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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Ann Banash (remote), Randy Crochier, and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant; Kit Carpenter, Pam Shoemaker, and Ivan Ussach (Gill Historical Commission members); Janet Masucci, Claire Chang, Doug Harris, Paul Robinson, and David Brule.

Randy stated that he received a request from Ann Banash to participate remotely in today's meeting for reasons of geographic distance (Florida). It was noted that meetings with a remote participant must use roll call for all votes.

Montague Battlefield Mapping Grant: The Board reviewed a 12/19/12 letter from the Montague Selectmen requesting a letter in support of Montague's application to the National Park Service for a 2013 Battlefield Mapping Grant to study the colonial battlefield at Turners Falls.

Pam Shoemaker and Kit Carpenter provided a copy of the Gill Historical Commission's letter of "enthusiastic support" for the grant application. Ivan Ussach noted that this has the potential to be an exciting beginning of a long-term chance to unearth more information about the 1675-1676 King Phillip's War. It was noted that a key factor in the Commission's support was the inclusion of a multi-town and tribal advisory board to guide the grant.

Doug Harris, preservationist for ceremonial landscapes for the Narragansett Indian Tribe, explained the grant is an opportunity to discover more facts about what happened "out here" in Western Massachusetts in 1676 during the war. He noted that Montague is taking the lead organizational role in the application largely due to a 2004 "bury the hatchet" ceremony between the Tribal Medicine Family and Montague's Selectmen at that time. As part of the ceremony, there was a commitment to pursue "Preservation Tourism" as a way to assist with economic development for the region.

Paul Robinson, the former state archeologist for Rhode Island and a principal investigator in a recent similar battlefield grant in that state, commented that if it is received, this grant would likely involve researchers familiar with military history, landscape history, and archeology. The team would visit sites related to all aspects of the battle (avenues of approach, battlefield, retreat path), conduct interviews to gather oral history, and hopefully be given permission to examine private collections of related artifacts. The initial phase of the grant would essentially be an "extravagant, detailed library project with no digging. It's a research opportunity to put it all together." David Brule, a local historian with a behind-the-scenes role in the grant application, also commented on the importance of collecting this type of information before any more of it is lost to the ages.

In response to a question about the possible timeline for the grant, Mr. Robinson explained that the grant application is due January 17th, and will take several months for the NPS to review. Assuming a favorable decision is received this July, work could start in August or September, and would likely last about one year. If a second phase is desired, and another grant is funded, that work would likely occur in 2015.

There were comments that this is a wonderful project, that it may trigger a sharing of the region's oral history and unify the history of the community, and may provide opportunity for economic development in the various towns.

John made a motion, seconded by Ann, that the Selectboard enthusiastically endorse the grant application. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. 5:20pm Doug Harris, Paul Robinson, and David Brule left the meeting.

Town Hall Roof: The Gill Historical Commission recommended "charcoal gray" as the color for the new metal roof on the Town Hall. The sample of that shade seems to fit better with the other darker colors of slate and asphalt roofs

that can be observed while standing on the Town Common. Ironically, the “charcoal gray” sample looks more slate-like than the “slate gray” sample. Pam Shoemaker noted that darker roofs on light colored buildings is more compatible with historic preservation work. John commented that both gray samples seem to have about the same reflectivity, and he suspected there would be little difference between the two for energy purposes.

John made a motion, seconded by Ann, to select “charcoal gray” as the color for the new metal roof at the Town Hall. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Route 2 Meetings: Ivan Ussach will attend an 1/16 meeting at the FRCOG that will explain an upcoming regional project geared toward historic preservation along the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway (aka Route 2). Randy will attend a Route 2 Task Force meeting that same evening. If given the opportunity, Randy will again ask MassDOT to consider ways to reduce the wattage or number of lights on the Gill-Montague Bridge. With only half the lights lit, it is already bright enough to read a book while walking across the bridge at night! Kit, Pam, and Ivan left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Ann made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 12/17. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Project Updates: Tognarelli replaced the noisy unit heater motor in the Fire Department Meeting Room on Wednesday 1/9. The replacement still seems to produce more noise than is acceptable for a room used for meetings, training, and voting. Before the changeover of the heating system, the room was heated with a large radiator mounted on the wall. Tognarelli will be asked to consider some type of wall-mounted radiating heat as a better solution for the room. Ray noted that the “fan-in-a-can” has been installed on the boiler at the Town Hall. This device will provide an adequate supply of combustion air to the boiler, and will hopefully resolve the soot-up problems that the boiler has had for many years.

Town Hall Roof: Ray reported that reference checks on RCI Roofing are complete and all are very favorable. He recommended the contract be awarded to RCI Roofing. The contract should be awarded tonight in order to preserve the bid price, but the contract should not be signed until the payment bond and insurance certificates are received. Ann made a motion, seconded by John, to award the contract to RCI Roofing, LLC for the bid of \$52,780 and to authorize Ray to sign on behalf of the Selectboard when all the necessary documents have been received. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FirstLight Relicensing: The Board discussed upcoming meetings being held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the potential scope of environmental impact studies as part of the license renewal process for the Vernon Dam, Northfield Mountain, and Turners Falls Dam/Cabot Station hydroelectric projects on the Connecticut River. The Board agreed that the renewal is a once-in-a-generation occurrence, and this is the Town’s opportunity to have input on the way the river is used, controlled, managed, and restored. John noted that there may be a Gill resident available to advise the Town and/or Conservation Commission on the renewal process. He will check with the resident before naming the person publicly.

Ann mentioned that the FRCOG is examining its funding sources to see if it can provide staff time to help give technical support to the various towns along the Connecticut River. It is believed that one member of Gill’s Conservation Commission will be attending one of the FERC meetings. The ConCom has expressed an interest in meeting with the Selectboard to discuss a formal position by the Town on the relicensing project. They will be invited to the Board’s next meeting.

Municipal Aggregation of Electricity: Ray noted that the agreement on Municipal Aggregation of Electricity between the Town and the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) is ready for signature, as all of the Town’s concerns have been addressed. It will be on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting. It was suggested to ask the HCOG to write an article about municipal aggregation for an upcoming newsletter.

Cruiser Correspondence: The Board reviewed new correspondence related to the selection of the Town’s next police cruiser. The correspondence from Bart Bales and Patricia Crosby was read. The police cruiser topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting, with the possibility of a decision being made then. The Police Chief will be asked to provide costs ASAP for desired options and equipment for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility and Ford Fusion Hybrid. When those costs are available, and when the meeting date/time are set, Ray will notify the Energy Commission. It was felt that the Interceptor and Fusion reasonably reflect “typical” costs to outfit SUV-type and sedan-type cruisers. The Interceptor was believed to be the Police Department’s favored make/model, and the Fusion is being considered primarily for its advantageous fuel efficiency.

It was noted that the Police Chief brought a demo Fusion Hybrid to Town Hall prior to the meeting and individuals from the Selectboard, Energy Commission, Police Department, and public had the opportunity to examine it. One of Gill's Crown Vic cruisers, along with a Ford Taurus cruiser from Northfield, were also present.

FRCOG DLTA Funding: Ray shared a request from the FRCOG for the Town's prioritized input on this year's District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funds. These funds are used by the FRCOG to aide individual towns on projects, usually planning-related. Regional projects are also given assistance through these funds. A suggested list of projects has been circulated to all departments and committees, and their feedback will be reviewed by the Selectboard at its next meeting.

Regional Dog Kennel: The Board received an invoice for FY14 for Gill's \$700 share of the operating and capital costs of the Franklin County Regional Dog Control and Adoption Center. This amount is in line with the original agreement for the program signed last year. Ray noted that through January 11th, Gill has used the Center twice since the beginning of FY13, and that the Police Department very much appreciates having it as an available resource. The Board echoed strong support for the Center, noting that the cost is much cheaper than the potential cost to keep a stray for 2 weeks at a private kennel.

Quintus Allen Fund: John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to accept the 2012 distribution from the Quintus Allen fund in the amount of \$1,692.73. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – abstained. The motion passed. Ray will notify the Principal at Gill Elementary of the current balance of the Town's Quintus Allen fund, money that can be spent by the Principal with the Selectboard's approval, on items and activities that benefit the students at the school.

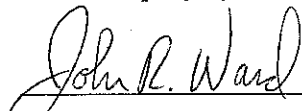
Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for January 30th at 4:30pm. A pole hearing requested by WMECO and Verizon will be held at 4:30pm. The Highway Superintendent will be asked to provide a list of "double" utility poles ahead of that hearing.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

[Note 1: The FY 2013 warrant #14 was signed on December 31st by John and Randy, but not during a posted meeting. This is allowed by law. Randy's son Michael, a Gill firefighter, appeared on the payroll warrant. Due to the conflict of interest, Randy would normally abstain from signing the warrant. However, since two signatures are required to approve the warrant, the Rule of Necessity was invoked, which permitted Randy's signature.]

[Note 2: The FY 2013 warrant #15 was signed on January 14th by Randy and by Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, the Town Clerk. This is allowed when a majority of the Selectboard are not able to be present to sign the warrant. Randy's son Michael, a Gill firefighter, appeared on the payroll warrant. Due to the conflict of interest, Randy would normally abstain from signing the warrant. The Rule of Necessity was invoked, which permitted Randy's signature.]

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk



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December 19, 2012

Ann Banash, Chair
Gill Selectboard
325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354-9758

Re: 2013 Battlefield Mapping Grant: Battle of Turners Falls (Wissatinnewag-Peskeompskut)

Dear Ms. Banash,

I am writing to ask if the Gill Board of Selectmen would be willing to endorse our application to the National Park Service for a planning grant to study the colonial battlefield at Turners Falls in Montague, Gill and Greenfield, Massachusetts.

As you know, the Great Falls was the scene of a critical battle between colonial and tribal forces in King Philip's War. The significance of this battle is well-established; however the battlefield itself has never been systematically studied and its location only generally identified. Today, some of the area at the Great Falls has been greatly modified, but the environs themselves, including the likely attack and retreat routes of the participants still retain their original character and the possible impacts of modern development on the battlefield itself have never been evaluated.

To address these problems, the Town of Montague has formed a partnership with the Narragansett Indian Tribe to investigate the battlefield. We are now in the process of applying to the National Park Service for a 2013 American Battlefield Protection Program grant. This planning grant will enable us to undertake research in documentary records and archaeological collections and collect Tribal and Yankee oral histories to identify more precisely the location and likely extent of the battlefield, its associated sites, avenues of approach and retreat and the impacts of modern development on parts of the battlefield. With this information we will then work with landowners of these areas and the adjacent towns on a plan to guide future archaeological research.

We will be submitting our application by January 10 and we would like to demonstrate to the National Park Service that there is strong support for it. We would greatly appreciate a letter of support from you. If the Board is willing I have attached a sample for your reference. The NPS requires that letters be sent to us for inclusion in the grant proposal package. I have also included a copy of the draft grant application.

Thank you for your attention to this and if you have any questions, please contact the Montague Town Planner at 863 3200 ext 207.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christopher Boutwell".

Christopher Boutwell
Chairman of the Montague Board of Selectmen

2013 ABPP BATTLEFIELD GRANT PACKAGE CHECK LIST
(must be included with original Battlefield Grant Application Package)

Check each box below to signify that the item is included in the grant package.

