

# TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*May 22, 2012*

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Randy Crochier, Ann Banash and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant. Others Present: Rick James, Emily Krems, Lissa Greenough, Ellen Johnson.

Reorganization: Following the May 21 Town Elections, the Selectboard reorganized. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to elect Ann Banash as Chair of the Selectboard. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to elect John Ward as Clerk to the Selectboard. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ann made a motion, seconded by John, to appoint Randy as the Selectboard representative to the Personnel Committee. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to appoint John as Gill's representative to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Vacancy on Library Trustees: Library Trustees Lissa Greenough and Ellen Johnson met with the Selectboard to make a joint appointment to fill a vacancy on the Library's Board of Trustees. William Draper's resignation, announced two weeks prior, came too late for the position to be filled at the May 21 Town Election. The vacancy was publicized, and one resident expressed an interest in the position. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Megan Bathory-Peeler as a Library Trustee until the May 20, 2013 Town Elections. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative by the Selectboard and both Trustees. Lissa and Ellen left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 3/19, 3/26, 5/10, 5/14, and 5/15, with the word "liability" inserted into the sixth paragraph of the 5/14 minutes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Safety Complex Boiler: The installation of the new heating system at the PSC is about half-complete. Both new boilers and the three new unit heaters are on site and in place, and much of the plumbing to the units is in progress.

Siemens Project: Ray reported that the sheet metal covers to protect two valve actuators in common areas at the Elementary School have finally been installed. A pile of trash left over from the boiler replacement project has also been removed by Siemens.

Pre-Town Meeting: Ann suggested that this year's Pre-Town Meeting be held at the Elementary School on June 14th at 6pm, if the building is available that night. Besides informing voters about the topics to be voted on June 19th, it will provide the opportunity to showcase the energy improvements made at the school as part of the Siemens project. Also, it could be a time to explain the workings of a "typical" town meeting to those who might not be familiar with it.

Elementary School Masonry Repairs: Nothing new to report; still waiting on a quotation for making the various repairs.

Memorial Day Ceremony: John will attend and make welcoming remarks at the ceremony at the Veterans Monument.

Accuvote Scan System: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to authorize the Town Clerk to use the Accuvote scan voting system at the 9/6/12 State Primary election and at the 11/6/12 Presidential election.. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6:25pm Rose Levasseur, Anne Harding, Nathan Duda, and Deb Loomer joined the meeting.

Boston Post Cane: There has been a request from a resident to restart the tradition of presenting the Town's Boston Post Cane to Gill's oldest resident. Ray reported that there is no Boston Post Cane in the Town Hall's vault, although there is a Gill Bicentennial Cane. More research will be done to determine the whereabouts of the Boston Post Cane. In the meantime, the Board gave approval to spend \$140 to purchase a replica cane from the Town of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Recreation Committee: Deb Loomer, Rose Levasseur, and Nathan Duda reported to the Selectboard on recent activities by the Recreation Committee. The May 6<sup>th</sup> Red Sox bus trip was very successful – all 104 tickets were sold – and attendees were privileged to watch a 17-inning loss to the Baltimore Orioles. With earnings from the ticket sales, the Rec Committee would like to purchase bleachers for the softball field at the Elementary School. The bleachers will be aluminum, two rows tall by 20 feet long. Only one quote has been obtained so far, with a delivered price of \$774.99. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to authorize Ray to sign a purchase order not to exceed \$774.99 for the bleachers. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Deb explained that signups for Rec teams have been down lately, and there will only be one baseball team this year. It is thought that school choice plays a part in the decline as children want to play on the same team as their school friends, even if the team isn't their hometown team. Also, it's suspected that more parents are placing their children in the more competitive, structured suburban leagues. Gill Rec has been trying to partner with other town programs, either formally or informally. There was consensus among the Selectboard to allow Gill Rec to explore a formal partnership with another town.

It has been getting harder to schedule the soccer program's practices and games at the NMH fields, so the Committee is looking into moving the program back to the fields at Gill Elementary. To do this, they will need regulation youth-sized soccer nets. It was suggested that perhaps the Principal at the school would support the effort by requesting Quintus Allen funds to purchase the nets.

Lastly, the Committee reported that it has become increasingly difficult to find people to volunteer to be coaches for the various teams. Also, the Committee desperately needs several new members. Without more community involvement, the program may cease to exist. Nathan, Rose, and Deb left at 6:50pm.

MCTV Broadcasting Gill Meetings: Anne Harding, Treasurer of the MCTV Board of Directors, met with the Selectboard to discuss the costs associated with preparing video shoots of Gill Selectboard meetings to be broadcast on MCTV's channel. Between file transfers, editing, and conversion time, it averages 4 hours per meeting. Currently the cost for this work is being underwritten by MCTV's funds from Montague, as Gill has not been making any payments. Anne suggested \$80/meeting (\$20/hour) for MCTV to continue providing production services.

