

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Randy Crochier and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant

Finance Committee: Timmie Smith, Claire Chang, Alden Booth (not a quorum)

FY14 Budget: Budget binders were distributed, and Ray explained the latest version of estimated revenue for FY14. He noted that new growth is projected at only \$10,000 based on a very low amount of building permit activity during calendar year 2012. It is hoped that an appraisal of FirstLight properties in Gill, required as part of the Triennial Revaluation by the Dept of Revenue, might identify a little more new growth revenue.

State aid is projected based on the Governor's proposed budget less the new category of "Annual Formula Local Aid," as there seems to be some legislative reluctance to adopt all of the Governor's new taxes to fund his budget. The House budget will be out at the end of March and State Aid will be adjusted again then.

It was noted that the County Dog Fund, a defunct account that has been contributing \$800 annually to support the library budget, is down to \$359 remaining. There was general support of adding \$441 to the library's budget to "make them whole."

During a discussion of debt exclusions, it was suggested that Ray or the Treasurer ask the Dept of Revenue if there is any way to secure long-term borrowing for the Mariamante loan, even if it means re-voting the debt. Currently the Town is limited to one-year notes. The hope is to lock in a favorable interest rate while they are still very low.

There was a reminder to check with the Police Chief on estimates to mark the new Interceptor cruiser and unmark one of the Crown Vics. Ray will followup.

It was noted that Free Cash is especially high this year. Ray will provide a breakdown of the sources of Free Cash.

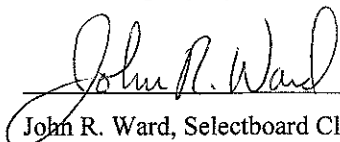
Timmie Smith suggested that there be warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting for the Quintus Allen Fund, and for the Capital, Education, and General Stabilization Funds.

Budget Meetings: Joint meetings of the Selectboard and Finance Committee were scheduled for April 1, April 8, April 10, April 16, April 22, April 29, May 6, and May 13. All meetings begin at 6:00pm. For those days that have regular Selectboard meetings, the regular meeting will start at 4:00pm, not 4:30pm. Ray will begin scheduling departments into those dates.

The Selectboard and Finance Committee will not be dividing into small groups to visit the departments this year.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk