



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Tues., July 5, 2022

***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

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)

5:30 PM **Utility Pole Hearing** – Request by Eversource to install one pole at 12 West Gill Road to provide electricity to the garage

Old Business

- Review of Minutes from 6/22/22

New Business

- Fire Department Annual Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2023
- Fire Department – Purchase Order Request – Chimney Scrubber Kit
- Sewer Commitment for \$325.18 for the bill date of 6/14/22 (partial period due to sale of property)
- Authorization for Chair to Review & Sign Vendor/Payroll Warrants in lieu of meeting on 7/18
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Earth Machine Compost Bins available at Town Hall for discounted price \$25 each
 - COVID-19 Self-Test Kits available at Town Hall for free
- Warrants
 - FY22 #26 Vendors (\$23,929.66) & Payroll (\$29,874.57) – reviewed & signed on 6/22/22
 - FY22 #27 & FY23 # 1 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 7/18		No Selectboard meeting (no Ray)	
Mon 8/1	5:30 PM	Gill Selectboard meeting (no Charles)	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor
Mon 8/15	5:30 PM	Gill Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor
Mon 8/29	5:30 PM	Gill Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor

June 10, 2022

Mr. Charles Garbiel
Chair of the Selectboard
Town of Gill
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Chair Garbiel,

Under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, a public hearing IS NECESSARY on the attached petitions. Please schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

A signed original of the Order should be returned to EVERSOURCE with your approval, disapproval or comments noted thereon. A signed original should also be retained for your files. Recording of the petition is not necessary. When adopted, please forward the Orders to the Town Clerk for recording.

Town Clerk, please return signed and recorded orders to:

Joanne Fox
District Representative
Eversource
333 West Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

NOTE: On questions pertaining to this order, please email Austin Harpin at austin.harpin@eversource.com.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fox

Joanne Fox
District Representative

Enclosures
Ref: 8660651

PETITION FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

By the Selectboard of Gill, Massachusetts

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE requests permission to relocate and/or install poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way:

Location - 12 W. Gill Road, Gill:

Eversource is requesting to install one (1) solely owned pole, #42/2M1 The new pole is to be located on the eastern side of the road sixty (60) feet northly of existing pole #42/2M.

Reason – To provide 12 W. Gill road with power to their garage.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, let it be granted a location for and permission to construct and maintain a pole, wires and cables, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said pole to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith and made a part hereof marked 8660651.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire and police telephone signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE

By Joanne Fox
Joanne Fox
District Representative

Dated this 10th day of June, 2022.

TOWN COPY



ORDER FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE LOCATIONS

By the Selectboard of Gill, Massachusetts.

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to construct and maintain a line of poles wires and cables together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way hereinafter referred to as requested in petition of said Company dated the 10th day of June, 2022.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked **8660651** filed with and made a part of said petition. There may be attached to said poles not to exceed 18 wires and 2 cables and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than 18 feet from the ground.

The following is the public way along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

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Also that permission be and thereby is granted to said EVERSOURCE to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distribution purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of Gill, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Town Clerk

We hereby certify that on _____ 2022, at _____ o'clock _____ M, at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the EVERSOURCE for permission to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the way upon which the Companies are permitted to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Selectboard of Gill, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a sole location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the Selectboard of Gill, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of _____ 2022 and recorded with the records of location orders of said city, Book _____, Page _____. This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:

Town Clerk

EVERSOURCE COPY

EVERSOURCE	TOWN GILL
NEW SERVICE	STREET 12 W GILL RD

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

REQUESTING TO ADD ONE FULL OWNED EVERSOURCE POLE ON W GILL RD IN GILL TO PROVIDE 12 W GILL RD WITH POWER TO THEIR GARAGE.

LEGEND			
⊗ PROPOSED JOINT POLE	● PROPOSED W.M.E.CO POLE	⬢ HEXHOLE	Ⓜ HANDHOLE
⊗ EXISTING JOINT POLE	○ EXISTING W.M.E.CO POLE	□ MANHOLE	■ PAD MONT TRANSFORMER
⊗ EXISTING FOREIGN POLE TO BE MADE JOINT	⊗ EXISTING W.M.E.CO POLE TO BE MADE JOINT	⋯ U.G. CONDUIT	—P— U.G. PRIMARY CABLE
			—S— U.G. SECONDARY CABLE

DRAWN BY: AUSTIN HARPIN	W.O.#: 8660651 W.R.#:	PETITION #: N/A	DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE NOT TO SCALE
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TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2022

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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, Janet Masucci, Julian Mendoza, Chris Redmond, Judd Greenstein, Ben Levy, Leeanne Hadsel, Jennifer LaRoche, and Dana Duvall

Followup on Correspondence regarding Police Department Co-Responder Grant Program: Gill residents Judd Greenstein and Ben Levy met with the Selectboard to follow up on correspondence they had sent to members of the Selectboard in April regarding the Gill Police Department's participation in a regional grant that provides a behavioral health clinician to respond with police officers to emergency calls related to mental and behavioral health. Also in attendance were Police Chief Chris Redmond, Leeanne Hadsel, who works for CSO and is the clinician assigned to Erving, Gill, Bernardston, Northfield, Leverett/Wendell, and Warwick; Dana Duvall, CSO's Director of Emergency Services for Franklin County and Quabbin region; and Jennifer LaRoche, also of CSO.

Chief Redmond explained Erving is the lead town in the grant. The grant is part of the Jail Diversion Program through the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Hadsel began working in the various towns in early May this year. In all of the towns except Warwick Hadsel provides emergency response and followup outreach to critical incidents that involve or potentially involve mental and/or behavioral health. Warwick utilizes the emergency response, but opted not to have the outreach component.

