

# TOWN OF GILL

## MASSACHUSETTS



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### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*July 16, 2012*

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

Present: Ann Banash, John Ward and Randy Crochier, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant.  
Others Present: Rick James, Janet Masucci, Emily Krebs, Timmie Smith, Robin Sherman.

Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Fund: Robin Sherman, Executive Director of the Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority met with the Selectboard and explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the funding for housing rehabilitation loans that Gill has received from that program. FCRHRA administers the loans for the Town. A letter from Robin outlined the logistics of making the loans, their repayment, and ways that proceeds from loan repayments can be used.

The FCRHRA maintains a revolving loan fund that has a balance of \$42,246, all from loan repayments. There is no formal agreement between the Town and FCRHRA governing the operation of that fund. Robin presented a draft of an agreement for the Selectboard to review and consider. One decision that needs to be made before finalizing the agreement is how future loan repayments will be handled – returned to the Town, retained and re-loaned from the revolving fund, or some combination of the two options. With respect to Town Counsel's review of the agreement, Ray will try to coordinate with Erving, Ashfield, and Hawley so that a single review could be done for all four towns.

There is no deadline to sign the agreement, although Robin would prefer that it be done "sooner, rather than later." Until it is signed, Robin will seek direction from the Town whenever any loan repayments are received.

Town Hall Roof & Cupola: 5:00pm Pam Shoemaker, Bev Demars, Stuart Elliott, and Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, all members of the Gill Historical Commission (GHC) joined the meeting. Ernie Hastings joined the meeting.

Using a "Talking Points" handout, Pam Shoemaker presented the GHC's reaction to and opinion of a recent suggestion that the cupola on the Town Hall be removed as part of the proposed roof replacement rather than repaired, repainted and re-roofed. It was noted that "belfry" is a more apt word for the structure than "cupola." The GHC's conclusion is that the belfry must stay. It is an important feature dating to the original 1868 construction of Town Hall, and there is a "preservation imperative" to keep and maintain the historic belfry.

The GHC has discussed the idea of removing the belfry with Steve Greenwald of Renaissance Builders. He is familiar with the Town Hall and its roof, but has not made a recent inspection of the belfry. His opinion is that the cost to remove the belfry and patch and roof over the hole would be very close to the \$10,000 budgeted for the repairs and repainting.

Ernie Hastings spoke to the matter, as he was the person who first suggested the idea last week. He believes that if the belfry was removed, after 6 months, no one would notice or care that it was gone. He believes that roofing costs would be cheaper now and in the future if the belfry was taken off the building. He requested that the Town get better estimates of the costs for removal versus the costs to repair/re-roof.

Robin Sherman explained that it is unlikely the CDBG funds could be used for this type of project, due to Town-wide average incomes being in excess of low-income limits. Ray explained that the Selectboard could choose to move forward with removing the belfry and making that part of the September 6<sup>th</sup> debt exclusion vote, but that the Department of Revenue would require a new Town Meeting vote because the scope of the project is significantly different.

John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to leave the proposed debt exclusion question as written with a project that repairs and maintains the cupola. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Board thanked the GHC for their fast research and analysis on the matter, and also thanked Ernie for suggesting new ideas and new ways to possibly save money. Ernie Hastings and the GHC left the meeting at 5:30pm.

Approval of Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 5/21, 5/24, 5/29, 5/31, and 7/9. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Project Updates: No new information to report.

Special Town Meeting: The Board discussed and identified several possible dates for the Special Town Meeting to be held in September: 9/26, 9/19, 9/20, and 10/1. Ray will get feedback on the dates from the Moderator, Town Clerk, Finance Committee, and Departments, and report back.

Stoughton Place Fire Alarms: 5:35pm Fire Chief Gene Beaubien and Deputy Chief Stuart Elliott joined the meeting along with Robin Sherman of the FCRHRA, to discuss the Town's \$400 invoice to the FCRHRA for false fire alarms at Stoughton Place during FY12. Gene explained that with false alarms, the first three responses are not charged, but each one thereafter is \$200. This is the first time he can recall Stoughton Place having more than three false alarm calls in a year.

Robin explained that she was filling in for Tracy Miner on this matter, as Tracy could not attend the meeting. Stoughton Place is a 14-unit low-income elderly housing complex that is owned by the State and operated by the FCRHRA. The operating funds the State provides plus the rent charged to the residents doesn't meet the full cost to operate the complex. She doesn't know where they would find money to pay the Town's invoice.

