SELECTBOARD AGENDA
& MEETING NOTICE

October 13, 2020

Location: Teleconference - access info in the agenda

***Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting

bold underlined time = invited guest or advertised hearing
(all other times are approximate)

This meeting is being conducted remotely by all participants due to the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 and under the “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting, G.L. c. 30A, §20” issued by Governor Baker on 3/12/20. FreeConferenceCall.com is being utilized for the teleconference. It is audio only. Anyone wishing to participate may call 712-775-7031 and then enter the Access Code of 883-045-865. The toll-free number is 844-800-5000 – the Town is charged by the minute per caller, so please use this only when necessary.

5:30 PM Call to Order (If the meeting is being videotaped, announce that fact. If remote participation will occur, announce member & reason, & need for roll call voting)

COVID-19 Topics

○ Updates from Gill’s Emergency Management Team

○ CARES Act Funding – Round 2 request (covering 7/1/20 – 12/30/20) for eligible, unbudgeted Town COVID-related expenses, Cooperative Public Health (already voted 6/22/20), and a transfer of funds to Gill-Montague Regional School District for HVAC upgrades & air purifiers at Gill Elementary and TFHS/GFMS

Old Business

○ Review of Minutes: 5/26, 6/8, 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/31, 9/9, 9/14 & 9/28

○ Grant Award – MassDOT Shared Streets & Spaces - $22,022.56 for pedestrian safety improvements in Gill Center (radar speed signs, painted crosswalks, painted lane edge lines, reconfiguration of River Rd intersection)

○ Student Opportunity Act – public comment period, deadline October 16th – topics include “the equity, predictability and accuracy of the method of determining each municipality's ability to contribute toward education funding and the calculation of each municipality's required local contribution,” as well as how targets are set for required contributions, how Proposition 2 ½ interacts with those requirements, and how the cap at 82.5 percent of foundation impacts the distribution of required contributions across municipalities. Comments accepted by online survey: https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5834931/Public-Comment-for-Chapter-70-Local- Contribution-Study

○ Energy Commission Request for Selectboard to send letter to Mass. House & Senate Climate Bill Conference Committee with support or concerns on House and Senate Climate Bills (H.4933 and S.2500), similar to 9/18/20 letter sent by City of Newton

New Business

○ Highway Purchase Order - $9,010 (+/-) to Hi-Way Safety Systems for center and side line painting on Main, West Gill, and Boyle Roads

○ Fire Department Purchase Orders
  • Four LED headlights for Engine 2 - $1,300 to 413 Upfitting
  • PSTrax operations checks software - $1,500 annual cost (license & implementation)
o Resignation – Scott Nicholas from the Fire Department effective 9/25/20

o Sewer Commitment #2021-001: $49,528.74, bill date of 10/14/20

o Review & Sign Warrant for 11/3 Presidential Election (vote by mail has begun, early in-person voting starts 10/17, info on website)

o Appoint Elections Workers thru June 30, 2021: Robin Paris, 394 Main Rd; Cristin Carpenter, 103 N Cross Rd; Maryanne Gallagher, 144 River Rd

o Gill Tavern – Request to extend approval of liquor license’s expanded outdoor table service from 11/1/20 to 60 days after the end of the Governor’s state of emergency

o Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.

o Public Service Announcements, if any

Warrants
FY21 #7 Vendors ($85,517.96) & Payroll ($22,590.16) – reviewed & signed by the Chair on 9/29
FY21 #8 – to be reviewed & signed by the Chair and reported on at the next meeting

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

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September 28, 2020

Commissioner Jeffrey Riley
Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
75 Pleasant St.
Malden, MA 02148-4906

Dear Commissioner Riley,

Please accept the following set of documents as a response to your request for a timeline by which we anticipate provided in-person instruction for our students. The Gill-Montague School Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday September 29, 2020 at 6PM, to consider and potentially vote on the proposed return to campuses for students and staff.

This packet includes the following:

- Update from State/Local Data
- Proposed Timeline for On-Campus Learning
- Ventilation Systems Evaluation Reports
- Summary of Action Plan to Address HVAC Evaluation
- Funding Considerations for Extensive HVAC Repairs & Air Filtration
- District Requests for State Support

The District will inform your office of the outcome of the School Committee vote.

Respectfully,

Brian Beck
Superintendent of Schools

cc- Gill-Montague School Committee

Natalie Blais, State Representative, First Franklin District
Joanne Comerford, State Senator
GILL-MONTAGUE PROPOSAL FOR RETURNING STAFF & STUDENTS TO CAMPUSES

Update from State/Local Data:

- State remains in Phase III, Step 1 of reopening since July 6th.

Weekly COVID Public Health Report September 23, 2020

Case counts in district & abutting towns in last 14 days: Gill-0, Montague – 0, Greenfield-<5, Northfield-0, Bernardston-0, Sunderland – 0, Erving – 0, Leverett-0, Orange-<5, Warwick-0, Wendell-0

State- 4,833 cases last 14 days

Franklin County- 7 cases last 14 days

Proposed Timeline for On-Campus Learning:

While we are addressing maintenance on the HVAC system, we are proposing the following timeline for admission of smaller groups of students to attend school in person, eventually to have the district in full-hybrid learning model, as HVAC maintenance is completed:

- **October 20th** - Life Skills/ Transition and Resource Students begin in-person (Rooms 309, 307, 217 at TFHS, with Air Scrubbers, these rooms all have more than ASHRAE target of 2.0 air exchanges/hour) – HS -7 students; MS-12 students; Elementary – 11 students
- **October 20th** – all staff required to return to campuses
- **October 26th** - If maintenance is completed to in an adequate number of spaces, add therapeutic and SEL students (Phase II) – HS-5 students/Elementary -12 students
- **October 26th** - If maintenance is completed in adequate spaces, add remaining priority students (Phase III) or All District Hybrid
- **October 26th** - If maintenance is completed in adequate spaces- (Grades PK-3 district-wide hybrid) or All District Hybrid
- **November 2nd** -If maintenance is completed in adequate spaces- All District Hybrid

Ventilation Systems Evaluation Reports:

Evaluations of air exchange rates and HVAC system repair needs were completed by JAMROG. Those assessments for the following school facilities are included in this report:

- Turners Falls High School/ Great Falls Middle School
- Sheffield Elementary School
- Gill Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School

Summary of Action Plan to Address HVAC Evaluation:

Air Filtration: Due to concerns about potentially restricting air exchange rates, we will not be retrofitting filters with higher MERV ratings on individual units of our HVAC systems. To address concerns
about filtration of the air inside instructional spaces, the district has purchased and received $80,244 worth of air scrubbers and purifiers. These purchases are summarized on the spreadsheet entitled *Room Space and Air Scrubbers and Purifiers*. This document is followed by descriptions and specifications for each of these air filtration devices.

**HVAC Repair Action Plan Summary** - Each of the recommendations from the HVAC contractor (JAMROG) are being addressed as soon as maintenance agreements can be reached to allow the work on each school system to begin. We do not have timelines for completion, but JAMROG has assured the district of our status as a priority client. The action plan (in progress) is included and entitled *JAMROG RECOMMENDATIONS*. This summary also includes more detailed information regarding the locations for air scrubbers and purifiers.

**Funding Considerations for Extensive HVAC Repairs & Air Filtration** –

The District will re-examine our planned expenditures for CARES Act grants. School Business Administrator Joanne Blier is met with the Montague Select Board September 28, 2020 to discuss securing funding from CARES Act Funding from the town. The Town of Montague has provided up to $175,000 for repairs and for air purifiers for town schools. Erving has dedicated approximately $20,000 to support re-opening of school efforts at Turners Falls High School and Great Falls Middle School. We are attempting to contact the town of Gill, who has not yet held its Town Meeting, to also inquire about potentially available CARES Act town funds.