Completed grant package must contain the following:

- One (1) Grant Package Check list, completed and signed
- One (1) SF 424, completed and signed
- One (1) original five (5) page grant proposal with required attachments, paper clipped or binder clipped together.
- Ten (10) copies of the SF 424, five page grant proposal, and required attachments. Each proposal with attachments is paper clipped or binder clipped together.

An original grant proposal must contain only:

- * A signed and completed SF424

* SF424 is **hand-signed and dated**. SF424 submitted without original signatures will be discarded. The grant proposal will then be considered incomplete.

- * A completed five (5) page ABPP Battlefield grant application

* Application questions answered and typed within the five (5) page space provided on the correct page as provided. *Additional text will not be considered and may negatively impact the total grant score.*

- * One (1) map - 8 ½" x 11" (copy of USGS 1:24,000 scale, 7.5 min topo map) showing the location of the battlefield land boundaries, the proposed project area, and, if applicable, associated sites

- * Letters from each Project Area Land Owner whose property is involved in the project, giving the applicant permission to undertake the proposed project on their property if access is required

- * Letters of support from involved and interested Partners, SHPOs, and THPOs
(* **required documents**)

An original grant proposal should contain the following, if applicable:

- Letters from Matching Share Donors confirming their contribution(s) to the project

- Letters from Tribes indicating their level of support for the project

- Up to four (4) 5" x 7" photographs/graphics of project site (two [2] images per 8 ½" x 11" page.)
Photos will not be returned and extra material will be discarded

NOTE: covers, extra maps, vitas, resumes, separation pages, bibliographies, historic overviews, photographs, graphics, product examples of web sites, brochures, CDs, etc. will be removed and thrown away. Please note, excessive/additional materials may make your grant ineligible.

The undersigned affirms that the ABPP Grant Package is complete per this check list:

Signature

Date

Make sure your grant package is complete before submitting it to the ABPP.

Incomplete packages will not be considered and will be discarded without action or notification.

**American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)
2013 Battlefield Grant Application**

Applicants must submit one (1) original and ten (10) copies of a complete grant application for each project. All questions **must be answered in the space provided** in font size 10, 11, or 12. Read each question's instructions and any additional information provided in the Application Guidelines and Grant Application Frequently Asked Questions before completing the application. This application is five (5) pages in total. Any additional pages beyond five (5) pages will be discarded.

Project Summary (15 points)

Score is based on the applicant's ability to succinctly describe the project and to clearly convey the project objective.

1. Project Title : Battle of Turners Falls (Wissatinnewag-Peskeompskut), May, 1676, Montague, Ma.
(same as #11 on Standard Form 424 – **10 words or less**):

Type of Project (select one only): Site Identification & Documentation
 Planning & Consensus Building
 Interpretation or Education

Who on **ABPP staff** did you contact in 2012 or 2013 in regards to this application?

Name: Ms. Kristen McMasters; Phone number 202-354-2037

2. Briefly, state the project preservation objective/goal and project description. In a partnership, the Town of Montague and the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office propose a pre-inventory project to identify the likely locations of the King Philip's War (1675-76) Turner's Falls Battlefield and associated sites. The battle has long been noted locally with markers indicating what is thought to be its general location and where Capt. Turner, leader of the colonial forces, was killed along the English retreat route. We will examine documentary records and archaeological collections, collect Tribal and Yankee oral histories and use military terrain analysis (*Battlefield Survey Manual* 2000:7) to identify the locations of the battlefield and its associated sites (militia encampments, the large Indian settlement Peskeompskut-Wissatinnewag that included several spatially distinct, related campsites), and the avenues of English approach and withdrawal. We will contact landowners of these areas to secure permission to conduct future archaeological testing; we will develop a research design to confirm site locations and to establish their boundaries with future testing. An ABPP grant will enable us to develop a phased plan to protect the Battlefield, as well as its associated sites and provide strong information for the locally proposed Great Falls Native Cultural Park.
3. List each battlefield or associated site included in this project.

Battlefield Name: The Battle of Turner's Falls (Peskeompskut-Wissatinnewag)

- National Historic Landmark Specify NHL name _____
(see list at <http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/default.cfm>)
- National Register of Historic Places Specify NRHP name _____
(see list at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/research/nris.htm>)
- CWSAC Priority I or II (if applicable) Specify CWSAC name _____
(see list at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/priority.htm>)
- RevWar Priority I or II (if applicable) Specify RevWar/War 1812 name _____
(see list at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/Rev1812Study.htm>)

4. Explain the **significance** of your battlefield within the space provided.

The battle was a major turning point in the war and in the lives of Indian people in the Connecticut River Valley as it brought to an end a "long period of Native American settlement..." (DOE, Turner Falls Sacred Ceremonial Hill Site, NPS, 2008). The area, which archaeological information and tribal oral tradition say was a major gathering place for thousands of years, in 1676 became a large, multi-tribal war refugee village and it was a supply base for Indian military efforts in Western Massachusetts. Attacking and destroying this village took away a major and reliable source of food and it destroyed the tribes' gun repair and blacksmithing facility that supported the war effort. After this attack, military activities were dominated by the allied colonial forces until war's end later that summer.

5. List and **quantify** all final products: A report (20 + 3 NPS) that includes: (1) GIS mapping of the battlefield, associated sites, and approach and withdrawal routes; (2) an historical account of the battle; (3) a research design for future testing; (4) a provisional & draft battlefield protection plan for long-range research, preservation and education.

