walnut St.
Gill, Mass. 01354
May 2, 2011.
1-413-863-2012 2102

Board of Gill Select Persons
Gill Town Hall
Gill, Mass. 01354

Hi And Good Evening.

Do we still have some Gill 1943-1993 History Books stored at the town hall? If so, shouldn't we be trying to sell them?

I haven't done much for Gill lately so they could put on Gill's Great Website with my name, address number and telephone number where they could be purchased. I am home most of the time. I believe they were sold for \$15.00. If I sold 10 \$150.00 could help some department.

Certainly, Gill has had new residents plus children have grown up who do have a history It is still in their parent's home.

If all histories have been sold it is always nice to correspond with you.

Very sincerely yours.

allan

Most recent price
was \$15.75 per
book, not \$15.00

RAY

Rec'd 5/2/11

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Memorial Committee

Subject: Memorial Day Ceremony Invitation

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Memorial Committee would like to extend to you this invitation to attend the Town of Gill Memorial Day Ceremonies. Beginning at 10:00 A M Sunday May 29, 2011 at the Gill Congregational Church, and after services, continuing across main road at the Veterans Monuments. As in the past a brief opening statement by a Selectmen would be greatly appreciated at the Veterans Monuments. Currently the committee plans to keep everything the same which has worked out well in the past.

If you plan to speak at the Veterans Monuments, please contact Gary Bourbeau at 863-8613 for some information on the procedures for the ceremony. Thank you.

Respectively,

Gary & Merri Bourbeau 863-8613

Doug & Elaine Smith 863-3115

Chet Kuzontkoski 863-9284

Memorial Committee