



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

October 12, 2021

***Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting
bold underlined time = invited guest or advertised hearing
 (all other times are approximate)

Location: Gill Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Face coverings required per Board of Health mandate.

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)

Old Business

- Review of Minutes

New Business

- Purchase order request - \$2,100.28 to BBE Office Interiors for used wall panels to create office space to Administrative Clerk (includes delivery and setup)
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Slate Memorial Library – Braided-In Rug Making Workshop, Oct 14th 6-8 PM
 - Slate Memorial Library – Halloween Celebration for Kids, Oct 30th 4 PM

Warrants

FY22 #07 Vendors (\$56,517.45) & Payroll (\$25,732.32) – reviewed & signed on 9/27/21

FY22 #08 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 10/25	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor
Mon 11/8	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor
Mon 11/22	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor



BBE OFFICE INTERIORS

1595 East Street
 Pittsfield, MA 01201
 413-442-8217

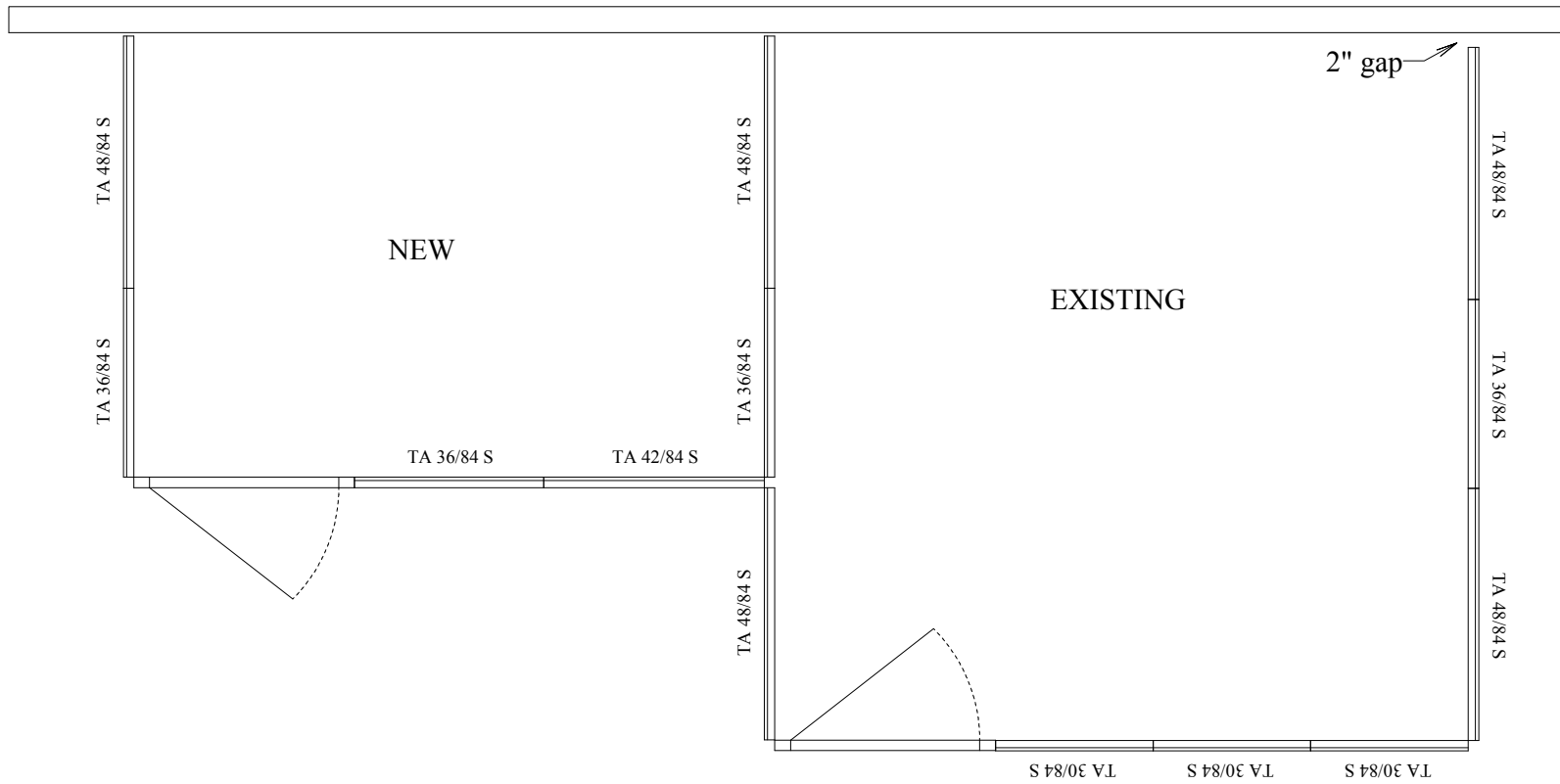
ESTIMATE	
Date	Estimate #
10/5/2021	21714