**District Requests for State Support** –

- Potential requests for additional funding, if expenditures exceed available resources.
- Regional/local testing centers to enable families to quickly access COVID-19 testing
- Considerations regarding Ch. 70 funding formula for the coming fiscal year, given that enrollment has been impacted by family choices made during the pandemic.
- Prompt the Town of Gill to hold their Town Meeting to approve their budget.
September 17, 2020

Turners Falls High School
222 Turnpike Road
Montague, MA 01351

RE: TFHS/GFMS School – Ventilation Evaluation Report

On Friday, September 11th, 2020, Jamrog HVAC completed an evaluation of the TFHS/GFMS’s ventilation systems. The evaluation consisted of inspection all ventilation equipment for good working order, confirmation that fresh (outside) air is entering the rooms, and air exchange testing.

The following provides a breakdown per room and the air changes per hour; please be advised that the goal is to achieve a minimum of 2 air changes per hour, however this is not always possible given the age of the building.

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Auditorium: Unit is running, but 0% outside and no exhaust; needs further evaluation.  
Library: 540 35,400 41,391 10% 1.0  
Library Office 55: 3,330 3,960 10% .8  
Gym: 0 0 278,208 0 0 2of3 units not running  
Boys Locker: 540 35,460 15,570 0 0  
Girls Locker: 327 19,620 15,570 0 0  
Music: 443 26,580 17,500 100% 1.5  
Café: 432 25,420 53,820 100% 1  Recovery wheel

Recommendations/Notes:

1. 2 out of the 3 Gym RTU’s are not running; the one that is running is not bringing in any fresh air. These units require further evaluation/troubleshooting to determine what issues are.

2. RTU-4 (Auditorium) is operational but not bringing in any fresh air; further evaluation/troubleshooting is needed.

3. HRV-5 (Music) exhibits a defective fresh air linkage assembly; this will need to be repaired for proper fresh air. Note: the recovery wheel is currently operating but is in poor condition and should be replaced.

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4. HRV-4: The recovery wheel is currently not operating and needs a new belt. Note: installing a new belt should allow for start-up; be advised the wheel is in poor condition and should be replaced.

5. HRV-3 (Library): unit needs to be serviced; pre-filters are plugged.

6. Exhaust fans need attention. Several motors need to be increased in size and fan speeds need to be adjusted; this will help achieve increased air change rates.

7. Multiple classroom units are not bringing in any fresh air; further evaluation is needed to determine if the issues are related to the controls or is mechanical.

8. Install exhaust system for the spaces currently without.

9. RTU-1: is not operating and requires further evaluation.

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Min OA% = Minimum Outside (fresh) Air
September 15, 2020

Hillcrest Elementary School
30 Griswold St
Turners Falls, MA

RE: Hillcrest Elementary School – Ventilation Evaluation Report

On Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020, Jamrog HVAC completed an evaluation of the Hillcrest Elementary School’s ventilation systems. The evaluation consisted of inspection all ventilation equipment for good working order, confirmation that fresh (outside) air is entering the rooms, and air exchange testing.

The following provides a breakdown per room and the air changes per hour; please be advised that the goal is to achieve a minimum of 2 air changes per hour, however this is not always possible given the age of the building.

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Recommendations/notes:

1. Add ventilation to areas that lack ventilation
2. Increase the exhaust fan motor size to achieve the goal of 2 minimum air changes per hour

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September 15, 2020

Gill Elementary School
48 Boyle Road
Gill, MA 01354

RE: Gill Elementary School – Ventilation Evaluation Report

On Tuesday, September 8th, 2020, Jamrog HVAC completed an evaluation of the Gill Elementary School’s ventilation systems. The evaluation consisted of inspection all ventilation equipment for good working order, confirmation that fresh (outside) air is entering the rooms, and air exchange testing.

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Guidance: 16

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- no exhaust present

Café: -

- 43,200
- 10%
- 0
- further eval needed

Admin Asst: -

- 1,800
- 0
- no exhaust present

Nurse: -

- 1,530
- 0
- no exhaust present

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Recommendations/notes:

1. Replace the 4 (four) defective zone valves

2. Increase the exhaust fan motors speed, which will in turn increase the air changes per hour

3. Further evaluation is needed to determine if the café exhaust is tied into the kitchen exhaust

4. Install ventilation in the guidance, admin & nurse rooms

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September 22, 2020

Sheffield Elementary School
43 Crocker Street
Turners Falls, MA

RE: Sheffield Elementary School – Ventilation Evaluation Report

Jamrog HVAC has completed an evaluation of the Sheffield Elementary School’s ventilation systems. The evaluation consisted of inspection all ventilation equipment for good working order, confirmation that fresh (outside) air is entering the rooms, and air exchange testing.

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**Recommendations/Notes:**

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**Definitions:**

- CFM = Cubic Feet per Minute
- CFH = Cubic Feet per Hour
- CUft = Cubic Feet
- Min OA% = Minimum Outside (fresh) Air
ADDITIONAL UNIT FEATURES

- HEPA and Activated Carbon filters
- LCD Display
- Adjustable Fan Control (4 Fan Speeds only)
- Four Speed Fan
- Ion Generator
- Positive and Negative Multiplier and RF
- Hepa and Activated Carbon filters
- LCD Display
- Adjustable Fan Control (4 Fan Speeds only)
- Four Speed Fan
- Ion Generator
- Positive and Negative Multiplier and RF

WHAT IT DOES

- Reduces airborne pollutants
- Removes small particles and odors
- Neutralizes odors ions
- Reduces dirt and dust from the air
- Natural light cleaning
- UVC light-mines cleaning
- Dust and odors from the air
- Freesens air and removes
- surface contaminants
- Reduces airborne and

WHAT'S POLLUTING YOUR HOME?

- Outdoor smoke
- Kids’ athletic clothing
- Garbage cans
- Mold spores and pollen
- Pets
- Cooking odors

HOW ACTIVEPURE WORKS

Activpure has been proven to reduce and eliminate viruses, bacteria and allergens in the air and on every surface. It works by releasing microscopic oxygen and water molecules in the air that then go throughout our purification units. Activpure is equipped with an Activpure Reaction Matrix that is able to neutralize bacteria, mold, and odors. While inside the matrix, the molecules are transformed into friendly, powerful oxidizers, as they’re released back into the environment.

WHAT IS ACTIVEPURE TECHNOLOGY?

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KEY SCIENTIFIC STUDIES


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SPECIFICATIONS

NAME: AIR & SURFACE PRO+ 

DESCRIPTION: Volterra Air & Surface Pro+ (10400)

MODEL: 10400

POWER: 100-240VAC, 50/60Hz

FILTERS: 4 levels of filtration

DIMENSIONS: 11.75 x 8.5 x 3.5 inch

WEIGHT: 7.6 pounds

PUMP: 2.0 ppm ozone

COVER: 4 agency of (high mobility)

WEIGHT: 16.0 pounds

NOTE: This unit does not contain chlorine emissions and cannot be shipped to California.
CGM Air Purifier

Mitigate the Spread of Diseases

- Advanced BioGS® HEPA Filtration Technology
- 6 Stages of Customized Filtration
- Captures 99.99% of Particles < 5 Nanometers
- Monitors Air Quality & Controls Purification

Does a HEPA Filter work against Coronavirus?

In short, yes, it can.

However, it is important to remember that the coronavirus is not a stand-alone, "floating-in-thin-air" virus; it must be attached to something (i.e. water droplets, bacteria, dust). The BioGS® HEPA filters test up to 99% efficiency on particles down to 0.01 micron. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) falls in between 0.06 micron (60 nanometers) and 0.14 micron (140 nanometers) in diameter.

In a 2016-study by NASA, it was tested and proven that HEPA filters were most efficient (almost 100%) at filtering particles at 0.01 micron, below the normal 0.3 test standard for HEPA filters.

It is not the position of CompuGroup Medical to use an air filtration system as the first line of defense against COVID-19, rather it should be utilized as a secondary engineering control to protect the environment in which work is being done.

Why a CGM Air Purifier?

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BEST AIR PURIFIER AT THE RIGHT PRICE

Delivery to all schools & govt. offices in New England

MA-14 $99.00
- Cleans up to 200 sq ft in 40 min.
- Medical Grade H13 HEPA
- 99.9% removal down to 0.1 microns

MA-15 $119.00
- Cleans up to 300 sq ft in 40 min.
- Medical Grade H13 HEPA
- 99.9% removal down to 0.1 microns

MA-25 $160.00
- Cleans up to 500 sq ft in 40 min.
- Medical Grade H13 TRUE HEPA
- 99.9% removal down to 0.1 microns

MA-40 V2.0 $274.98
- Cleans up to 440 sq ft in 40 min.
- Medical Grade H13 HEPA
- 99.9% removal down to 0.1 microns

MA-112 V2.0 $499.00
- Cleans up to 2,500 sq ft in 40 min.
- Medical Grade H13 HEPA Dual
- 99.9% removal down to 0.1 microns

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or Email Sales@sterlingprinting.com
WHAT'S POLLUTING YOUR HOME?

- Cooking odors
- Pets
- Mold spores and pollen
- Garbage cans
- Kids’ athletic clothing
- Outdoor smog

WHAT IT DOES

- Reduces airborne and surface contaminants
- Freshens air and removes odors in stale environments
- UVC light mimics cleansing nature of sunlight
- Reduces dirt and dust from the air
- Negatively charged ions reduce small particles and airborne pollutants

WHAT IS ACTIVEPURE® TECHNOLOGY?

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HOW ACTIVEPURE® WORKS

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While inside the matrix, the molecules are transformed into friendly-yet-powerful oxidizers. As they’re released back into the air, these supercharged ActivePure molecules seek and rapidly destroy contaminants, fungi, mold, and odor-causing bacteria – even ones that try to hide in hard-to-reach places.

ACTIVEPURE® AROUND THE WORLD

Veterinary Care
Liberty Bell
Hotel Rooms
Schools
Training Facilities
Nursing Homes

ADDITIONAL UNIT FEATURES

- Positive and Negative Multipoint and RF Ion Generation
- Five Speed Fan
- Adjustable Purifier Control (A-PURE+ only)
- LCD Display
- HEPA and Activated Carbon filters
- Depart Room Function w/ Adjustable Digital Timer
- Maintenance Reminders
- Replaceable ActivePure® Cell
- Removable Rear Grill
- Universal Power Supply with cords
HOW IT HELPS YOU

- Fewer sick days and cold/flu outbreaks
- Cleaner air and surfaces without using chemicals
- Better sleep
- Improved productivity by providing healthier air and surfaces
- Fresh, clean smelling air year-round

VOLLARA SURFACE PRO+ IS PERFECT FOR:

- Restless sleepers
- Allergy sufferers
- Pet owners
- Athletes
- Sensitive immune systems
- Teachers

OTHER VOLLARA PRODUCTS YOU MAY ALSO LIKE:

LIVINGWATER
LivingWater generates acid-buffering alkaline water with negative Oxidation Reduction Potential (ORP) for increased antioxidant properties right from your faucet.

RE:VIVE
Re:Vive is our on-the-go energy supplement that significantly boosts energy, elevates mental focus and supports your health without the unwanted side effects found with most energy boosters.

H2FUEL
H2 Fuel charges your water to deliver electron rich, hydrogen infused hydration to your cells to flush cellular waste and toxins from your cells!

LAUNDRYPURE 2.0
LaundryPure 2.0 infuses cold water with hydrogen and oxygen-based oxidizers to lift dirt and grime from cloth fibers - leaving towels softer and fluffier, and clothes brighter and cleaner.

READY TO ORDER A VOLLARA AIR & SURFACE PRO+?
Contact your Vollara Independent Distributor, or if you don’t have a Vollara Distributor, contact Vollara Customer Service at 800.989.2299 or visit us online at www.vollara.com.
PATENTED CELL DESIGN

NEW & IMPROVED Patented Cell Design
Delivers ActivePure® Faster

UV Light

SPECIFICATIONS

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<th>MODEL</th>
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| Electrical | • 100 - 240VAC 50/60 Hz  
• External Power Supply  
• 43 watts Max  
• Positive & Negative ion generation |
| Dimensions | 11.75" high x 9.5" wide x 10" deep |
| Weight | 7.6 pounds |
| Purification Plate Output (High Mode) | >2.0 ppm ozone |
| Coverage | Covers a range of  
500 sq. ft. to 3,000 sq. ft. (42 m² to 279 m²) |
| Warranty | Three Year Limited Warranty |

KEY SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

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Health, University of Cincinnati, 3223 Eden  
Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45267

Before ActivePure® Technology

After 8 hours with ActivePure® Technology

Before and after laboratory tests showing reductions of airborne contaminants with ActivePure® Technology.  
Based on preliminary test results. Actual results may vary. Results do not constitute scientific substantiation.

NOTE: This unit does not meet California requirements and cannot be shipped to California.
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JAMROG RECOMMENDATIONS

High School

1. 2 out of the 3 gym RTU’s are not running; the one that is running is not bringing in the fresh air. These require further evaluation/troubleshooting to determine what issues are. 
   COST: $1,600

2. RTU-4 (Auditorium) is operational but not bringing in any fresh air; further evaluation/troubleshooting is needed. 
   COST: $850

3. HRV-5 (Music) exhibits a defective fresh air linkage assembly; this will need to be repaired for proper fresh air. Note: the recovery wheel is currently operating but is in poor condition and should be replaced. 
   COST $23,550

4. HRV-4: The recovery wheel is currently not operating and needs a new belt. Note: installing a new belt should allow for start-up; be advised the wheel is in poor condition and should be replaced. 
   COST $23,550

5. HRV-3 (Library): unit needs to be serviced; pre-filters are plugged. 
   COST: $400

6. Exhaust fans need attention. Several motor need to be increased in size and fan speeds need to be adjusted; this will help achieve increased air change rates. 
   COST $8,810

7. Multiple classroom units are not bringing in any fresh air; further evaluation is needed to determine if the issue are related to the controls or is mechanical. 
   COST: $3,520

8. Install exhaust system for the spaces currently without. 
   COST: PENDING

9. RTU-1: is not operating and requires further evaluation.

SNE TO PROGRAM (BMS CAPITAL PROJECT)

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High School Air Purifiers

A. 40 rooms of 700 square feet or larger x $759 each = $30,360
B. 17 rooms between 500 and 700 square feet x $549 each = $9,333
C. 12 rooms between 200 and 500 square feet x $160 = $1,920

COST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AIR PURIFIERS $41,613
Sheffield
1. Correct issue with outside air dampers in the classrooms to bring in a minimum percentage of outside air. Troubleshoot and minor repairs (adjust cost if materials needed)  COST: $2,700

2. Repair exhaust fans to bring up speed in order to achieve increased air changes/hour in the classrooms.  COST: $5,600

TOTAL EST REPAIRS AT SHEFFIELD $8,300

Sheffield Air Purifiers
A. 24 rooms of 700 square feet or larger x $759 each = $18,216
B. 2 rooms between 200 and 500 square feet x $160 = $320

COST SHEFFIELD AIR PURIFIERS $18,536

Hillcrest
1. Add ventilation to Offices in front of school.  COST $15,950

2. Add ventilation to three stage rooms and MPR  COST: $9,790 **

3. Increase the exhaust fan motor size to achieve the goal of 2 minimum air changes per hour.  COST $5,250

TOTAL EST REPAIRS AT HILLCREST $30,990

Hillcrest Air Purifiers
A. 16 rooms of 700 sq ft or larger x $759 each = $12,144
B. 3 room between 200 and 500 sq feet x $160 = $480
C. 7 rooms less than 200 sq feet x $99 = $693

COST HILLCREST AIR PURIFIERS $13,317

Gill
1. Replace the 4 (four) defective zone valves.  COST: $2,900

2. Increase the exhaust fan motors speed, which will turn increase the air changes per hour.  COST: $5,250

3. Further evaluation is needed to determine if the café exhaust is tied into the kitchen exhaust.  COST: $850

4. Install ventilation in the guidance, admin & nurse rooms.  COST $11,900

TOTAL EST REPAIRS AT GILL $20,900

Gill Air Purifiers
A. 10 rooms of 700 sq ft or larger x $759 each = $7,590
B. 1 room between 500 and 700 square feet x $549 each = $549
C. 2 room between 200 and 500 sq feet x $160 = $320
D. 2 rooms less than 200 sq feet x $99 = $198

COST GILL AIR PURIFIERS $8,657
Response to the DESE Public Comment Period on Ch. 70
October 1, 2020

A Three-Pronged Approach and Proposal for Chapter 70 Structural Reform

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to DESE and our state legislature for their continued review of education finance and the Chapter 70 aggregate wealth formula.

Raise the Local Contribution Cap

The recent Missing the Mark report published by the Mass Business Alliance for Education (MBAE) and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) takes an in-depth look at the inequities created by the 82.5% cap on local contribution. I am in support of the recommendation to raise the cap to address the inequities described in the MBAE/GBCC report. The choice to set the 82.5% cap was established through political negotiations in 2006/2007 and, from my understanding, was based less on equitable distribution of aid and more on a political goal to make sure “everyone received something,” and therefore all would advocate for more education state aid. Although the negotiations may have satisfied the political goal, the result stands in contradiction to the goals of means-tested financial aid. Raising the local contribution cap to 100% would help correct these conflicting goals.

Shift the Local/State Aggregate Wealth Contributions

The Massachusetts Municipal Association has already proposed reducing the local contribution from 59% to 50% (or even less if possible), which would increase the state’s contribution portion of the aggregate split from 41% to 50%. Finding the proper policy mix (taxation of stocks and flow-through entities) might also be reconsidered within the context of the changes in the broader national economy over the past several decades. For instance, although the Massachusetts GINI index score is .49 (US Census Bureau, 2018), giving Massachusetts only a slight tilt toward income equality, growth in wealth inequality nationwide has dramatically increased over the past 30 years.

This Federal Reserve (FRED) graph might be considered when reviewing the current mix of State taxation policy options within the context of the broader economy.
As the graph shows, the increase in wealth of the top 1% over the past 30 years has been spectacular compared to the bottom 50%, which has remained essentially flat. In light of this reality, the steady increases in property and other regressive taxes over the past 30 years have impacted the bottom 50% of the population much more negatively than those at the top. Shifting the aggregate wealth model to a 50/50% split between local and state contribution would help reduce property taxes throughout the State and help correct some of this inequity. It would also give all towns budget relief (“something”), so finding broad political support for this shift seems highly likely if the State can find the extra revenue needed to accommodate the shift. In this MBPC report, it is apparent the State considered the impacts of rising property taxes in relation to inequality during the Ch. 70 overhaul in 2007. The FRED graph above shows that since 2007, inequality has not improved but dramatically worsened.

Establish a Progressive Income Tax that Backfills the State’s 50/50% Aggregate Contribution

Shifting the aggregate wealth model to a 50/50% split would require the State to raise revenue by approximately $1 billion dollars ($1,075,573,498 using the State’s Local Contribution Ch. 70 spreadsheet), but in turn, would also reduce local government budgets by the same amount in the aggregate. The millionaire’s tax that was proposed in the past would in fact be an appropriate way to backfill this shortfall, as it would impact only those with the most ability to pay. The original estimates of the additional 4% marginal tax rate on income levels above the $1 million threshold were projected to raise an extra $2 billion in State revenues and were already earmarked for education and transportation spending.

The fact that the State (and local governments) currently uses primarily regressive flat taxes and fees for most of its tax revenues is perplexing, considering that a large percentage of the electorate is politically progressive in Massachusetts. Relying on regressive property and flat taxes might make balancing the State budget easier and help mitigate cyclical downturns, but it also imposes a heavy burden on taxing those who can least afford it (those whose incomes and wealth have remained stagnant for decades while having to budget increasing property taxes). There was enough support within the State legislature for the millionaire’s tax proposal to have overridden the state constitution’s flat income tax statute, but unfortunately the bill was removed from statewide ballot consideration due to a legal technicality.
The Three-Pronged Approach to Structural Reform

Therefore, the three-pronged approach to structural Ch. 70 reform would include:

1. **Raising the local contribution cap to 100**
2. **Shifting the local/State aggregate wealth contributions to 50/50%**
3. **Establishing a single high marginal income tax (like the millionaire’s tax)**

If these three could be phased into the Ch. 70 aggregate wealth model, it would ensure all towns and municipalities receive budget relief (“something”), increase education aid to students who need it, reduce the burden of regressive taxation on taxpayers, and create more equitable education funding. With the level of inequality being high in U.S., it is important that all states reconsider their tax policy options and try to achieve a more equitable distribution of resources, which includes education.

Thank you for your consideration and for all your work!

Sincerely,

Greg Snedeker
Gill, MA
current member, Gill Selectboard (elected 2020)
current member, Six Town Regionalization Planning Board (Secretary/Treasurer)
current member, Franklin Regional Council of Government/FRCOG (elected Vice Chair, Executive Committee)
former member, Gill-Montague Civic Leaders
The Gill Energy Commission unanimously agreed to request that the attached letter written by the Town of Newton to members of the Climate Bill Commission be added to the agenda for the next Select Board meeting in hopes that Gill will also send their concerns to members of the Climate Commission.

Thank you,

Vicky, for the Energy Commission

One Lamplighter Way, Mount Hermon, MA 01354, nmhschool.org
September 18, 2020

Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr.
Representative Thomas Golden
Representative Patricia Haddad
Senator Michael Barrett
Senator Cynthia Stone Creem
Senator Patrick O’Connor

Dear Members of the Climate Bill Conference Committee:

The City of Newton is deeply grateful for the enormous effort and thoughtful deliberation reflected in the House and Senate Climate Bills (H.4933 and S.2500). As communities work diligently to lower their own greenhouse gas emissions, the State’s leadership and 2050 net-zero emissions goal is welcome and reassuring. We also greatly appreciate the recognition in both bills of the connection between climate change and the disproportionate burden or environmental justice communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the priorities in the bills from the City of Newton’s perspective. We paid particular attention to those measures that are in one or the other of the Senate or the House bills, or in which the bills address the same or a similar issue differently.

Board of Building Regulations and Standards, Net-Zero Stretch Energy Code (House, 15A-15F; Senate, sections 30, 31, 35-42, 54)

The House and Senate bills similarly enlarge the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS), add the Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) as a member of the BBRS, and specify the addition to the BBRS of members with energy efficiency and building technology expertise.

The Senate bill is much more expansive. It puts DOER, in consultation with the BBRS, in charge of developing “a municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code that includes... a definition of net-zero building.” In doing so, it both addresses the need for a net-zero stretch energy code and flips the primary responsibility for developing the code from the BBRS to DOER.

The Senate bill further requires municipalities to adopt the stretch energy code in order to qualify under State law as a “green community” and, among other things, requires adoption of the stretch energy code within a year of the law’s passage.

We emphatically support the Senate’s bill with respect to these issues. Many cities and towns, Newton included, have set ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals (that are consonant with State’s own greenhouse gas goals). The State law prohibition on communities’ adoption of their own building codes is understandable, but seriously impedes localities from achieving their greenhouse gas goals. A net-zero stretch energy code gives
cities and towns the ability to impose progressive building standards on new building and major renovations. In our view, it is essential.

**RPS Increase (House only, section 14A)**

The House bill increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement for the years 2020 to 2029 to three percent from the current two percent requirement.

The RPS is widely recognized as being the chief driver of the increase in renewable energy resources. The increase proposed by the House is eminently manageable and moderate. **We support this increased RPS requirement in the House bill.**

**Appliance Efficiency Standards (House, sections 15L-15DD; in a Senate bill other than the climate bill, S.2499)**

The House bill adopts energy efficiency standards for a large number of appliances (e.g., water coolers, faucets, commercial dishwashers and ovens, and many others). Although the Senate climate bill does not include these provisions, another Senate bill (S.2499) does.

**We support these appliance efficiency standards as one of the easiest ways both to drive down greenhouse gas emissions and to save customers money.** Moreover, given the size of the Massachusetts retail market relative to the regional market, it would not be surprising if other nearby states that have not already adopted these standards follow our lead.

**Offshore Wind (House, sections 17B, 17C; in a Senate bill other than the climate bill, S.2874)**

The House bill requires an increase in the magnitude of the State’s procurement of offshore wind from 1,600 MW to 3,600 MW by June 30, 2027. The Senate economic development bill (S.2874, section 101), but not the Senate climate bill, requires the Department of Energy Resources only to investigate the necessity, costs and benefits of requiring a procurement increase from 1,600 MW to 2,800 MW.

Reaching the State’s and the City of Newton’s climate goals, including the goals in the House and Senate climate bills, requires that we maximize the build-out of offshore wind, and not just “investigate” its necessity. “Greening” the grid and electrifying the remainder of the economy require offshore wind. There’s no serious dispute in that regard. The potential capacity of offshore wind off the New England and mid-Atlantic coast outweighs by orders of magnitude the potential of other renewable resources in the region. **We urge the adoption of the larger procurement requirement in the House bill, without further investigation.**

**No Preemption of Municipality’s Benchmarking or Energy Performance Standards (Senate only, section 33)**

The Senate bill requires the Department of Energy Resources to perform energy use benchmarking for certain buildings, and requires such buildings to report their energy use annually. The bill further provides that nothing in the bill preempts a “municipality from maintaining an energy use benchmarking program or from setting energy performance standards for buildings.”

**The Senate’s provision is appropriate and helpful to municipalities and we support it.** As noted earlier, Newton and other cities and towns have adopted ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals. To the extent that State law preempts cities and towns from adopting measures to reach those goals—which it does through the
operation of numerous State statutes—it impedes localities from achieving those goals. This is one measure that would allow cities and towns much needed flexibility.

**Climate Bill Deadlines (House, sections 22-24; Senate, section 68)**

The House bill requires the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to issue the 2050 emissions reduction roadmap plan by December 31, 2022 and to issue implementing regulations by December 31, 2023. By contrast, the Senate bill requires the Secretary to issue a comprehensive energy plan by December 31, 2025.

*Time is of the essence with respect to addressing climate change, and, therefore, we strongly prefer the House timeframe.*

**Tax on Solar and Wind (House only, sections 15G, 26)**

Current law (MGL chapter 59, section 5) provides an exemption from local taxes for “Any solar or wind powered system or device which is being utilized as a primary or auxiliary power system for the purpose of heating or otherwise supplying the energy needs of property taxable under this chapter…”

The House bill provides a tax exemption for “Any solar or wind powered system that is capable of producing not more than 125 per cent of the annual energy needs of the residential real property upon which it is located. Any other solar or wind powered system capable of producing energy shall be taxable unless the owner has executed an agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes with the city or town where the system is located.”

In other words, the House bill eliminates the current local tax exemption for solar and wind installations, restricting the exemption to a limited category of solar and wind, i.e., an installation on residential property that is minimally over-sized relative to the property’s electricity load.

The House bill *seriously* misaligns tax policy and climate policy:

1. Solar installations on commercial buildings become subject to local taxation;
2. Solar installations on residential property, over-sized relative to load in the expectation, for example, of the later purchase of an electric vehicle, become taxable;
3. Many categories of installations initially purchased with the understanding that they were tax exempt become taxable.

*We disagree strongly with the proposal in the House bill, especially in the context of a climate bill, at a time when the Commonwealth is otherwise encouraging the development of renewable resources.*

**Net Metering (House, section 17; Senate, sections 48, 49)**

*Payment for excess net metering credits (House, section 17)*

There was extensive discussion of the portion of the House bill addressing the rate at which excess net metering credits are paid. That portion has no analogue in the Senate bill. *We recommend retaining the language that passed the House in final form, i.e., retaining grandfathering for the rate at which excess net metering credits are paid; and retaining the change in the accrual period for excess credits from the end of the calendar year to April through the following March.*
Increase in net metering cap exemption for solar from 10 kW to 25 kW (in neither bill)

Current law provides an exemption from a utility's net metering cap for net metering facilities with a capacity “(1) equal to or less than 10 kilowatts on a single-phase circuit or (2) 25 kilowatts on a 3–phase circuit.”

Section 2 of Amendment #16 to H.4912 proposed to substitute “equal to or less than 25 kilowatts” for “(1) equal to or less than 10 kilowatts on a single-phase circuit or (2) 25 kilowatts on a 3–phase circuit.”

We had understood this portion of Amendment #16 to be relatively uncontroversial. Increasing the net metering cap exemption for small facilities will increase the number of homes that can accommodate electric vehicles and air source heat pumps, which is crucial to meeting the Commonwealth's climate goals. Additionally, it will increase jobs in the solar workforce. An increase of this magnitude will not significantly affect the aggregate net metering load.

Given the lack of controversy, and the benefits of the provision, we question whether this provision may have been omitted inadvertently, and recommend its adoption.

Correction of definition of "net metering facility of a municipality or other governmental entity" (Senate only, sections 48, 49)

The provisions in the Senate bill allow a city or town's net metering facility smaller than 60 kW to be treated consistently with other provisions in the net metering law for net metering cap purposes. Section 1 of Amendment #16 to H.4912 partially but incompletely addressed this issue.

We recommend the adoption of this technical but necessary provision to correct an inconsistency in current law.

Pilot on Renewable Thermal (House, section 52; Senate, section 20B)

Both bills authorize pilot projects for the development of utility-scale renewable thermal energy.

In light of the fact that this provision appears in both bills, it may be unnecessary even to flag the issue. We do so only to emphasize its importance, given the necessity to transition the Commonwealth from its reliance on natural gas for heating, cooling, and other appliances.

We would be happy to discuss these and any other issues in the climate bills with you at your convenience. In the meantime, many thanks, again, for your commitment to addressing our climate and energy challenges, and for all the work you do on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Ann G. Berwick
Co-Director of Sustainability
## FY2021 Road Line Painting

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Hi-Way Safety Systems  
9 Rockview Way  
Rockland, MA 02370  
1-781-982-9229
Good morning Ray,

We are looking to move forward with a new equipment management system. This will be funded out of our budget.

Currently we use printed out excel sheets for our apparatus checks. This means we have binders full of paper check sheets we keep as record per NFPA standards. This system would remove the need for paper and convert our checks into a digital form. The program will allow members to check their trucks, and if there is anything that needs to be addressed, will send an alert to the people in charge of vehicle maintenance and the chief officers.

Additionally we are required by NFPA to check and log our PPE and SCBA. We currently do not have a system in place for that. This program would have the same features as described above for those purposes.

We are looking to enter into a 3 year term. This will also allow the set up fees to be dispersed over those 3 years.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

Bill

Hi Chief (Bill),

Thanks again for your time today. Appreciate you reaching out to request a PSTrax system cost proposal for this department. And I'm glad to hear you're using the system at your other agency.

The Price Proposal that we discussed is attached. Our module costs are billed annually, but can be prorated to fit your budget cycles. And the One Time setup fee can be taken care of up front or
spread out over the length of your term with us, i.e. 1 - 5 yrs. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Also attached is a **Return on Investment (ROI) Calculator** based on average metrics, times, and costs departments incur now on a paper based check system, or insufficient app based check system and the "Quantified Savings" and "Return on Investment" they will realize in the first year with PSTrax and for subsequent years thereafter, if they move to our PSTrax system for their operational checks.

The attached ROI Calculator includes conservative costs and labor savings known, as well as other unknown savings and returns that you can input into the calculator for your specific department. Based on the actual license fees and implementation fees for the PSTrax system, **on average, departments that switch to the PSTrax system are realizing a return on investment of more than 700% in year one, and more than 1100% savings in years 2 and beyond.**

You can adjust the calculator to the specifics for your department, add other potential returns and savings unique to your agency, and provide a calculated and quantifiable Return on Investment to assist you in your consideration of the PSTrax system.

Please see the attached ROI Calculator that has been adjusted to reflect the annual license fees and the one time implementation fees for the modules you requested in our proposal/quote (attached) that we provided for your consideration.

I'll also mail out a hard copy of the proposal, our W9, and our Insurance Certificate as well for your review.

I've also included some pdfs of the system modules for your review.

I'll plan to follow-up in a couple of weeks to discuss next steps. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you and stay safe,

David

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*All your checks. Built for you.*

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VEHICLES MODULE

THE CHALLENGE

First responders spend a lot of their time taking care of their apparatus, equipment and inventories. Paper based checklists slow down the process and make it difficult to compile data, and typical software isn't flexible enough for most departments specific needs. In fact, virtually every software solution makes do with a “one size fits all template” that just doesn't cut it. First responder vehicle and equipment checks are anything but typical. Most crews have different checklists on different days, and different inventories riding on different rigs, being performed by dozens of different crew members over time. Throw in reserve units, and equipment & EMS supplies and it makes the perfect solution even more complicated.

OVERVIEW

PSTrax is not software. It’s a combination of software with a team of experts dedicated to streamlining your apparatus, equipment, and inventory checks. With the Vehicles Module, we take your existing checks, along with existing client best practices and NFPA guidelines. When completed, you’ll have a platform that works well for your crews and easily managed by your officers. With PSTrax, our build team leads you through the entire process, and collects your documents in your current form. We’ll do it all, from start to finish. As with all of our modules, we guarantee to roll-out the program turnkey, on your timeline, and to your complete satisfaction.

BUILT FOR YOU

There’s nothing more frustrating than a great idea and no time to get it up and flying. With PSTrax, we do all the heavy lifting. From project management, data uploading and layouts, to training and rolling it out. With PSTrax, there’s no extra labor needed from you or your crews.

• Follows NFPA 1911 / DOT / Best Practices from Existing Clients
• Unlimited Check Scheduling Options (any frequency)
• Includes all equipment and inventories
• Easily managed in-house or by PSTrax (all inclusive)
VEHICLES MODULE

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ALL YOUR CHECKS. BUILT FOR YOU.

The INDUSTRY LEADING system for operations checks, and the only FULL-SERVICE solution in the marketplace.
SCBA MODULE

THE CHALLENGE

There’s nothing more important to fire crews than the air they breathe on the fire ground. With all the complexity and technology found in today’s SCBA equipment, the challenge is keeping track of all the different inspections, repairs, and timelines needed to keep crews safe. SCBA maintenance and inspection processes need to be as well thought out and implemented as possible. Paper based checksheets, excel spreadsheets, irritating home made software, or leaving it all up to one “SCBA guy who handles all that” just isn’t enough.

OVERVIEW

PSTrax is not just software. It’s a combination of cloud-based technology and team of experts that work for you to keep your SCBA system operating at peak efficiency. With the PSTrax SCBA Module, we build your platform around your current checks, NFPA 1852, and best practices from existing clients. You can even add customized events so your crews can login, make checks when they’re due, and be able to report any problem in real time to their officers. The dashboard will also let crews know what bottle and what pack is riding on what vehicle and in what seat. It’s that detailed, but still easy and functional for crews to do checks as efficiently as possible. PSTrax SCBA Module is the only solution that allows crews to adjust bottles and pack locations while they’re making their checks. They can also do multiple SCBA checks with multiple crews at the same time. With PSTrax, our build team walks you through the entire process, and collects your documents in your current form. So, there’s no time involved from you or your crews. In fact, PSTrax guarantees to roll-out the program turnkey, on your timeline, and to your complete satisfaction.

BUILT FOR YOU

There’s nothing more frustrating than a great idea and no time to implement it for your crews. With the SCBA module, we do all the heavy lifting. From project management, data uploading and layouts, to training and rolling it out to your crews, we do it all. With PSTrax, it’s turnkey and done before you know it, and with no extra labor needed from you or your crews.

• Custom built to follow NFPA 1852 and/or Department Specific Guidelines
• Auto-documents all repairs and inspections
• Tracks locations of all SCBA bottles and packs
• All inclusive upload and roll-out – Built For You
SCBA MODULE

ALL YOUR CHECKS. BUILT FOR YOU.

The **INDUSTRY LEADING** system for operations checks, and the only **FULL-SERVICE** solution in the marketplace.

[Contact Information]
THE CHALLENGE
There’s nothing more challenging to fire officers than keeping track of PPE gear. Nothing is more critical to your crews safety, moves around more frequently, or has more expiration dates that seem to pop up with more frequency than PPE or turnout gear. Now, try and keep track of all of it on a paper checksheets, spreadsheets, home-built or dysfunctional software or paper and you’ve got a labor intensive job that is virtually never ending.

OVERVIEW
PSTrax is not just software. It’s a combination of cloud-based technology combined with a team of experts that are included as part of the package. With the PSTrax PPE Module, we build the platform around your current PPE program, NFPA 1851 or existing client best practices. It’s all customized to your exact needs. Once your platform is built, PSTrax works as your admin assistant or you can manage the system entirely on your own, or a combination of both. If it’s time to get a handle on your PPE gear, let our build team walk you through the entire process and build it for you. In fact, PSTrax guarantees to roll-out the program turnkey, on your timeline, and to your complete satisfaction.

BUILT FOR YOU
So who’s got the time to build a PPE system that’ll actually work? We do. With PSTrax, we handle it all. From data collection, to project management, data uploading and layouts, to training and rolling it out to your crews, we do it all. With PSTrax, it’s turnkey and all-inclusive, and with no extra labor needed from you or your crews.

- Follows NFPA 1851 / Department Specific Guidelines
- Includes assignments, repairs, expiration dates, usage events
- Build process, turnkey and all-inclusive
- Auto-documents all repairs and inspections
PPE MODULE

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ALL YOUR CHECKS. BUILT FOR YOU.

The INDUSTRY LEADING system for operations checks, and the only FULL-SERVICE solution in the marketplace.
PSTrax Pricing Proposal for Gill Fire Department

9/22/2020
Gill Fire Department
William Kimball, Deputy Chief
196A Main Rd., Gill, MA, 01376

PSTrax is the industry-leading operations checks system for first responder agencies. Please select the modules your agency would like to utilize below. Annual license fees can be pro-rated to sync with budget cycle. One-time implementation fees can be amortized/spread over a multiple-year term (see Section 2 and Section 3 on Page 2).

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Module Descriptions

- Vehicle – Schedule and document vehicle inspections for engine, chasis and inventory checks.
- Station – Schedule and document checklists for building maintenance, safety inspections, chore schedules and basic supplies.
- SCBA – Track the full history and movement of SCBA equipment. Log inspections, expirations, repairs, hydro testing, and more.
- PPE – Track the full history and movement of PPE equipment. Log inspections, expirations, exposures, cleanings, repairs, and more.
- Critical Asset – Track the full history and movement of PPE equipment. Log inspections, expirations, testings, repairs, and more.
- Inventory
  - Fire Inventory – Track consumable fire and station supplies including quantities, PAR levels, usage, expirations, and lot numbers.
  - EMS Inventory – Track consumable EMS supplies including quantities, PAR levels, usage, expirations, and lot numbers.
- Controlled Substance – Track vial “handoffs”, usage, quantities, expirations, and lot numbers.
Agreement & Terms

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the mutually executed date by and between Station Automation, Inc. (DBA PSTrax) and Gill Fire Department ("CLIENT"). PSTrax and CLIENT are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

This is a legal Agreement. Please carefully read all terms and conditions before signing. Any changes to this Agreement must be mutually agreed to by the Parties prior to signing. Upon the Parties mutually executing this Agreement, Station Automation, Inc. (DBA PSTrax) and CLIENT hereby agree as follows:

1. Licensed Modules: This Agreement shall grant CLIENT a license to use the modules for as long as this Agreement remains in effect. The modules being licensed as part of this Agreement shall be the modules checked by CLIENT above in the pricing table.

2. Initial Term: The Initial Term of this Agreement shall be the number of years selected by CLIENT below. The Initial Term shall start upon mutual execution of this Agreement by the Parties.
   - □ 1 Year
   - □ 2 Years
   - □ 3 Years
   - □ 4 Years
   - □ 5 Years
   - □ 6 Years

3. Implementation Fees: Each module being licensed has an implementation fee associated with it. The implementation fees shall be paid according to the selection made selected by CLIENT below.
   - □ Pay implementation fees in the first year.
   - □ Amortize/spread the implementation fees into equal annual parts over the term of the Agreement.
   - □ Other special instructions ________________________________

4. 365 Day Money Back Guarantee: If CLIENT is not satisfied with the ROI savings or the performance of a specific module(s) after a period of 365 days from the module(s) purchase date, CLIENT may cancel the module(s) purchased, by providing 30 days notice to PSTrax, and be refunded 100% of the module(s) first year's annual license and set up fees paid to date.

   To qualify, the PSTrax module(s) must be built and "implemented". By definition of "implemented", the system must be placed into the crew's daily operations and check procedures, and have tasks consistently logged in PSTrax for a minimum period of six (6) months. If this provision is executed, refunded monies shall be refunded by PSTrax within 90 days.

5. Cancellation: With the exception of Section 4 – 365 Day Money Back Guarantee, upon mutual execution of this Agreement by the Parties, CLIENT shall be committed to the entirety of the Initial Term as selected in Section 2 – Initial Term. If CLIENT does not wish to renew after the the Initial Term or a subsequent renewal term, it may cancel this Agreement by notifying PSTrax in writing, at least 30 days prior to the end of the term.

6. Auto Renewal: At the end of the Initial Term and each subsequent renewal term, if CLIENT has not notified PSTrax to cancel the Agreement, the Agreement shall automatically renew for a duration equal to the Initial Term as selected in Section 2 – Initial Term. The pricing terms shall remain the same, plus any annual increases as outlined below in Section 14 – Annual Increases.

7. Changes to Pricing Terms: Should a change to the pricing terms be necessary, PSTrax will notify CLIENT at least 90 days prior to end of the term. If, prior to the end of the term, the Parties fail to agree to the modified pricing terms, this Agreement shall not be renewed and shall terminate.
8. **Scope of Work**: PSTrax is responsible for the initial implementation and ongoing maintenance of any modules licensed as part of this Agreement. This includes the import and setup of all vehicle, equipment, and inventory inspections provided by CLIENT to PSTrax, as well as any ongoing adjustments to these inspections upon request.

9. **Change Requests**: Any additions or changes to the scope of work not included in the pricing may be subject to additional charges. The scope of work for each module is based on “active counts” which means no additional fees will be charged to setup and load a new item when it is replacing a retired item. The only time additional fees may apply is when new items are setup and loaded, but no items are retired. In the event of additional fees, new items will be subject to an annual license fee but not an implementation fee. Any additional fees shall first be approved by CLIENT.

10. **Adding Modules**: CLIENT may license additional modules at any time. If additional modules are added during the first year of the Initial Term, PSTrax will honor any previous pricing provided. New modules added can be prorated to sync up with existing modules on the anniversary renewal invoice so only one invoice would be issued (CLIENT preference).

11. **Setup & Implementation**: PSTrax shall assign a Project Manager to work with CLIENT during the implementation. The PSTrax Project Manager shall be responsible for organizing the documents provided by CLIENT, configuring the system to the requirements of CLIENT, and determining timelines to deliver the completed system back to CLIENT. It is the responsibility of CLIENT to provide the Project Manager all existing documentation for each inspection it wishes to include. CLIENT shall have the opportunity to review and approve the system prior to rollout.

12. **Ongoing Maintenance & Support**: All training, technical support, and adjustments to any modules licensed in this Agreement are included as part of the annual software license fee. No additional fees for support/service shall be charged during the term of this Agreement, unless the scope of work increases.

13. **Travel**: All implementations, trainings and rollouts are typically done through virtual meetings. Any travel that may be requested or required is excluded in the pricing provided, and shall be billed separately to CLIENT. Should travel be necessary, PSTrax shall have all travel requests approved in writing by CLIENT prior to purchasing.

14. **Annual Increases**: Annual software license fees may be subject to annual increases. Compared to the previous year’s rate, annual increases shall not be more than five (5) percent or the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, whichever is lower.