Rick James, Gill's excellent camera operator, indicated that he is willing to continue to volunteer to record the meetings, but isn't interested in doing the production work. Janet Masucci, a Gill resident, has expressed a willingness to volunteer some time to produce Gill events, but she cannot commit to the amount of time it would take to produce every Selectboard meeting. Anne noted that while many MCTV programs are produced entirely by volunteers, it tends to be difficult to find volunteers to work on governmental meetings, which is why Montague's are covered by paid MCTV staff.

The Board also discussed payments Gill receives from Comcast as part of its contract with the Town. In past years, perhaps as far back as 2005, there was an annual appropriation by Town Meeting to pay the income from Comcast (50-cents per subscriber) to Greenfield Cable TV. Although the current contract with Comcast provides PEG Access money to the Town, nothing has ever been paid to MCTV. The Selectboard agreed to research and discuss the matter further, and to send to MCTV a proposal that meets the Town's needs. Anne Harding left the meeting.

Comcast Contract: In a followup to the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ray reported that the current contract with Comcast expires on August 15, 2015, and was signed in August 2005. Various town records indicate that as early as August 2003 a Cable Committee had been formed and was reviewing the previous contract. During its discussion, the Selectboard agreed it was time to begin seeking people to serve on the committee to negotiate the next cable contract. Ray was asked to check with Northfield and Bernardston to find out where in the cable renewal process those towns are, and whether there is a way for Gill to join forces with them.

Regional Dog Kennel: Ray shared an email regarding the new regional dog kennel, which has a newly hired program manager. As a member town, Gill needs to appoint a representative and an alternate to serve on the

program's Oversight Committee. Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, the Town Clerk, has offered to serve as the alternate. Rather than expand Ray's list of duties any further, there will be an attempt to find a Gill resident willing to serve as the Town's primary representative.

Mariamante Field Mowing: Three Gill farmers were contacted about mowing/haying the Mariamante field this season. Only one, Joe Williams, responded with a bid of \$200 paid to him. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to award the job to Joe Williams for the bid price. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ray will also follow up with Doug Harris to find out if there have been any changes with respect to the Tribes' interest in the land.

DEP Notice: The Board received a copy of a DEP notice directed to Summit Distributing, which owns the Gill Mobil property. The notice indicates that DEP wants an additional monitoring well installed in order to track progress of natural remediation from an underground fuel leak prior to 2004.

TFHS Graduation: The Board received an invitation to graduation ceremonies at Turners Falls High School. Randy will attend.

Elevator Maintenance Contract: The Board reviewed the bid prices from the FRCOG's cooperative bid for elevator maintenance services for FY13. Eagle Elevator is the recommended bidder. Based upon semi-annual service visits for the elevator and stage lift, plus the annual state inspection of the elevator, Gill's elevator costs for FY13 will be \$1,310. There was discussion about re-bidding the elevator maintenance services on our own, but it was felt that any savings would be lost to the administrative cost of doing the bid. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to award the elevator maintenance contract for FY13 to Eagle Elevator. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Police/Fire Accident Insurance Renewal: As MIIA/Chubb's price shows a 7% increase, other quotes for this mandated insurance are being sought.

FY13 Diesel Bid: The Board reviewed the bid prices from the FRCOG's cooperative bid for diesel fuel for FY13. Dennis K. Burke is the low bidder with a fixed price of \$3.55/gallon, which is 29 cents per gallon less than this year's price. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to award the FY13 diesel contract to Dennis K. Burke for \$3.55/gallon for 6,500 gallons. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Warrant: Because of the Accountant's vacation, the warrant was not available for review and approval. It will be signed later in the week.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.*

  
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~~John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk~~

*Randy P. Cratcha* ✓

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 27, 2012 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

TOWN OF GILL  
M A S S A C H U S E T T S



Town Clerk

Monday, May 14, 2012

I would like to request that the Selectboard take a vote to use the Accuvote scan voting system at the September 6, 2012 State Primary and also at the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election. Both Elections stand to be very well attended and the pressure for count will be on to communicate those results to the media as quickly as possible.

Notification to the Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office is required at least 120 days before the referenced election or elections.

I would ask that a copy of the accepted minutes of the Selectboard's decision be provided for mailing to the office of the Secretary of the State.

Thank you,  
Lynda Hodsdon Mayo

## Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

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**From:** Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [administrator@gillmass.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 12:35 PM  
**To:** Lynda Hodsdon Mayo (townclerk@gillmass.org); chief@gillmass.org; 'Sgt. Redmond'  
**Cc:** 'Ronnie LaChance'; Ann Banash; John R Ward (johnward.ward54@gmail.com); Randy Crochier (hxydad77@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Dog Kennel Update

FYI – the Regional Dog Kennel is getting up-and-running! See below for more details.