Threat to Site (20 points)

6. Current Land Use and Classification. Answer each of the following:

A. What is the **predominant** current land-use of the project area?

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential
- Recreational/Open Space
- Agricultural/Rural

X Other (specify) all of the above

B. What is the current zoning classification of the project area as determined by the local planning office?

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential
- Recreational/Open Space
- Agricultural/Rural

X Other (specify) all of the above

7. Project and Battlefield Size.

A. What is the total size of the entire **historic** battlefield? The project study area encompasses about 11,300 acres within the towns of Deerfield, Greenfield, Gill and Montague. We expect the battlefield to be much smaller; and the core area of fighting and associated sites to be about 400 acres (excluding the long, narrow approach and retreat routes)

B. How much of the battlefield remains relatively unchanged since the battle? Most of the approach and retreat routes and associated sites are undeveloped; the core area of fighting is residential

C. How much of the remaining battlefield is threatened? Approximately 200 acres

D. What is the total size of the Project Area for this proposed grant? c. 11,300 acres

8. How much land (by % or acres) within the Project Area is in each of the following ownership categories?

Private 90%

Public 5%

Private Non-Profit 5%

9. What are the current threats to the remaining battlefield or associated site. Describe how it has affected and may affect the condition or integrity of the battlefield.

The primary identifiable threat to the battlefield project area is the accumulated impacts of the many small actions of scores of landowners who currently do not have reliably empirical information concerning the presence of the battlefield and related artifacts on their properties. It is thought that the core area of fighting is largely contained within the residential area of Riverside and within inundated areas upstream from the dam at the falls. Associated battlefield sites are both within other residential areas and on relatively unaltered land. Without good spatial information about the location and integrity of the battlefield and its associated sites and material record, the inadvertent and chronic attrition to these resources will continue. Information compiled by this project will lessen this attrition as it will be used by local officials to inform landowners about the presence of the battlefield and through education and public outreach to build local landowner consensus for protecting it.

10. Explain how the threats identified in #9 will impact specific battlefield resources and describe the importance of each resource to the overall preservation of the battlefield.

Colonial accounts indicate that the streams, wetlands, hills, rivers and falls determined battle tactics and outcomes and that these features also determined the routes of the English approach and retreat, the locations of associated sites, as well as the core fighting area. Artifactual evidence of the battle, the encampments and associated sites will occur in the top foot or two of soils, so protecting these areas from inadvertent and unplanned development is critical to maintaining the sense of place represented by the landforms and the material record of battle itself. In the core fighting area, we expect material evidence to occur throughout many residential backyards and open spaces. It is critical that landowners have good information about the battle so they can actively work with local officials to protect the battlefield resources on their property.

11. How long will it take for the threats identified in #9 above to affect the site?

Less than 1 year

X 1 - 5 years

5 - 10 years

More than 10 years

Preservation Opportunity (30 points)

Score is based on the appropriateness of the project to help protect the battlefield or historic site from the threats identified in #9 or to help protect the site before potential threats develop.

12. Describe how the proposed project will address the threat(s) identified in #9. We will hold informational meetings for the general public and meet individually with town officials and landowners of parcels considered to be likely battlefield and site locations. The goals of the meetings will be to educate the public about the importance of the battles and to acquaint them with the goals of our study. We will seek written permission from landowners to conduct future archaeological testing to determine and confirm the presence and boundaries of battlefields and associated sites. Determining the locations of these sites, in cooperation with landowners and local officials, will provide baseline data for the development of a long-range plan to preserve and protect the battlefield.

13. How much of the battlefield will this project protect? About 400 acres

14. Check all categories of previous preservation work, by any entity, which has taken place at the battlefield where the site is threatened. Cite study and year on the right side for each checked box.

- | | <u>Title</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Research Nassaney, Michael "The Significance of the Turner's Falls Locality in ... Archaeology," | 1999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cultural Resource Research, Identification and Documentation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archeological Survey and Inventory | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Registration (State and National Register Nominations) Riverside Archaeological District 1975; Turner's Falls Sacred Ceremonial Hill Site | 2008 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Advocacy and Outreach | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation or Cultural Resource Management Planning | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Master or Strategic Site Plans "Conceptual Plan for the Great Falls Native Cultural Park" (Draft) | 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Interpretive Planning and Programs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | |

15. How does this project contribute to the long-range preservation goals for the site?

The Great Falls Native Cultural Landscape Park was proposed locally in 2009 and is currently under discussion by local, tribal and other officials. The Park would encompass the battlefield area and cover 12,000 years of indigenous history. It would include educational, cultural and interpretive programs designed to encourage scholarly research and economic development through a program of heritage/cultural tourism. The proposed ABPP project will bring together all available documentary, oral and tribal information about the battlefield, provide the likely locations of the battlefield and its associated sites and produce a historical narrative about the battle and King Philip's War in the Connecticut River Valley. It would also build consensus among property owners that the battlefield is historically significant and provide the means to access properties for future archaeological testing. Funding from the ABPP will provide the seed money to begin the process of defining the battlefield, involving the community in the long-term planning to protect the sites, and building a strong link to the proposed Cultural Park.

16. Why is the proposed project the most appropriate preservation action or strategy for this site at this time?

There has been no systematic study of the war-related documents, oral histories, or local artifact collections; nor has there been any systematic archaeological testing directed at locating and delineating the Turner's Falls Battlefield and its associated sites. Recently the Town of Montague Board of Selectmen held a reconciliation ceremony with the Narragansett Indian Medicine family to acknowledge the Turner's Falls Battle. The Town has also discussed with NPS and Tribal officials the possible role of the battlefield in promoting Preservation Tourism. The availability of good, empirical planning information about the battlefield and its associated sites locations within Montague and the adjacent towns of Gill, Greenfield and Deerfield are essential for this effort. Our proposed project will provide local officials and landowners with the information they need to begin to develop a phased plan to target and protect key battlefield areas and before development makes the attempt moot.

17. What special factors contribute to the present opportunity for this project (e.g., personnel, timing, availability of matching funds, community support, or other unique circumstances)?

The reconciliation ceremony between the Town of Montague and the Narragansett Indian Tribe and the recent finding by the NPS that the Turner's Falls Sacred Ceremonial Hill Site is eligible for listing on the National Register have focused public attention on the historical significance of the Turner's Falls Battlefield. Significantly, these efforts have gained the support of neighboring towns of Gill and Greenfield where much of the battle, and the colonial approach and retreat, took place. At the same time, preliminary discussions between some town officials, the NPS and Tribal officials about promoting cultural tourism and establishing a Great Falls Cultural Landscape Park further increases awareness and support. Moreover, a great deal of research has taken place over the past decade on King Philip's War, 17th-century settlement patterns and Indian-colonial relations, of which has been done with ABPP projects in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Dr. Paul Robinson, formerly State Archaeologist and Principal Investigator on the RI ABPP project and project partner, NITHPO (Doug Harris) are currently available to serve as close and continuing advisors on this project.

Tasks, Schedule, and Products (10 points)

18. In the space below, state each major task (activity) necessary to complete the project with a schedule and cost estimate for its completion, and the expected product that will be produced. Demonstrate a careful consideration of this budget.

| <u>Tasks</u> | <u>Time Required to Complete</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Specific Products</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Meet with NPS, examine primary source materials and soil maps, collect Indian and Yankee oral histories and conduct site visits to identify likely battlefield and associated sites locations; make GIS map of probable locations. | 500 hours | \$27,000 | Historical narrative and maps of likely battle and associated sites |
| Meet with landowners, neighboring town officials and other interested groups; hold six (6) information sessions for general public. | 100 hours | \$6,000 | Stronger ties with community; summary reports of three (3) public meetings |
| Secure permission from c.20 landowners to test likely battlefield and associated sites locations | 100 | \$5,500 | Support from specific landowners for future testing of likely areas |
| Develop research design for determining precise locations of battle and sites | 40 | \$2,500 | A research design for verifying site locations |
| Prepare and produce final report | 100 | \$5,500 | 20 copies of final report & 3 acid-free copies & 1 digital copy for NPS |

Applicant Qualifications (5 points)

The applicant organization’s qualifications are rated according to its experience with similar grant projects and according to the applicant’s ability to accurately and concisely complete this application.

19. Describe the applicant **organization’s** qualifications for handling this type of project and its experience in managing grants or contracts.

The Town of Montague has extensive experience handling this type of project and in managing grants or contracts. Over the past thirty years, the Town has been directly or indirectly involved in the application, award and administration of nearly \$40,000,000 in state or federal grants. Montague has been a recipient of Community Development Block Grants nearly every year during this time period. Managing these grants has involved drawdown of funds, maintenance of special accounts, procuring the services of consultants and contractors, paying bills, monitoring performance, involving the public, and the overseeing of audits. During this time there have never been any audit findings associated with any of its grant management.

20. Describe the proposed **project manager’s** qualifications or experience for handling this type of project. Note any similar projects he/she has managed (do NOT attach resumes or vitae)

The Project manager will be the Town Planner and Conservation Agent for the Town of Montague. This position is full time 35 hours/week. This position is held by Walter Ramsey. He holds a Masters Degree in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts. Since 2010 he has secured and managed over \$500,000 in planning and special project grants from federal and state resources. Prior to working for the Town of Montague Walter interned with the Denali Commission to develop community plans for remote indigenous Alaskan communities through stakeholder input and consensus building.

21. Has the applicant organization received grant assistance from ABPP in the past? Yes No
 If Yes, indicate year(s) completed, and project title(s), below.
 Is/was the grant product extended/late? Yes No

Support and Participation (10 points)

Consider all entities that are involved in, and affected by, this project. Include letters stating their support. Partners should address letters of support by the deadline, to the applicant not the ABPP. Letters are part of the grant package due at the ABPP on January 17, 2013 COB 4 pm hand stamped in (post marks and delivery receipts not accepted after deadline). **All late letters will be discarded.**

22. List all Land Owners in the project area whose property is involved in the project.

(Also attach letters from each Land Owner whose property requires access for this grant giving the applicant permission to undertake work on their property.)

The grant will be used to identify current and potential landowners.

Because the battlefield is located in several Towns in the region, The Town of Montague proposes an ad-hoc advisory board made up of representation from each of the affected towns (4) and tribes to guide the process. The board will recommend the selection of the consultant and the consultant will report to the ad-hoc advisory board. Up to two members from each town or tribe may sit on the board. The purpose of this group is to ensure that each political entity is fairly represented in the study. The advisory board will be created upon the award of the grant.

23. Describe the extent to which the public is and will be involved in this project. Note Federal Lands.

Increasing awareness and building consensus about the historical importance of the Turners Falls (Peskeompscut-Wissatinnewag) Battlefield and the need to protect the battlefield and its associated sites are major components of this project. Determining the likely locations of the battlefield and associated sites will be accomplished primarily with documentary, collections, and oral historical research. We expect that some landowners have artifact collections from the battlefield. It will be important to communicate well with these landowners to assure that they support our research. Of great importance to the future archaeological verification and protection of these areas is the cooperation and participation of specific landowners, the general public, local historians and local officials. We will work directly with each of these groups by meeting with them individually and in groups, keeping them updated on our progress and by providing them with educational materials and presentations.

Captain Turner's Approach and Retreat

Battlefield
Core Area

Indigenous Forces Defense Approach

**American Battlefield Protection Program
2013 Battlefield Grant Application
Battle of Turner's Falls
(Wissatinnewag-Peskeompskut)
PROPOSED STUDY AREA**



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Montague

Montague Center Sch.

(SAMPLE)

Christopher Boutwell, Chair
Montague Board of Selectmen
One Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Dear Mr. Boutwell,

I am writing to express my support for the application of the Town of Montague, Massachusetts for a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program for a research study of the Turner's Fall Battlefield.