NAME/ADDRESS	PHONE:		
Cash Sale			
TOWN OF GILL MA			
		P.O. No.	Rep
			PREP

Qty	Description	Cost	Total
1	TRENDWAY USED CHOICE PANELS AS PER DESIGN .25 X LIST PRICE	1,525.28	1,525.28T
1	TRENDWAY SET OF HINGES	75.00	75.00T
1	DELIVERY CHARGE	300.00	300.00
1	SETUP CHARGE IF NEEDED	200.00	200.00

Please visit us online at WWW.BBEOFFICE.COM

Subtotal	\$2,100.28
Sales Tax (6.25%)	\$100.02
Total	\$2,200.30



1595 East Street
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Drawing# 210144-00
 Town Of Gill Panels
 October 05, 2021

DRAFT

Drawn By: KWN

Salesperson: DP

Item	Color	✓	🔒	📌	🔗	Previe	Mfg	Cat	Part Number	Part Description	Category	Qty	List	Ext List
1		👍					TRW	T2U	VDSR42B	DOOR SECTION VINYL, RIGHT, 42W X 84HLN	PANEL	1	\$ 2,421.00	\$ 2,421.00
2		👍					TRW	T2U	TA4284B.S	FABRIC-COVERED ACOUSTICAL PANEL, 42... .3SA	PANEL	1	\$ 940.00	\$ 940.00
3		👍					TRW	T2U	TA3684B.S	FABRIC-COVERED ACOUSTICAL PANEL, 36... .3SA	PANEL	2	\$ 878.00	\$ 1,756.00
4		👍					TRW	T2U	TA4884B.S	FABRIC-COVERED ACOUSTICAL PANEL, 48... .3SA	PANEL	1	\$ 996.00	\$ 996.00
Grand Total														\$ 6,113.00

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2021

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Gill Town Hall.

Members Present: Greg Snedeker, Randy Crochier, and Charles Garbiel Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Jerri Higgins, Julian Mendoza, Janet Masucci, James McMahon, and Gene Beaubien

“Leaf Joy” recreational cannabis retail establishment: Attorney James McMahon, representing PGM Property Management (PGM), met with the Selectboard to introduce his clients’ proposed retail use at 1 Main Road (home of Green River Power Sports until it closed in 2020). McMahon apologized that his clients, Petr (father) and Grigori (son) Faiziev, could not attend due to a previously scheduled family event. McMahon noted he has been working with Massachusetts clients in the cannabis industry since 2014.

PGM has 1 Main Road under contract to purchase subject to receiving municipal approvals. The sale will occur when and if the Gill Zoning Board of Appeals approves a special permit for retail sales at the location and the Selectboard and PGM negotiate and sign a Host Community Agreement. Once municipal approvals are received, PGM will apply for the state license, a process that typically takes one year from start to finish. The retail store, to be called “Leaf Joy” will not offer delivery services, will not allow on-site use of cannabis products, and will not conduct any growing or manufacturing operations. Security protocols for the facility are being reviewed by Police Chief Chris Redmond.

An early required step in the state licensing process is for PGM to conduct a community outreach meeting, which McMahon hopes to schedule in the next couple of weeks.