Robin also stated that they believe the faulty sensor in the attic has been repaired (loose wire), which should solve the problem of false alarms. The Board suggested that FCRHRA contact the company with the maintenance contract for the alarm system and attempt to have them pay the invoice, as the faulty sensor should have been found and fixed before the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> false alarms. Robin will look into this. The Board decided to leave the invoice in place at this time. Robin left the meeting.

Fire Department Annual Purchase Orders: The Board reviewed and approved a list of annual routine expenses from the Fire Department, attached.

Bicycles Rides: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Franklin County will be doing a benefit bicycle ride in Gill on July 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at the NMH campus, down Main Road, and back along West Gill Road. There were no objections or concerns from the Police, Fire, or Highway Departments, and no permit is needed from the Selectboard.

Baystate Franklin Medical Center is holding their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Wheeling for Healing ride on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and has asked to use a space behind the Public Safety Complex for a water stop partway through the 25-mile route. They used the space last year and it worked out well, although the Fire Department wants the area better marked this year so riders and the tent will be well away from the fire truck bays and parking area. The Highway Department has agreed to mark the area further back, nearer the salt shed. There were no other concerns or objections and the Board approved the use by consensus.

Vacation Time & Comp Time: The Board continued its discussion of a request from the Police Chief to transfer 109 hours of vacation time into comp time to avoid losing the time with the start of the new fiscal year. Only 80 hours of vacation time can be carried over from one year to the next. The Personnel Committee will be asked to recommend a policy on comp time, including how it is earned and how much can be carried over.

There was a general discussion of the Police Chief's ability to use his 5 weeks of vacation every year, given the limited availability of part-time officers to cover shifts while he is on vacation. It was suggested that rather than grant the request to convert the vacation time into comp time, it might be better to have the Chief work a reduced schedule until the excess vacation time is used up. It was also suggested that it is time to start a discussion with the Chief about changing his position to "exempt" status (which would not earn overtime or comp time). The Chief will be invited to the Board's meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Debt Exclusion Questions: The Board reviewed a draft of the warrant for the September 6<sup>th</sup> special town election featuring two debt exclusion questions generated by the Annual Town Meeting. Ray noted that in order to provide the required 35 days notice to the Town Clerk, the questions should be approved by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the debt exclusion questions as written contingent upon acceptance of the

wording by the Department of Revenue. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ray will present the questions to DOR and if accepted, notify the Town Clerk of the vote.

State Primary Warrant: The Board signed the warrant for the September 6<sup>th</sup> State Primary Election.

Resignation: The Board read a letter from Valeria "Timmie" Smith in which she announced her resignation from the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. Members thanked her for her service to the Town and for her hard work on developing a plan to identify and address the capital needs of the Town. The Board stated that they hoped she would reconsider her decision, and declined to formally accept the letter of resignation. The matter will be brought back to the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

CIPC Appointment: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to appoint Ronnie LaChance as the Finance Committee's representative to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee effective immediately and for a term through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Regional Dog Kennel: In response to a request from the Franklin County Regional Dog Kennel program, Randy volunteered to serve as the person designated to make a decision regarding emergency veterinary services for kennel dogs from Gill.

Mitchell Motors License: No action was taken on a request to change the existing license from retail to wholesale, as Ray is waiting to hear back from officials with the Mass RMV.

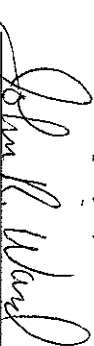
Mass. Rural Water Association Membership: The Board considered a membership with the Mass. Rural Water Association because of the assistance and technical knowledge the organization provides any time there are water and well questions at the Gill Elementary School. The annual dues are \$175, and Ray indicated that the expense could be found within the Selectboard's budget. It was suggested that it might be a more appropriate membership (and expense) for the Board of Health, and the matter was referred there.

6:30pm Emily Krens, Timmie Smith, Rick James, and Janet Masucci left the meeting.

Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY 2012 warrant #28 and FY 2013 warrant #2.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk



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June 26, 2012

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Gill  
325 Main Road  
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Dear Select Board members,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the housing rehabilitation program administered by the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) on behalf of the Town of Gill.

Gill received federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for housing rehabilitation in 1982-1983, 1987-1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2004 and 2008. This funding is used to make loans for health and safety improvements to homes occupied by low and moderate income households.

Typical housing rehabilitation projects include repair or replacement of failed wells, septic and heating systems, roof replacement, and electrical and plumbing upgrades. The maximum loan amount is \$35,000 per unit for properties that require lead paint remediation (required for households if a child under six years of age is present), septic system replacement/repair, asbestos removal, well drilling, historic preservation, or handicapped access work. The maximum for units not including these work items will be \$30,000. For homes with many health and safety code violations requiring major repairs or extensive lead abatement, HRA may seek approval from DHCD on behalf of the Town to exceed the maximum loan of \$30,000 or \$35,000.

In Gill, the housing rehabilitation program has been structured to provide zero-interest, deferred payment loans. Participating households borrowed funds interest-free, with no payments until the property is sold or transferred, at which time the principal is payable in full. Loans are secured by mortgages recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Typically, the original terms of the grant funding state that the proceeds from repayment of loans will be used for the same purpose as the original funding. Based on agreements with the Town, when loans are repaid, HRA deposits the proceeds, less a loan servicing fee, currently 15%, and a 2% fee paid to DHCD, in a housing rehabilitation revolving loan fund. This funding is then available to other eligible households in Gill. HRA administers the revolving loan program for a percentage of each loan, currently 15%, paid from the revolving loan fund account.

There is currently \$42,246 in the revolving loan fund to lend to income-eligible households Gill. The value of all housing rehabilitation loans currently outstanding in Gill is \$568,360.97.

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On May 23, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development implemented changes in regulations that apply to income generated from projects funded with Community Development Block Grants, such as loan proceeds. The new regulations will require significant changes in the way HRA manages and accounts for proceeds received from CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation loans.

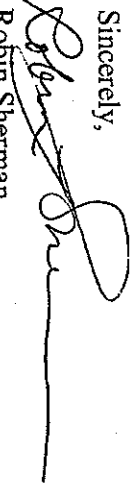
In general, proceeds from CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation loans are considered to be "program income." Program income must be managed according to federal and state rules using the state's online Grant Management System, and reported to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development on a regular basis. The use of program income is limited to CDBG-eligible purposes, projects and households, and must be in accordance with the grant recipient's Program Income Plan. All proceeds from CDBG loans deposited in a revolving loan fund are considered to be program income. Any funds considered to be program income retain this characterization indefinitely.

There are some exceptions with respect to what funds are considered to be program income. If a community receives less than \$35,000 in income from CDBG projects in a calendar year, these funds are not program income. However, the accounting rules for CDBG funds make it challenging to take advantage of this exception. Also, proceeds from the sale of real estate property purchased or improved with CDBG funds are not considered to be program income if the proceeds are received more than 5 years after expiration of the grant agreement between the state and unit of general local government.

HRA is in the process of updating our longstanding verbal agreements with towns that participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program. I am attaching a draft agreement for administration of these funds through the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund.

I am scheduled to meet with you on July 16, 2012, when I will provide more information on options for managing the Town's funds in accordance with the new HUD rules. I will be happy to answer any questions that you have about the rules and the draft agreement when we meet. If you have questions in advance of our meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robin Sherman  
Executive Director

Cc: Ray Purington

## **TALKING POINTS for Monday (7/16) meeting of the Selectboard and the GHC on the subject of the Town Hall belfry**

The Gill Selectboard has asked the Gill Historical Commission (GHC) to meet with them on 16 July to discuss the possible demolition of the Town Hall belfry in an effort to save approximately \$17,000 in repair, painting, and re-roofing.

**Despite the short notice, The Gill Historical Commission is pleased to inform the Selectboard on this important issue. We present the following points along with our position that the 1867 belfry on the Town Hall has to be repaired, painted, and roofed.**

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### **- Town Hall History:**

The Gill Town Hall's history is documented in the Gill Architectural Survey on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. (See attached description of the Town Hall as well as other structures around the Common.) The Town is lucky to have a description of the February 1868 Dedication of the original Town Hall. (See attachment.) Flanked by the pastors of the Congregational Church and the Methodist Church, the other speakers included the influential Josiah Canning (with a 35 page oration), the famous contributor to the science of Natural History, Roswell Field; town leader Leonard Barton, and the Gill Brass Band. The event also included the major town leadership of the time: Nelson Burrows, Roswell Purple, and Simon Cady Phillips, who built the table and the front steps for the building. (Simon C. Phillips' carpentry on the Town Hall is documented in his diaries.) Other town leaders present were Samuel Stratton, Ezra Purple, Prentice Slate (The Slate Library was dedicated in his honor and he commissioned the building of the "Marble" House at 4 Center Road on the Common.), Dexter Clark, and Joseph B. Marble. Head contractor, Oliver Bagg Green and master-builder Eli Williard Thompson were present. Both Green and Thompson were local farmer and carpenters. (Oliver B. Green is also mentioned in Joseph B. Marble's Diary as bringing his oxen to work with Marble on his River Road farm ((now Girard)); the oxen pulled logs to the River.) (Eli Thompson, born in Gill in 1838 eventually moved to South Hadley where he is as a carpenter in the 1880 federal census and where he died in 1905.) The Dedication description evidences local craftsmanship, town leadership, community inclusion from the local famous to the citizen band and the women of the local Improvement Society, and an enthusiastic and patriotic residents' crowd.

### **- Icon:**

The Town Hall's belfry and the classical architecture of the whole building define Gill's social and governmental center and visually advance pride in Gill's historical heritage. Greek Rival architecture rose in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the development of the United States and is found on town halls, banks, churches, homes, and other public buildings. With it antecedents in the ancient temples of the classical ages, the Greek Rival architecture on Gill's Town Hall stands for the democratic rock bed of American values and government. In the case of the Town Hall, the classical architectural serves as a long-standing icon of governmental functions. In a large town or city, one building may have less iconic value; in a small town like Gill, the iconic importance of one building becomes even more significant.

Gill's Town Hall belfry does not have a bell because the signal and call to the community resided in the bell on the Meetinghouse, now Church. The belfry on the Town Hall is, however, symbolic of "calling together" for community and governmental news and functions. Before 1867 construction, the town met in The Meeting House, and when the state separated more clearly from church, then the Gill Selectboard and citizens-came together in the taverns in the center of Gill. Eventually, the town grew in size and the taverns suffered from fire. The construction of the Town Hall was delayed several times but was finally built in 1867 and dedicated in 1868. Some of Gill's leading citizens and craftsmen took key parts in building the hall. For many years the Town Hall was the gathering place for the community, both governmental and social. A year after its founding, the Gill Grange recognized the need for a bigger community hall; in 1910 the Grange paid to raise the first floor to the second along with the roof and the belfry; a basement foundation and first floor were added so that the building was two-story and had adequate social space. The belfry with the roof structure and top floor now date from the original 1867 construction; along with the consistency of Greek Revival form on the outside, the Town Hall stands as a reminder of Gill's history and development.

The Town Hall does not stand alone in its architectural tradition. The Greek Revival profile has been used again and again throughout the United States. Public buildings, banks, libraries, and town academies repeat the symbolism of the classical form again and again. Locally, it is the style with period variations that defines the center of Gill around the Town Common. The Meetinghouse, now Church, is a 1790's construction in Greek Revival form. The house at 4 Center Road is a classic Asher Benjamin model with Greek Revival/Neo-classical form; Slate Library, built in 1921, also echoes the values of stability, democracy, and literacy symbolized by the classical forms and Greek Revival. The architecture of the Town Hall joins with that of the other remaining buildings in the center of town to provide a unity of style and a sense of centeredness.

#### - **Energy concern:**

A concern has been expressed about the heat loss through the belfry. A belfry should not function like a teepee with a hole for smoke and heat to escape. The belfry should be well seamed and insulated where it intersects with the roof.

If there is currently heat loss through the Town Hall's belfry, then the repairs need to include proper insulation and sealing. The heat loss is an easy fix.

If the belfry were removed, the heat loss would not go away. That area of the roof would have to be framed, filled in, and insulated. Energy saving does not equal cost saving with or without a belfry.

