

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2018

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM.

Members Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier Members Absent: Greg Snedeker
Others Present: Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant; George Brace, Janet Masucci, and Joe Williams

Award Bid for 2018 Use of Boyle Lot: Ray recommended the 2018 lease of the Boyle Lot for agricultural use be awarded to Joe Williams for his high bid of \$130.00. Williams also bid \$130 for 2019 and 2020. The only other bidder was Brian Peila, who bid \$75 for each of the three years. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to award the 2018 lease to Joe Williams. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Williams expressed interest in serving on the Machinery Advisory Committee, should there be an opening. Williams left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Review of Minutes: John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve the minutes of 3/19/18 and 4/17/18. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Gill Elementary Well: It was announced the Selectboard signed a revised Administrative Consent Order with Penalty (ACOP) at their 4/23 budget meeting. DEP agreed to reduce the penalty from \$500 to \$250. Ray reported the revised plans for the treatment system were submitted to DEP on 4/20.

Gill 225th Anniversary: Randy mentioned two upcoming events: a special Trivia Night on May 3rd at the Gill Tavern to benefit the 225th Celebration and a town-wide tag sale on May 5th. The next planning meeting will be May 23rd.

Selectboard Liaisons to Fire, Highway, and Police Departments: The Selectboard resumed their discussion of having each Selectboard member act as a liaison to one of the three departments at the Public Safety Complex. The stated goal is to improve communications between the Selectboard and the departments, and to provide a less formal avenue for department heads to discuss needs and concerns, but without sidestepping the decision-making role of the Selectboard. It was suggested the liaison assignments be rotated yearly. More discussion is needed about the recommended frequency, if any, for the liaison to meet with the department head. It was decided to bring up the matter again at the May 14th meeting, when all three members of the Selectboard will be in attendance.

Route 2 Safety Task Force: Ray reported on the 4/18 meeting of the Route 2 Safety Task Force, which he attended as Gill's representative. Currently there are no Route 2 projects included in the Mass DOT's 5-year Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Based on advice from Mary Jane Bacon, legislative aide to Senator Stan Rosenberg, the Task Force voted to request safety barriers on the French King Bridge and an improvement project in Erving (location to be chosen by the Erving Selectboard) be included in the FY2019-2023 CIP. The comment period on the CIP is May 15 – June 4. The Task Force will draft a letter to submit during the comment period, and it will be circulated to member towns for their support.

Emergency Septic Repair: The Selectboard reviewed a plan to repair a failed septic system at 1 Chappell Drive. Because the replacement system will involve placing clean fill within the Town's right-of-way for Chappell Drive, the engineer for the system, Shawn Kimberley, has asked for approval of the plan by the Selectboard and Highway Superintendent. It was discussed there is no other place to locate a septic system on the property, and the proposed design is an "alternative system," which allows the septic mound to be shorter than that of a conventional system. The plan calls for a shallow swale between the road and the slope of the septic mound in order to direct road runoff

away from the mound and toward a pre-existing wetland. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to allow fill material to be placed within the right-of-way as shown on the plan. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Award Bid for 2018 Lawn Mowing: Ray recommended the lawn mowing contract for 2018 be awarded to the lowest bidder, Art Kaczenski of Artscape Landscape & Design. Kaczenski had the contract in 2017 and there were no issues with his services. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to award the 2018 lawn mowing contract to Art Kaczenski. The motion was approved by a vote 2-0.

Award 2018 Use of Mariamante Field: Ray recommended exercising the Town's option on the Year 2 (2018) bid of \$150 by Brian Peila for agricultural use of the Mariamante field. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to award the 2018 use of the Mariamante field to Brian Peila for his bid of \$150. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Ken's Roadside Diner – 2018 License: John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve a 2018 license to Ken's Roadside Diner, Inc. to operate a food concession trailer at 24 French King Highway. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Firefighter Appointment: Acting on a request from the Board of Fire Engineers, John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Junior Firefighter Kaeden Socquet as a Firefighter through June 30, 2018. Socquet recently turned 18 years old. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

George Brace left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2018 warrant #23.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

Signed copy on file. Approved on 05/14/2018

Greg Snedeker, Selectboard Clerk