

# TOWN OF GILL

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## SELECTBOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *May 31, 2017*

Call to Order: The Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings were called to order at 6:25 PM.

Selectboard Members Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, Greg Snedeker (6:40 PM)

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Finance Committee Members Present: Timmie Smith, Fred Chase, Claire Chang, Tupper Brown, Ronnie LaChance

Finance Committee Members Absent: Jacob Rau

Others Present: Ray Purington

Updated Budget Sheets: Updated budget sheets were distributed for 1.07 Treasurer, 1.08 Tax Collector, 1.18 Town Hall/Riverside Building Expenses, 2.3 Emergency Management, 3.2 Highway Department, and 6.8 Police Cruiser Loan. The updates incorporate changes and corrections discussed at previous meetings.

Greg joined the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Review of Minutes: Greg made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 5/18/17. The motion carried by a vote of 2-0. Randy abstained from the vote. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 5/22/17. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Claire made a motion, seconded by Ronnie, to adopt the Selectboard minutes for 5/18/17 in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Tupper made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adopt the Selectboard minutes for 5/22/17 in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

“Big Picture” FY18 Budget: The overall FY18 Expense Budget, dated 5/31/17, was distributed and reviewed. There were miscellaneous questions and comments, mostly to refresh each other about points discussed in previous budget meetings.

Energy Bond: Claire summarized a recent meeting between Gill and GMRSD officials to discuss the performance of the energy conservation measures installed at the Gill Elementary School by Siemens in 2011/2012. The District believes that energy savings are not being generated as promised by Siemens. The Town will work with the District to examine this further. Ray was asked to contact Beth Greenblatt, the Town’s owner’s agent for the Siemens project, to find out if she is aware of any other projects experiencing lower than expected energy savings.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Report: The 2017 CIPC report was distributed and discussed.

Finances in General: There was a broad discussion of the Town’s future capital needs and capital planning, trends on generating and spending Free Cash, and the current balances of, contributions to, and withdrawals from the various stabilization funds. It was noted that the FY18 budget will reduce the operating budget’s annual dependency on Free Cash from \$68,000 to \$54,500, and that the amount used to be as high as \$194,000 in FY08.

Town Meeting Motions: The Selectboard and Finance Committee reviewed “Draft 1” of the articles, motions, and explanations for the June 5<sup>th</sup> “Part 2” of Annual Town Meeting. The Finance Committee took the following votes on the proposed motions:

Articles 1 – 6 – already acted upon on May 1<sup>st</sup> opening of Annual Town Meeting

Article 7 (compensation of Town officers) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Fred. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Article 8 (COLA) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Claire. Defeated 2 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

Article 9 (Omnibus) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Claire. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 10 (GMRSD) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Ronnie. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 11 (Emergency Management) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Claire. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 12 (FY17 GMRSD into Energy Stabilization) – motion to recommend made by Ronnie, seconded by Tupper. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 13 (Energy Bond) – motion to recommend made by Tupper, seconded by Fred. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Articles 14 – 16 (PEG Access) – articles are to be passed over, no action.

Articles 17 – 22 (FirstLight appraisal, Assessors revaluation, Audit, OPEB, Into Stabilization, and Free Cash to Tax Rate) – motion to recommend made by Fred, seconded by Ronnie. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Selectboard and Finance Committee reviewed the articles for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. The Finance Committee took the following votes on the proposed motions:

Article 1 (Gift of Land) – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Ronnie. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 2 (Preservation of Old Records) – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Ronnie. Approved 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 3 (Household Hazardous Waste) – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Tupper. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 4 (CIPC Report) – not financial, no action.

Articles 5 – 8 (Elementary Electric, Elementary Kitchen, Elementary Water Treatment, Riverside Wheelchair Ramp) – motion to recommend made by Fred, seconded by Claire. Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

It was asked that the handout for the Special Town Meeting include photographs of the wheelchair ramp at the Riverside Building and the outdated electrical panels at the Elementary School.

Fin Com Adjournment: The Finance Committee adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Selectboard Adjournment: The Selectboard adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington.*

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Greg Snedeker, Selectboard Clerk

Adopted by the Finance Committee in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.