The battlefield is thought to center at the Great Falls on the Connecticut River and spreads to include portions of the Towns of Greenfield, Gill and Montague. The Great Falls was the location of an important battle in King Philip's War (1675-1676), a climatic struggle that embroiled the native tribes and colonial settlers throughout New England. The battle was a major turning point in the war as it destroyed the large refugee village Peskeompskut that also served as a major supply center and gun repair facility. After this attack, military activities were dominated by the allied colonial forces until war's end just months later.

While the historical significance of the battle is established, there is much that remains to be learned about the battlefield. The historical setting at the Great Falls has been altered, but the impacts of that alteration have not been evaluated. Much of the surrounding area, however, through which forces advanced and retreated and which holds associated native and non-native sites and encampments is relatively unaltered. Through this proposed study, the Town of Montague will be able to take important steps to assemble a fuller history of the events and correlate the documentary accounts of the battles with the physical features of the landscape. This new information will be shared with landowners, local officials and the interested public to engage them in a joint effort to recognize and protect this remarkable place.

This proposal is an important initiative in the understanding and preservation of our 17th-century past and I fully support it in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN OF GILL
MASSACHUSETTS



Town Hall
Gill, MA 01354

10 January 2013

Mr. Christopher Boutwell
Chairman, Montague Board of Selectmen
1 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Dear Mr. Boutwell,

I am writing this letter of support from the Gill Historical Commission and ask that it be included in the 2013 Battlefield Mapping Grant Proposal to the National Park Service.

The Gill Historical Commission (GHC) enthusiastically supports the project on the Battle of Turners Falls (Wissatinnewag-Peskeompskut) May 1676. Our support for the project is based on our commitment to accurate historical research and understanding as well as to active education about Gill history and preservation of our historical sites.

We endorse the amendment that provides for a multi-town and tribal advisory board and look forward to regular communication from that board so that the GHC may be actively involved. We see collaboration and communication with other towns and tribe representatives as an exciting part of this project.

Please enclose this letter of support from the Gill Historical Commission in the 2013 Battlefield Mapping Grant proposal. We heartily endorse the project.

Sincerely,

Cristin Carpenter, Chair

Cc: Gill Selectboard ✓
Doug Harris
Paul Robinson



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

January 2, 2013

Re: Mohawk Trail Historic Preservation Project

Dear Mohawk Trail Committee Members:

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) are pleased to commence work on the Mohawk Trail Historic Preservation Project. The goal of this project is to encourage the preservation of historic properties on the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway. To kick off work on this project, two informational meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the John W. Olver Transit Center in Greenfield
- Thursday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the North Adams Public Library in North Adams

The agenda for these meetings is enclosed.

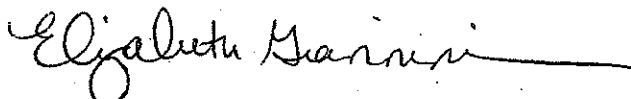
The Mohawk Trail Historic Preservation Project consists of two main components: 1) to prepare Massachusetts Historical Commission survey and inventory forms and/or National Register of Historic Places nominations for a number of properties on or near the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway, and 2) to complete a study to determine the feasibility of developing and administering a revolving loan fund program to provide financing to willing landowners of significant historic properties along the Mohawk Trail who want to undertake historic rehabilitation projects. This project is being funded with a grant from the National Scenic Byway Program, and is a unique opportunity to protect the historic resources on the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.

As part of this project, BRPC and FRCOG are seeking input from historical commissions, historic societies, town officials, and owners of historic properties to identify potential properties. It is estimated that the grant funds will allow BRPC and FRCOG to conduct research and prepare survey forms and/or National Register of Historic Places nominations for an estimated 6 to 8 historic resources along the Mohawk Trail. The exact number of survey forms and/or nominations to be prepared will depend on the specific resources that are identified and the complexity of documenting the historical significance of the property. The intention is to maximize the use of this funding to protect the most resources possible. At this time BRPC and FRCOG are developing a list of all potential historical properties on or near the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.

We strongly encourage anyone interested in this project to attend one of the two project kick off meetings in order to learn more about the project, and to share your information on the historic resources along the Byway. Please bring specific information on properties on or near the Mohawk Trail that should be prioritized for survey or nomination work to this meeting including photos and/or previously completed Massachusetts Historical Commission survey forms.

I look forward to working with you on this very important project. Please feel free to contact me at 413-774-3167 ext. 125 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Giannini". The signature is written in black ink and extends across the width of the page.

Elizabeth Giannini, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner



Franklin Regional
Council of Governments

Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway Historic Preservation Workshops Agenda

*Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room
at the John W. Olver Transit Center in Greenfield*

or

Thursday, January 17th at 5:30 pm at the North Adams Public Library in North Adams

- I. **Introduction** 15 minutes
Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner, FRCOG (Jan. 16th meeting in Greenfield)
Lauren Gaherty, Senior Planner, BRPC (Jan. 17th meeting in North Adams)

- II. **Historic Properties Inventory and National Register of Historic Places** 30 minutes
Chris Skelly, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Chris will explain the historic resource inventory process and the National Register of Historic Places. He will describe the benefits of listing historic properties or districts (recognition, tax incentives, grant programs) and explain how the National Register nomination process is conducted in Massachusetts.

- III. **Mohawk Trail Historic Preservation Project** 45 minutes
Beth Giannini (Jan 16th meeting) or Lauren Gaherty (Jan. 17th meeting) will describe the Mohawk Trail Preservation Project, the goal of which is to preserve the historic character of the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway. Learn how funding from the project may be used to conduct historical surveys and/or Historic Register nominations for sites along the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.

- IV. **Adjourn**

Please Note: In the event of inclement weather please call BRPC or FRCOG at the inclement weather hotline numbers below to confirm if the meeting will still be held.

Project Contact Information

BRPC:

Lauren Gaherty, Senior Planner
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
1 Fenn Street, Suite 201
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-1521, ext. 35
Inclement Weather Hotline: 442-1521, ext. 15
lgaherty@berkshireplanning.org

FRCOG:

Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner
Franklin Regional Council of Governments
12 Olive Street, Suite 2
Greenfield, MA 01301
413-774-3167 ext. 125
Inclement Weather Hotline: 413-774-3167 ext. 153
giannini@frcog.org

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Please call the facilitator with any requests for accessibility.



Funding for the Mohawk Trail Historic Preservation Project is provided by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, through the Mass. Dept. of Transportation.

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Bart Bales [bart.bales@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 11:25 PM
To: administrator@gillmass.org
Subject: 2013 Ford Fusion hybrid for a police cruiser

Hi Ray,

I think the choice Ford Fusion hybrid for a police cruiser is a very smart one, a good choice economically, and a choice consistent with the towns twin effort of energy cost containment and as a Green Community.

I strongly support this choice!

I will note that I have driven a Prius hybrid and have been very pleased with its handling, ride, & acceleration, its quieter operation, and its fuel economy.

Bart Bales
100 River Road
Gill, MA

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Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Patricia Crosby [phcrosby@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 6:57 PM
To: administrator@gillmass.org
Subject: Hybrid Cruiser

Dear Ray: Please relay my concern to the Select Board that the Town of Gill invest in the future by going with a Hybrid cruiser. There are many good reasons for doing so, which I know they are well aware of, and the objections raised appear to have little merit in light of the fact that cities like New York and Boston are routinely using these vehicles. Thank you--
Patricia Crosby

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments

January 4, 2013

Dear Town Officials:

The FRCOG has again received District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development. According to DHCD, this funding is to be used to fund projects that help municipalities:

- (1) work together to achieve and/or enhance cost-effective service delivery
- (2) create and sustain ongoing planning for growth with a particular emphasis on housing production and economic development.

Since 2006, DLTA funding has allowed the FRCOG to assist towns throughout the County on numerous projects that promote regionalization of services and with more traditional planning projects. Past regionalization projects have included assessing shared ambulance services in south county, creating a regional dog shelter and adoption center, and assisting with broadband adoption. Planning projects have included updating Open Space & Recreation Plans, providing technical assistance related to the Green Communities Act, and developing village center zoning for mixed use development.

Governor Patrick has recently announced the goal of creating 10,000 new affordable and middle income housing units per year for the next ten years. As a result, DHCD has changed the contractual focus of planning projects to housing production, mixed use development and economic development. This year prioritized projects include downtown Master Plans, village center and transit oriented district zoning, identification of Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Preservation Areas (PPAs), and housing production plans. *Please note that changes in the program at the state level will result in the FRCOG limiting the number of planning projects that do not address the target issues of housing and economic development.*

In anticipation of receiving the funding, we have already begun discussing new regional opportunities and planning activities. We need to know what projects you are interested in pursuing. Attached is a form that includes a list of potential projects that has been generated from regional discussions and from the work completed with past funding as well as space for you to add new suggested projects. Please check in with your boards, committees, and departments, fill out the attached DLTA Request Form, and send the form back to us by **February 1st**. No local match is required, but information about the status of each requested project and any additional secured or potential funding sources would be helpful.

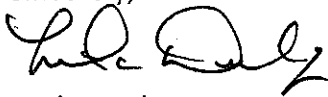
We will review all ideas submitted and prioritize the projects based on the following criteria:

- Projects that meet grant eligibility requirements.
- Projects that can be completed within the grant's time period (by 12/31/13).

- Projects that have the demonstrated support of all potentially impacted town boards/committees/employees.
- Projects that directly result in implementation.
- The extent to which the final set of projects serves as many Franklin County towns as possible.
- Projects that meet demonstrated regional needs.

Thank you for your help and input in this process. We are looking forward to working with you. Please contact me (ext. 103), Peggy Sloan (ext. 133), Bob Dean (ext. 108) or Phoebe Walker (ext. 102) with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Dunlavy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Dunlavy" clearly distinguishable.

Linda Dunlavy
Executive Director



2013 Local Technical Assistance Request Form

Please mail, fax to (413-774-3169) or scan and email to walker@frcog.org by February 1, 2013.

Town: _____

Name and Title of Person Filling out Form: _____

Date: _____

| PLANNING PROJECTS -- Please priority rank the projects in which your town is interested | |
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| Rank | Project |
| | Housing Production Plan. A 5-year plan that outlines strategies to increase affordable housing (as defined Chapter 40B) and gives a town more control over comprehensive permit applications. |
| | Downtown or Village Center Master Plan. Mixed use, economic development and housing plan including the identification, assessment and mapping of Priority Development Areas and action steps for implementation. |
| | Zoning Bylaws. Development of zoning bylaws for village center/ mixed use districts, low impact development, affordable/work force housing, clean energy, or telecommunications facilities. |
| | Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program Technical Assistance. |
| | Open Space and Recreation Plans. Updating of expired plans. <i>Due to contract requirements, work on OSRPs will be limited.</i> |
| | Green Communities (GC) Act Technical Assistance. Assistance in meeting the GC criteria for towns seeking Green Communities designation including the development of renewable energy facility bylaws and energy use baseline inventories and reduction plans. <i>Due to contract requirements, work on Green Communities will be limited.</i> |
| | Other planning. |
| | Other planning. |

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| REGIONAL PROJECTS - Please priority rank the projects in which your town is interested | |
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| Rank | Project |
| | Select Board Continuing Education Workshops. Continue to offer workshops to Select Board members including municipal budgeting process, insurance & liability / risk management / IT security, Select Boards and decision making, emergency services & public safety regulations. |
| | Regional Senior Center Services. Explore ways to increase efficiency, expand services and improve transportation services at Senior Centers. |
| | Broadband Adoption. Continue broadband adoption efforts including providing municipalities with detailed information about last mile provider options, market municipal needs to last mile providers, regional aggregation and procurement of broadband services, etc. |
| | Regional IT Analysis. Conduct a study to determine how municipalities can potentially utilize the MassBroadband 123 network and State Data Center to upgrade computer systems and networks, store and secure data off-site, share software and systems for cost efficiency, etc. |
| | Expand the Online Permitting Program. Expand online permitting program to focus on public health to allow towns to track, accept payment for and issue board of health permits and licenses. |
| | Regional Public Health Policies/ CPHS District Expansion. Develop and implement health policies, including fees and regulations, for the Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service, and support new towns joining. |
| | Conference on the Aging of Franklin County: Plan and hold a conference, working closely with Councils on Aging, local senior centers, and Franklin County Home Care Corporation, on aging and what it means for municipal governments and town services in Franklin County. The goal of the conference would be to develop action steps to help municipalities serve the county's aging. |
| | Regional School Transportation Bid. Conduct a regional regular school transportation bid for all or most Franklin County School Districts. |
| | Regional Debris Management Plan. Finalize the Franklin County Regional Debris Management Plan to dispose of disaster-related debris after an event, including identification and municipal acceptance of regional collection areas and pre-vetted debris removal and monitoring contractors. |
| | Multi-Town Emergency Management Director Task Sharing. There are two avenues to explore: assistance regionally for administrative tasks or explore the institution of a regional emergency management director that handles administrative tasks between disasters and serves multiple contiguous towns <i>during</i> a disaster. This work would run in concurrence with a study the regional Homeland Security council is performing on the institution of a multi-agency coordination center. |
| | Cooperative Purchasing Opportunities: Expand cooperative purchasing opportunities within the region's municipalities and school districts including but not limited to a regional Classification and Compensation Study for Town employees and coordination of a regional Liability and Property Insurance Bid for school districts. <i>Other cooperative purchasing suggestions:</i> |
| | Emergency Resource Inventory Collection: Assistance in filling in MEMA's Resource Management System with inventory from each town so that responders may see and request resources from nearby towns directly during a disaster, rather than contacting MEMA. |
| | Other shared services. |
| | Other shared services: |



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Sheriff
FRANKLIN COUNTY

CHRISTOPHER J. DONELAN
SHERIFF

DAVID A. LANOIE
SUPERINTENDENT/SPECIAL SHERIFF

January 2, 2013

Randy Crochier
Chair, Gill Select Board
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01376

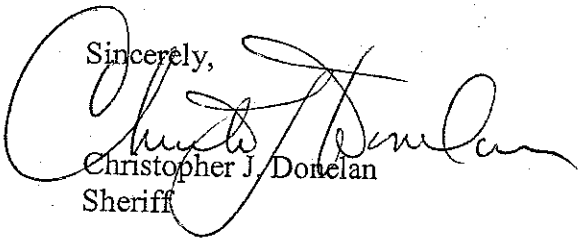
RE: Regional Dog Control Services

Dear Mr. Crochier:

Enclosed please find an invoice for operating and capital costs of the Franklin County Regional Dog Control and Adoption Center. The invoice covers the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Due to the fact that the Center was not in full operation until late summer and not "officially" opened until October, 2012, and recognizing the financial constraints facing all communities, the decision was made to waive all fees for the current fiscal year, as well as the "pro-rated" fees for use prior to July 1, 2012.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in creating partnerships that will assist in providing services to the citizens of Franklin County in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely,


Christopher J. Donelan
Sheriff

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Enclosure

1/11/13 Gill has used twice since start of FY13



**FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
REGIONAL DOG CONTROL & ADOPTION CENTER**

INVOICE FOR SERVICES

This invoice is for operating costs and capital costs of the Center for the Fiscal Year 2014, covering the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Pursuant to the agreement executed between the town and Sheriff's Office, the fee for services for the town of Gill is \$700.00.

Please make checks payable to the: Franklin County Regional Dog Control and Adoption Center, and submit to the:

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
ATTENTION: MMARS Accountant
160 Elm Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

CUMMINGS & REID
Attorneys at Law
278 Main Street - Suite 305
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Roger J. Reid
Stanley L. Cummings (Retired)

(413) 773-8120
FAX (413) 773-9807

December 31, 2012

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
Town Hall
Gill, MA 01376

RE: Quintus Allen Trust

Dear Selectmen:

Enclosed please find a check for \$1,692.73, the same being in payment of the 2012 distributive share of income due the Town of Gill under the terms of the trust.

According to the will of Quintus Allen "the sum paid to each of said towns to be appropriated and expended for the support of the district schools in said town and for no other purpose."

I am enclosing a receipt to be signed by the Selectmen of the Town of Gill. Please return the signed receipt to this office as soon as possible. A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,


Roger J. Reid

RJR/lab
Enclosures

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| 2011 | \$1,788 |
| 2010 | \$1,700 |
| 2009 | \$1,421 |

GILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

48 Boyle Rd.
Gill, MA 01354

Principal Kathleen Adams

Phone: (413)863-3255 Fax: (413) 863-3268
Email: kathleen.adams@gmrds.org

Inspiring And Nurturing Curiosity, Compassion And Perseverance In Each Student

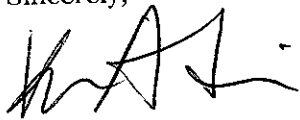
December 21, 2012

Dear Gill Selectmen,

On behalf of the students and staff of Gill Elementary School, I would like to express my sincere thank you for the new recess and physical education materials funded by the Quintas Allen Fund. The students have truly enjoyed the soccer goals and have begun to use the new balls and supplies at recess and during P.E. Recently, I was able to introduce some of our students to Chinese jump rope which became an immediate hit!

Thank you for supporting our physical education program and our students' recess experience. We deeply appreciate the town support of the programs of Gill and are fortunate to have such community support for our students.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Adams, Principal