McMahon explained the facility will bring jobs to Gill, perhaps up to 30 full-time-equivalent positions. Hours of operation would tend to mirror the existing traffic patterns for the area, and 10 AM to 8 PM is typical for similar retail cannabis stores. He outlined the project’s new revenue potential for the Town: 1) increased property taxes because of improvements to the building, 2) a 3% local-option sales tax, and 3) a 3% community impact fee calculated on gross revenue. The community impact fee, which lasts five years and is negotiated as part of the Host Community Agreement, can be used to mitigate effects of the business. Other towns have used community impact fees for youth education and sports programs, police drug training, and the purchase of LUCAS devices (mechanical chest compression device used in cases of cardiac arrest).

Fire Chief Gene Beaubien asked about anticipated parking and traffic flow at the site, as well as fire codes for any building improvements. The Selectboard thanked McMahon for attending their meeting to introduce himself and the project. McMahon left the meeting at 6:05 PM.

FFY2021 EMPG: Emergency Management Director Gene Beaubien announced Gill will receive \$2,700 in this year’s Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. He recommended approximately \$700 be used to fund part of the \$1,500 annual cost of Gill’s CodeRed service, and the balance be used to purchase new 800 MHz pagers that will be compatible with the new COMIRS radio system. The use of the grant funds was approved by consensus.

Surplus Air Compressor: Switching back to his Fire Chief hat, Beaubien recommended a 30-gallon Husky Pro air compressor be declared surplus equipment. Purchased in 2009, the compressor has been repaired a couple of times and currently runs, but will not build pressure. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to declare the air compressor as surplus equipment. The motion passed by unanimous vote. It was recommended the device be given away or scrapped, and to not let it sit around forever. Beaubien left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Review of Minutes: No minutes were ready for review and approval.

Complete Streets Policy: The Selectboard reviewed a draft of a “Complete Streets” Policy for the Town. The policy is based on the example from Erving provided by Beth Giannini during the discussion of the state’s Complete Streets Program at the September 13th Selectboard meeting. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to accept the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FirstLight Recreation Settlement Talks: Ray provided an update on his off-again, on-again participation in FirstLight’s settlement talks on recreation topics as part of their FERC license application. Ray had reported at the September 13th Selectboard meeting that the executive session provisions of the Open Meeting Law would not allow an executive session with the Selectboard to discuss the confidential settlement meetings. However, Ray has since been made aware of an opinion from a neighboring town’s attorney which concluded the renewal of the FERC license is a significant town concern, and it is highly likely the town would file an appeal if the license is granted without a settlement being reached. As such, the Town has a litigating position to protect, and the Selectboard may meet in executive session to discuss its negotiating strategy. Ray will participate in the September 30th settlement meeting.

The Selectboard discussed a list of Gill priorities for the settlement meetings. The list was accepted as-is, with the deletion of item 7 (a riverbank park on FirstLight-owned land downstream of the bridge anchorage and next to Riverview Drive).

Police Department Flooring Project: The Selectboard reviewed a quotation from Kidder & Co. for \$7,795.27 to install new carpet tiles in the Police Chief’s office and Adura floating floor in the rest of the police station. (Only the bathroom and evidence room will not receive new flooring.) Funds for the work were approved at a June 2018 Town Meeting. Citing a desire to cover any contingencies, Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to approve up to \$9,000 for the project. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RDP Funds for Paper Shredding: Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to use up to \$375 of Recycling Dividend Program grant funds to allow Gill residents to participate in a paper shredding event to be held in Erving on Saturday, October 30th. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Community Compact-funded IT Assessment: Ray requested approval of a proposal from Northeast IT to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Town’s information technology (IT) systems at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The Town was awarded funds for this purpose in a Community Compact award dating back to November 2017. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sewer Commitment: Ray presented a sewer commitment related to a mid-quarter sale of a property connected to the Riverside sewer system. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to approve the sewer commitment of \$519.72 for a bill dated September 11, 2021. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6 Town Regionalization Planning Board: Greg provided an update on the planning board’s recent activities. Modelling of a regional school district that combines the Gill-Montague and Pioneer districts shows a substantial program boost for students, however the financial savings to the member towns will likely be much less significant. The planning board will be conducting public meetings to explain its findings.

Jerri Higgins and Julian Mendoza left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2022 warrant # 7 with totals of \$56,517.45 for vendors and \$25,732.32 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Signed copy on file. Approved on 10/12/2021

Charles Garbiel, Selectboard Clerk