Lynda, David, and Chris – are any of you interested in serving as Gill's representative to the program's Oversight Committee, either as the member or as the alternate? Based on your involvement with dog-related matters, it seems like a natural choice.

Ray

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**From:** Ted Harvey [mailto:Harvey@frcog.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:42 AM  
**Subject:** Regional Dog Kennel Update

Hello All:

An update on the regional dog kennel.

Leslee Colucci is now officially the program manager for the kennel, and an employee of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. She brings a wealth of experience to the job, including prior animal control experience, animal inspection experience and certification as an animal control officer. She is also Reserve-Intermittent trained.

We are rounding the kennel into shape and hope to have a "Grand Opening" sometime later this month or early in June. More information is forthcoming. However, even with the work continuing to be done on the kennel, the kennel is taking dogs. Leslee's contact information is below:

Email: [L.Colucci@fsc.state.ma.us](mailto:L.Colucci@fsc.state.ma.us)

Cell number: 413- 768-0624

Office: 413-774-4014; ext. 2160

Kennel Address: End of Sandy Lane, off Turnpike Road in Turners Falls, right before you get to Judd Wire

We will also have the ability to collect town assessments soon. At this point we are forgoing the pro-rated assessment for this current year and will begin with the assessment for FY 13. This will also be a topic at the Oversight Committee meeting.

Speaking of the Oversight Committee, just a friendly reminder for those towns that have not yet designated a Committee and Alternate member, please let me know who those are as soon as you can so we are able to set up our first meeting. Thank you for your help with this project.

Regards

Ted

Ted Harvey, MPA



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

## Department of Environmental Protection

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KENNETH L. KIMMELL  
Commissioner

May 15, 2012

Summit Distributing LLC  
240 Mechanic Street  
Lebanon, NH 03766-2617  
Attn: Thomas Frawley, Manager

Re: **NOTICE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND  
NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE**  
Gill  
23 French King Highway  
RTN 1-12568  
**NON-WE-12-3A041**

Dear Mr. Frawley:

On May 9, 2012, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP, the Department) conducted an audit inspection at the location identified above. In particular, the audit inspection focused on the Comprehensive Response Action being implemented at this site. The remedial action consists of monitored natural attenuation (MNA). The audit also included a review of the inspection and monitoring (I&M) reports on-file at the Department, the most recent of which was received on February 22, 2012. This Notice informs you of the results of the Department's audit inspection.

### **VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED**

The Department has determined that response actions were not performed in compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). The enclosed Notice of Audit Findings and Notice of Noncompliance lists the violation(s) and those action(s) that are required to achieve compliance. Copies of the applicable field inspection forms are also enclosed. Specifically, the Notice of Audit Findings and Notice of Noncompliance contains: (1) the requirement violated, (2) the date and place that the Department asserts the requirement was violated, (3) either the specific actions which must be taken in order to return to compliance or direction to submit a written proposal describing how and when you plan to return to compliance and (4) the deadline for taking such actions or submitting such a proposal.

### **LICENSED SITE PROFESSIONAL (LSP)**

A copy of this Notice has been sent to David Maclean, the current LSP-of-Record for the disposal site. However, you, not your LSP, are responsible for responding to this Notice of Noncompliance and correcting the violations identified therein.


**LIMITATIONS**

The audit inspection did not include a compliance review of all response actions undertaken at this site to date. This audit was focused primarily on evaluating compliance with the MCP's requirements for operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the response action being conducted, as detailed in the most recent I&M report and as observed on May 9, 2012.

The Department's findings were based on the certainty of the information reviewed during the audit. These findings do not: (1) apply to actions or other aspects of the site that were not reviewed in the audit, (2) preclude future audits of past, current, or future actions at the site, (3) in any way constitute a release from any liability, obligation, action or penalty under M.G.L. c. 21E, 310 CMR 40.0000, or any other law, regulation, or requirement, or (4) limit the Department's authority to take or arrange, or to require any Responsible Party or Potentially Responsible Party to perform, any response action authorized by M.G.L. c. 21E which the Department deems necessary to protect health, safety, public welfare, or the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Michael Reed at 413-755-2290. Please reference Release Tracking Number 1-12568 and Enforcement Tracking Number NON-WE-12-3A041 in any future correspondence to the Department regarding the site.