15. **Billing Terms**: Payment terms for all invoices from PSTrax shall be Net-45 days. First year annual software license fees and one-time implementation fees shall be invoiced at the time this Agreement is mutually executed by the Parties. Each year thereafter, the annual software license fees, and any amortized one-time implementation fees, shall be invoiced at least 30 days prior to the anniversary date.

16. **Use of Name**: The Parties consent to the other Party using its name and logo in marketing materials for the purpose of identifying a business relationship with the other Party.

17. **User Licenses**: PSTrax does not charge a per-user license fee. CLIENT may add as many users as necessary in the system at no additional cost. Each user in the PSTrax system shall have a unique login and password and role-based security access for each module (Administrator or User). It is the responsibility of CLIENT to provide the PSTrax Project Manager with a list of its users and the security access levels each person needs to have.

18. **Compliance**: It is the responsibility of CLIENT to ensure that all checks and inspections provided to PSTrax comply with local and federal regulations, including but not limited to: NFPA guidelines, Department of Transportation (DOT) guidelines, manufacturer specifications, and the standard operating procedures (SOP) of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). **PSTrax is not responsible for ensuring that the inspections CLIENT provides adhere to local or federal regulations.**
19. **Data Storage & Protection**: All data input into PSTrax is owned by CLIENT under all circumstances. CLIENT may retrieve a copy of its data in digital format at any time during the term of this Agreement for no fee upon request. CLIENT may also retrieve a copy of its data for up to 36 months after the termination of this Agreement by contacting PSTrax. Additionally, CLIENT will continue to have access to the system for the purpose of viewing and downloading its data.

20. **Security & Service Interruption**: The PSTrax system is hosted by Rackspace Inc. – or a comparable top-tier hosting provider – and uses commercially reasonable measures to maintain the security and stability of the service. PSTrax assumes no responsibility for the effectiveness of these measures. Interruption of service is possible in any network. CLIENT hereby acknowledges and agrees that PSTrax and its service providers are NOT liable for any delays, outages, or interruptions of the service. Further, PSTrax shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement, resulting from any occurrence beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, fire, flood, power outage, Internet outage, acts of God, mechanical, electrical, communications, or third-party supplier failure.

21. **Limitation of Liability**: Circumstances may arise in which CLIENT is entitled to recover damages from PSTrax. In such instance, the aggregate liability of PSTrax for damages shall be limited to the prorated portion of the annual software license fees paid to PSTrax by CLIENT for the three-month period immediately preceding the date on which such claim occurred.

22. **Intellectual Property**: Except for rights expressly granted under this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement will function to transfer any of either Party’s Intellectual Property rights to the other Party, and Parties will retain exclusive interest in and ownership of its Intellectual Property developed before this Agreement or developed outside the scope of this Agreement.

23. **Confidential Information**: The Parties acknowledge that the existence and the terms of this Agreement and any oral or written information exchanged between the Parties in connection with the preparation and performance of this Agreement are regarded as confidential information. Parties shall maintain confidentiality of all such confidential information, and without obtaining the written consent of the other Party, it shall not disclose any confidential information to any third-parties.
By signing below, CLIENT agrees to the pricing, terms and conditions of this Agreement and certifies that the signer is an authorized purchaser for CLIENT.

When complete, please send all pages of this Agreement to PSTrax by emailing to sales@pstrax.com or faxing to 303-972-3494.

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**Gill Fire Department**

Authorized Purchaser

Signature: ____________________________

Print Name: __________________________

Title: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

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**Station Automation, Inc. (DBA PSTrax)**

Signature: ____________________________

Print Name: __________________________

Title: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

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**Invoicing Information**

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Scott D. Nicholas  
34 Prospect Street  
Erving, MA 01344

September 25, 2020

Chief Gene Beaubien  
196A Main Road  
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Chief Beaubien,

Please accept this letter as a formal resignation from the Gill Fire Department. This decision was not easy for me, but between my growing family and putting in a lot of hard work to advance my career outside of the fire department, it leaves me very little time to be a Firefighter/First Responder for the Town of Gill.

In my time with the Fire Department, I have met many great people who have become great friends and I hope for their safety as they continue their work serving the community as a Firefighter. Thank you for the opportunities you gave me to serve the community, from being a Probationary Firefighter to a Firefighter to a Lieutenant and Fire Prevention Officer. Each rank taught me valuable lessons that I will carry over in both my personal life and business life.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Nicholas
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
Sewer Use Charges and Inspection Fees

To: Town Accountant

You are hereby notified that COMMITMENT(S) as shown below has (have) this day been made by the Board of Sewer Commissioners to Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges. Bill date is October 14, 2020.

This is commitment number 2021-001.

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To: Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges for the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin:

You are hereby required to collect from the several persons named in the list dated October 1, 2020, herewith committed to you the amount of the sewer usage charges assessed therein to each such person, with penalties, the sum total of such list being Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight and 74/100 Dollars ($49,528.74).

Given under our hands the 13th day of October, 2020.

__________________________________________
Randy P. Crochier

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Gregory M. Snedeker

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John R. Ward

Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Gill
Franklin SS.
To the Constables of the City/Town of Gill

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road

on TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. FOR THESE UNITED STATES
SENIOR IN CONGRESS. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. HAMPShIRE, FRANKLIN & WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE. FRANKLIN COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. FRANKLIN COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems — systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server — with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle’s on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law’s requirements concerning access to the vehicle’s mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or $10,000 per violation.

A YES VOTE would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles’ maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles’ wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?
This proposed law would implement a voting system known as “ranked-choice voting,” in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter’s ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter’s next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates’ support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters’ rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

A YES VOTE would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of __________, 2020.

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Selectmen of GILL

A True Copy. Attest: ___________________________________ Doreen J. Stevens, Town Clerk

Franklin SS,

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by Posting up attested copies of same in the Gill Town Hall, Main Road: The Gill Tavern, Main Road: Post Office Mount Hermon: and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, at least seven days before the date hereof as within directed.

________________________________________  (Month and Day), 2020.

Constable Signature

Warrant must be posted by October 27, 2020, (no fewer than seven days prior to the November 3, 2020 State Election).
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY REGARDING EXTENSION OF ALLOWANCE OF OUTDOOR TABLE SERVICE

On September 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Order Making Certain Phase III Adjustments (also known as COVID-19 Order No. 50), which extends the period for outdoor table service by licensees licensed for on-premises consumption. The text of the Governor’s Order can be found HERE.

Pursuant to this Order, local licensing authorities (“LLA”) may approve requests for expansion of outdoor table service or extensions of earlier granted approvals issued pursuant to Section 4 of COVID-19 Order No. 35, from November 1, 2020, for any period up to and until sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency. The LLA may issue extensions automatically to all licensees, or may do so on request from individual licensees.

The LLA may modify any prior approvals as the LLA deems proper and appropriate, including addressing snow removal, pedestrian traffic, and other similar concerns.

Any licensee that was previously granted approval but is not granted an extension by the LLA may still operate outdoor table service until November 1, 2020.

ABCC approval is not required on these extensions. Upon approval from the LLA the LLA may issue the amended license forthwith. The LLA must provide notice by mail to the ABCC on all application approvals. For further guidance on the process of approving and issuing these amended licenses LLAs should consult with their counsel.

Please be aware that all expanded premises approved pursuant to this Order are only effective through sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency and revert to their original licensed premises on that date.

The ABCC continues to retain supervision and oversight of all alcohol licensees, including those that expand their licensed premises pursuant to this Order. As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law. All questions should be directed to Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at (617) 727-3040 x 731.

(Issued September 11, 2020)

1 The text of COVID-19 Order No. 35 can be found HERE.