#### - **National Register:**

For a number of years, the Gill Historical Commission has with the support of the Gill Selectboard, been surveying the Town's architecture and researching various buildings to work with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in obtaining the honor of a nomination of the Center of Gill to the National Register. Unlike a Local District where every detail must be approved by a panel, listing on the National Register is an honorary distinction that joins a place such as the Center of Gill to other distinctive and

historical American structures and districts. The Center of Gill with its historical ring of Greek Revival buildings around a common is well qualified for listing with the National Register. If the Town Hall's belfry is amputated, part of Gill's distinction is devalued and lost. Removing the belfry could jeopardize the National Register nomination and any future grant money.

#### - **Costs:**

When representatives of the GHC talked with the Selectboard and the Finance Committee about the repair of the Town Hall's roof and belfry, we did not support a slate roof to replace the current asphalt shingles. The expense, fragility, and weight of the slate plus the future repair costs did not seem justified. We said that replacement shingles are possible for the least cost. However, it became clear to us in consulting with several sources that a good quality of standing seam metal in a lighter color such as slate gray makes the most sense in longevity of 50 years, minimal if any repair, handling of snow on the roof's slope, and appearance. Further reading and conversation has confirmed this opinion.

The GHC agreed with Steve Striebel's recommendation that the belfry did not need copper roofing. While copper is attractive, it is expensive. Since the roof of the belfry does not show from the ground, the expense of copper is unnecessary. The saving is approximately \$11,000; the membrane roof costs much less (about \$6500?).

If the belfry were to be demolished, one of two methods would have to be used: a rented bucket with a man at \$80 an hour could take about a week to demolish the structure, or a crane at approximately \$3000 a day and 4 men with saws could separate the structure and then get it to the ground. Then the hole in the roof has to be framed; the inside insulated; the roof covered. We wonder about some budget relief in the Community Block Grant program. We also wonder about some part of the cost coming from fund-raising and contribution. The cost of demolishing the belfry does not seem greatly different from the expense of repairing it. The demolition is not expense saving and would demoralizing to the imperative to honor and preserve Gill's history.

#### - **Conclusion:**

The Town of Gill uses the architecture of the Town Hall as its icon on its website, stationery, newsletters, and on parade floats. The Town Hall stands to represent the whole of the Gill and the heart of governmental and community values. From the eastern end of the Common to the road in front of the building, one's visual focus is raised upward to the top of the Town Hall. Aesthetically, the shortening of the building would reduce its spirit and aspirations as well as destroy its symbolism. To demolish the belfry is to truncate the town's history and standards. Driving up Main Road and starting down into the center of town, one sees the belfry with its golden eagle proudly rising above the tree tops. The image is iconic and needs to be preserved. The Gill Historical Commission thinks that the value of the Town Hall's belfry is significant as an icon and part of Gill's historical landscape. The Town should value it by repairing and maintaining this structure.







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July 10, 2012

Town of Gill  
Attn: Ray Purington  
325 Main Road  
Gill, MA. 01354

Dear Mr. Purington:

We are in receipt of an invoice for false alarms for Stoughton Place, 12 Main Road, in Gill. This bill totaled \$400 for what is reported as two false alarms at \$200 each alarm. As in all state related budgets we are frugal and stick to stringent costs to maintain the bottom line and this charge is not part of our existing budget.

As an attempt to better the system I spoke with our fire alarm and monitoring company. Unfortunately there is no way to distinguish if an actual alarm is false or real until you arrive. We have corrected, we hope, the attic device that caused two of the alarms. Unfortunately a sensitive device is not a high priority and took a bit for an available technician to repair the device. Another way we will work to lessen the burden of false alarms is to complete regular common device inspections instead of our usual monthly.

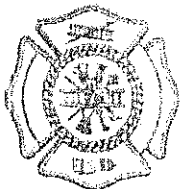
As you are aware this is a 14 unit elderly state aided (low income) development with a maintenance staff that works hard with our towns and contractors to keep our building in the best condition possible. On behalf of the HRA I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you consider granting a waiver from the "false alarm" charge? Thanking you in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Miner", with a wavy underline.

Tracy Miner, Director of Asset Management

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# *Gill Fire Department*

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## Memorandum

**To:** Gill Selectboard  
**From:** Chief Gene Beaubien  
**Date:** July 4, 2012  
**Re:** PO's for Annual Expenses FY-13

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Per my conversation with Ray, I am submitting a list of annual expenses that go over the \$500.00 Purchase Order limit. Instead of submitting individual PO's I am submitting one list.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$1276.33
County radio maintenance contract	
NFPA	\$855.00
Annual Code update	
High Pressure Systems	\$700.00
Annual service on SCBA refill compressor	
ACS Software Systems	\$625.00
Software for state mandated reporting	
Roger Raymond Repair	\$500.00/ truck
Annual Truck Service	

Bulldog Fire Equipment Pump Testing	\$3,000.00 for 3 trucks
Firematic Supply Annual Air Pack Testing	\$1,500.00
IPS Annual Jaws testing	\$750.00

## **Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard**

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**From:** Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [administrator@gillmass.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012 1:34 PM  
**To:** LaClaire, Mick; 'David Hastings'; gmbdab@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Ann Banash; John R Ward (johnward.ward54@gmail.com); Randy Crochier (hxydad77@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** RE: bike ride events

For event #2, Wheeling for Healing, it's Aug 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am.

7/16

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**From:** Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [mailto:administrator@gillmass.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012 1:33 PM  
**To:** LaClaire, Mick; 'David Hastings'; gmbdab@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Ann Banash; John R Ward (johnward.ward54@gmail.com); Randy Crochier (hxydad77@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** bike ride events

Mick, Gene, and David,

I've got requests for two separate bicycle ride events being held in Gill, or passing through Gill, one July 29<sup>th</sup>, one August 19<sup>th</sup>. The information about each is below.

For the July 29<sup>th</sup> NMH event, I'm not sure that any "permission" is needed, per se, but it's an opportunity for you to raise concerns that you'd like the planners to take into consideration. From Vera's phone call earlier, I think they hope for 20-30 riders, and she stated that it's a ride, not a race, so the riders won't be all grouped together. The August 19<sup>th</sup> event is a repeat of last year's ride, and is again asking for permission to use the area behind the PSC for a water stop. I don't remember any major issues from last year, but I think there were one or two minor ones.

Please let me know of any questions, concerns and/or conditions you think should be placed on the event(s).

Selectboard – you're copied on this mostly as an early heads-up, but also in case you want to sign up for the ride(s).

Ray

### **Event/Ride #1**

Hi, Ray, I found out a little bit about where the bike ride on July 29th will pass through. It will start out at NMH, then go down Main Rd. in Gill, and come back on West Gill Rd. This will be on Sunday morning, starting around 11:00 AM and returning around 12:00 or so..it's only a 10 mile ride. Do you anticipate that we would need a permit for this? Thanks for your help.

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[vcooley@nmhschool.org](mailto:vcooley@nmhschool.org)

### **Event/Ride #2**

Dear Ray- This Aug 19th (Sun) we will be having our 5th annual ride to benefit cancer services.

We would like to request your permission to use the back parking lot of the fire and police complex for a "water stop". As we did last year a small tent would be set up in the back north corner of the lot, along with 1 parked car. All trash will be taken away, and would only be set up for approx. 2 hours. Thank You for all your help. Please let me know if you need any more information. Attached is the flyer for the ride.

We expect 80-90 riders on the 25 mile route spread out over that time period and probably 80% of them will take advantage of the water stop for at least a few minutes, This is the same estimate of last year.

<http://foundation.baystatehealth.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=445>

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FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to vote at Precinct 1, Fire Station, 196A Main Road

On THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for the following referendum questions:

Shall the Town of Gill be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a police cruiser, in-car computer, and associated cruiser equipment for the police department?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Shall the Town of Gill be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase and install a roof and perform related maintenance to the roof and cupola of the Town Hall?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this Thirtieth day of July in the year Two Thousand Twelve (7/30/2012).

Selectboard of Gill

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A true copy Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_, Constable of Gill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

351 West Gill Road  
Gill, MA 01354-9714

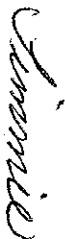
July 9, 2012

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

Dear Ann, Randy, and John:

First, I would like to thank you for the confidence you expressed in me by reappointing me to serve on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. This enabled me to see the Committee through its FY'12 work. I told the Committee that I would be tendering my resignation to you and, thus, did not want to be considered for office and with that we had the election of officers. It has been an honor to serve the Town of Gill.

Sincerely,



Valeria Smith

cc: Ernest Hastings, Chair, CIPC  
Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant, Selectboard  
Lynda Hodsdon-Mayo, Town Clerk

Rec'd  
7/10/12