Sincerely,



Eva V. Tor  
Deputy Regional Director  
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

Certified Mail # 7011 0470 0001 8408 2151, Return Receipt Requested

Enc.: Notice of Audit Findings and Notice of Noncompliance  
Field inspection form(s)

e-copies:

Gill: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health  
David Maclean, GeoInsight, LSP-of-Record  
Denise Andler, DEP-WERO  
Data Entry: PHASEV/SNAUDI; AUDCOM/NAFNON; FLDRUN 05/09/12



# TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

*Donna M. Fitzpatrick, Principal  
Joseph V. Fleming, Interim Principal  
Patricia Gardner Assistant Principal  
222 Turnpike Road  
Montague, MA 01351  
Phone 413-863-7200 Fax 413 863-7353  
[www.gmrtd.org](http://www.gmrtd.org)*

May 7, 2012


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

On behalf of the administration of Turners Falls High School I would like to invite you all to attend Awards Night on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 7:00 PM and Graduation on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. There will be reserved seating for Graduation for you.

Hopefully, you will be able to join the Class of 2012 in celebrating the successful completion of one phase of their young lives.

Your response is requested by May 25, 2012 so we may plan accordingly.  
Please respond to Sandy Bailey **(863-7296)**.

Sincerely,



Joseph V. Fleming  
Interim Principal

**BID OPENING FOR FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT    MAY 8, 2010 AT 2PM**

CO NAME	bimonthly svc	mult by 6	plus ann safety test	plus reg svce call	plus overtime svce call	equals total bid
THYSSEN KRUP lift price if different	\$ 75.00 \$ 50.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,095.00
EAGLE ELEVATOR lift price if different	\$ 105.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 490.00 \$ 290.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 1,458.00
UNITED ELEVATOR	\$ 125.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 1,489.00
ASSOCIATED ELEVATOR lift price if different	\$ 125.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 540.00 \$ 1,040.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,640.00

exceptions taken to contract:  
non-collusion  
indemnity

*Thyssen Krup Bid Rejected. MA Office of Inspector General ruled that the exception taken to the Non Collusion statement made the bid "conditional" and therefore unacceptable under MGL Ch 30B.*

Elevator Maintenance - FY13 (FY14 & FY15 optional extensions)

Eagle Elevator	Elevator (A)	Vertical Lift (B)	
\$ per service call	105	105	84
# of service calls	2	2	84
service subtotal	210	210	
annual inspect	490	0	
total (1)	700	210	
Comm. Mass (2) (annual safety inspection)	400	0	
Grand Total 1A + 1B + 2A + 2B	1310		

- Elevator receives State Inspection every year.
- Stage Lift expires 8/11/15 = fee will need to be paid late FY15 or very early FY16.

**Diesel Bids - Open Bids May 22, 2012 for July 1, 2012 -  
June 30, 2013**

Company Name:	A R Sandri	Dennis K. Burke	FL Roberts
Lead Time for call-in deliveries:	413-772-2121	800-289-2875	413-736-9611
Regular Deliveries	48 hrs	48 HRS	24 hrs.
Storage Fee per month	\$0.05	\$0.05	n/a
Emergencies	4 hrs. plus \$75 charge	12 HOURS	12 hrs
<b>Option 1: FIXED PRICE BID</b>			
<b>Town</b>	<b>Est Gallons</b>	<b>Total Price</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
Buckland	10,500	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Charlemont	10,636	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Colrain	14,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Deerfield	9,500	\$3.68	<b>\$3.55</b>
Gill	6,500	\$3.69	<b>\$3.55</b>
Hadley	18,060	3.51/3.64	<b>3.38/3.54</b>
Hardwick	12,000	\$3.87	<b>\$3.55</b>
Heath	8,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Leyden	6,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Montague	15,000	3.52/3.65	<b>3.36/3.55</b>
Orange	14,300	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Rowe	9,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Shutesbury	6,500	\$3.71	<b>\$3.55</b>
Warwick	6,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Wendell	6,000	\$3.73	<b>\$3.55</b>
Totals	151,996		

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/under 4,000

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**Diesel Bids - Open Bids May 22, 2012 for July 1, 2012 -  
June 30, 2013**

Company Name:	A R Sandri	Dennis K. Burke	FL Roberts
<b>Option 2: RACK RATE PLUS MARK-UP</b>			
<b>Town</b>	<b>Est Gallons</b>	<b>Mark-up</b>	<b>Mark-up</b>
Buckland	10,500	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Charlemont	10,636	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Colrain	14,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Deerfield	9,500	<b>\$0.42</b>	<b>\$0.44</b>
Gill	6,500	<b>\$0.42</b>	<b>\$0.44</b>
Hadley	18,060	<b>.28/.41</b>	<b>.27/.43</b>
Hardwick	12,000	\$0.63	<b>\$0.44</b>
Heath	8,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Leyden	6,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Montague	15,000	.29/.42	<b>.25/.44</b>
Orange	14,300	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Rowe	9,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Shutesbury	6,500	\$0.47	<b>\$0.44</b>
Warwick	6,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Wendell	6,000	\$0.48	<b>\$0.44</b>
Totals	151,996		

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