



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

November 9, 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
- Police Department – Discussion of continued 3rd fulltime officer for COVID-related coverage

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, 10/13 & 10/26

New Business

- Liquor License Fees for 2021 – Request from Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein for reduced rate (has been unable to use their Club license since March, with no change on the horizon)
- Warrant for 11/21 Annual Town Meeting – Review, edit, and sign
- Mass DEP Recycling Dividend Program Grant Award - \$4,200. Allowed uses include recycling bins, recycled copy paper, HHW collection events, recycling processing costs over \$50/ton
- Loan Rate for Mariamante Loan Renewal - \$25,000 principal, 0.55% interest, Easthampton Savings Bank (final year, paid off in Nov 2021)
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
 - Firefighter Appointment – Randy Wheelock through 6/30/21
- Public Service Announcements, if any

Warrants

FY21 #9 Vendors (\$37,918.97) & Payroll (\$24,826.65) – reviewed & signed by the Chair on 10/27
FY21 #10 – to be reviewed & signed by the Chair and reported on at the next meeting

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/21	TBD	Annual Town Meeting	TBD
11/23	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Teleconference
12/7	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Teleconference

TOWN OF GILL

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective February 2, 2010

USE OF TOWN FACILITIES

Individual, resident	Free
Individual, non-resident	\$25
Non-profit organization	\$10
For profit organization	\$50
If town employee is necessary	\$25 per hour

LIQUOR LICENSES

Restaurant, all alcohol	\$990 annual (\$495 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Restaurant, beer and wine	\$495 annual (\$247.50 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Package store, all alcohol	\$880 annual (\$440 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Package store, beer and wine	\$440 annual (\$220 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Club, all alcohol	\$715 annual (\$357.50 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Club with Seasonal Restaurant, all alcohol	\$990 annual (\$495 if license issued Jul-Dec)
Innholder, all alcohol	\$900 annual (\$450 if license issued Jul-Dec)
One day, all alcohol	\$50
One day, beer and wine	\$27.50

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainment	\$30
Annual auctions	\$100
Special auctions	\$15
Common victualler	\$30
Class I, II, and III motor vehicle license	\$100
Public gathering	\$30

Adopted February 1, 2010

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: NOVEMBER 21, 2020

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the field behind the Riverside Municipal Building, 54 French King Highway in said Town on Saturday, the Twenty First day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty (11/21/2020) at 1:30 PM then and there to act on the following articles.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held outdoors. Face masks and social distancing are required, and voters are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held at the same location on (date) at (time).

Article 1: To elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork for the Fiscal Year 2021 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2021, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate and enter into a lease of up to twenty (20) years with the Gill-Montague Regional School District for the continued use of the land and buildings known as the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for which revenues will be deposited into the funds and expended to pay related costs under the authorization of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to the amounts listed below, with all unspent money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto:

Dept. Spend	Authorized to	Types of Receipts Credited	Program/Purpose for which Funds may be Expended	Maximum Annual Expenditures
Fire Dept.		Oil Burner Inspection Fees	Inspector & Etc.	\$2,000.00
Town Clerk, Selectboard		Dog Fees & Fines	Licenses, Regional Animal Control Services, Dog Care & Control, & Etc.	8,000.00
Cemetery Commission		Opening Fees	Cemeteries & Caretaking	2,000.00
Conservation Commission		Consultant Fees	Project Review	10,000.00
Agricultural Commission		Farmers' Market & Ag Event Fees	Ag Programs	500.00
Energy Commission		Workshop and Program Fees	Energy Programs	1,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals		ZBA Fees	Hearings & Expenses	2,000.00
Board of Health, Town Administrator		Recycling Program Revenue	Solid waste & recycling programs, Solid Waste District membership, recycled-content office products	5,000.00

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the several officers of the Town as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Constable(s) – Each Posting
Moderator – Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meeting, Each
Selectboard Chair
2nd & 3rd Member, Each
Board of Assessors Chair
2nd & 3rd Member, Each
Board of Health Chair
2nd & 3rd Member, Each
Town Clerk
Tax Collector
Additional As Sewer Fee Collector
Treasurer
Registrars – Three members, Each
Town Clerk, as Chair

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Town employees and elected officials, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town (the “Omnibus budget”), and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$1,795,622.00 (ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to provide \$1,785,887.00 for its Fiscal Year 2021 operating assessment and \$9,735.00 for its Fiscal Year 2021 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to add to the FY21 operating budget for Assessors Clerical Salary in order to increase the hours of the Assessors’ Assistant from twenty (20) hours per week to thirty (30) hours per week, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Released Overlay \$30,000.00 (THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the account to be used toward the costs associated with a 5-year appraisal of the real and personal property in the Town of Gill owned by FirstLight Power and an appraisal of the personal property in the Town of Gill owned by National Grid, New England Power Company, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; AND

Transfer from Released Overlay \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the Board of Assessors Revaluation Account; AND

Transfer from Released Overlay \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the Town Audit Account to be used toward a portion of the cost to conduct an independent financial audit of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$15,000 to perform various building maintenance projects at the Slate Memorial Library including completing the bathroom walls and ceiling, constructing storage for the upstairs loft area, re-glazing and painting four windows, and painting the exterior trim, sills, bulkhead, and front door, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$15,000 to add to the account established in 2014 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a heating system for the Riverside Municipal Building and/or Town Hall and/or Slate Memorial Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for one or more of the Stabilization Funds of the Town (Capital, Education, Energy, Fire Department SCBA/Air Packs, or General), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money or sums of money from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) or other available funds to be used to reduce the tax rate and stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any action relative thereto.

And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Store & Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this 9th day of November in the year Two Thousand Twenty (11/9/2020).

Selectboard of Gill

Randy P. Crochier, Chair

Gregory M. Snedeker, Board member

John R. Ward, Board member

A true copy Attest:

_____, Town Clerk

Date: _____

Individuals who may need auxiliary aids for effective communication for this meeting should call the Gill Town Hall at (413) 863-9347, or Telecommunications Relay Service at 711, or MassRelay at (800) 439-2370 for TTY devices.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Store & Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

Constable of Gill

Date: _____



Gill Fire Department

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November 6, 2020

Gill Selectboard:

On October 15, 2020 the Gill Fire Department Board of Engineers approved for appointment to the Gill Fire Department the following name(s).

Firefighter:

Randy Wheelock

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene M. Beaubien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fire Chief

Gene Beaubien