Hadsel explained since she started in early May there have been over 40 interactions and nine diversions in the grant towns. She has interacted with individuals ranging from ages 12 to 82, and there have been interactions in all of the towns she is covering. A diversion, which is a key measure of the success of the program, is when someone who normally would have been arrested or hospitalized in a "police only" response received other services and avoided being jailed or going to the hospital. She stated the program is intended to provide "support to people in that moment, in that location." Part of the help she provides is identifying appropriate resources for the individual and helping them to access those resources.

Greenstein commented this program is a great step, and having it is better than not having it. Police are already over-tasked with responding to too many non-criminal situations, and having this additional person can produce better outcomes and improve followup. He questioned whether there is or could be another model for response, as there is no inherent reason for police to be involved in mental health. In some situations the presence of police officers can exacerbate an individual's behavior. He suggested there should be consideration of a community model for mental health in which a local resiliency is developed based around taking care of each other. He also suggested perhaps the FRCOG would be open to coordinating further exploration of a community model if enough towns expressed interest.

LaRoche, who works for CSO, explained CSO has a crisis team that people in need can call without ever calling 911 or involving the police. The State will soon be announcing a new 911-like phone number for mental health crises. Greenstein provided a copy of a Greenfield Recorder article that discusses the CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) program in Oregon, and an article from www.peoplesbudgetgreenfield.com entitled "Co_Responder FAQ."

Levy, who is a retired psychiatrist of 26 years, commented this appears to be a good program that Gill is involved with, and he "likes what he is hearing." There was general agreement among everyone in attendance that the grant program is a good first step, but it could and should go much farther. Mendoza, Greenstein, Levy, Hadsel, LaRoche, and Duvall left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Police Department Purchase Order: Chief Redmond requested approval of a \$2,298.65 purchase order with MHQ for lighting and electronics that his department will install on the 2019 cruiser. The new equipment will provide better functionality and safer lighting flash patterns, and will equip the 2019 cruiser the same as the two 2022 cruisers. He has the funds available in his FY22 budget. The purchase order was approved by consensus.

FirstLight Police Bicycle Donation: Chief Redmond reported his department has received a donation from FirstLight Power Resources of a police-grade, fat tire, electric assist mountain bike and bike rack. It was received on June 17th and he has already used it to do a bike patrol through the Riverside neighborhood. He expects it will also see use during Town events, Christmas in July, and NMH graduations. Redmond left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Review of Minutes: Greg made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve the minutes of 3/28/22, 4/25/22, and 5/9/22. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to approve the minutes of 6/6/22. The motion was approved by a vote of 2 in favor and 0 opposed, with Greg abstaining from the vote.

Debt Exclusion Results: Ray reported the debt exclusion ballot election held on June 21st was approved by a vote of 47 for and 12 against. The approval allows the Town to exclude from the provisions of Prop 2-1/2 the loan payments for a new “Responder” fire truck approved at the May 23rd Town Meeting. The Town expects to borrow approximately \$141,407 for the truck, and will use \$168,593 of ARPA funds and \$100,000 of stabilization funds for the \$410,000 purchase.

Annual Appointments for FY23: The Selectboard reviewed a list of appointments for Fiscal Year 23. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to make the appointments as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Shared Legal Services for FirstLight FERC Relicensing: The Selectboard reviewed a proposal from Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development for the FRCOG, in which the FRCOG and the four towns of Gill, Montague, Erving, and Northfield would share in the cost to hire legal counsel for the next phase of the FERC relicensing process for FirstLight’s Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project and the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project. The approximate cost for the legal services, to be provided by Attorney Ronald Shems, is \$20,000. If all four towns decide to participate, each town would pay up to \$2,500, and the FRCOG would pay up to \$10,000.

Randy disclosed he is an employee of the FRCOG, but feels this topic has no connection, either reporting or financial, to his work in the Cooperative Public Health Service Program. Ray suggested Gill’s share could be funded by allocating half of the \$5,000 budgeted for legal services in FY23. The Selectboard felt that having a single expert lawyer advising all of the towns and the FRCOG will bring continuity to all of the towns’ efforts, and will be a more efficient use of town funds and legal resources. The project was approved by consensus.

Update to Policy for Disposal of Surplus Equipment: Ray recommended the Town’s policy for the Disposal of Surplus Equipment be amended to increase the limit of the value of items that can be disposed using the policy from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The increase will make the policy match the state law governing such matters (MGL chapter 30B, section 15). The limits in the law were similarly increased several years ago as part of the Municipal Modernization Act. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the amended policy. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Pole Hearing: A hearing on a request from Eversource to install a new utility pole at 12 West Gill Road was set for Tuesday, July 5th at 5:30 PM.

Jerri Higgins left the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2022 warrant # 26 with totals of \$23,929.66 for vendors and \$29,874.57 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Signed copy on file. Approved on 06/22/2022

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk



Gill Fire Department

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Memorandum

To: Gill Selectboard
From: Chief Gene Beaubien
Date: July 1, 2022
Re: PO's for Annual Expenses FY-2023

Per my conversation with Ray, I am submitting a list of annual expenses that go over the \$500.00 Purchase Order limit. Instead of submitting individual PO's I am submitting one list.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments County radio maintenance contract I haven't got the early price notice yet	\$2981.00?
High Pressure Systems Annual service on SCBA refill compressor	\$700.00
ESO Software Systems Software maintenance for state mandated reporting	\$2500.00
Rose Ledge Chassis Service	\$4,000.00 for 5 trucks
First Line Emergency Pump Service	\$1,700.00
First Line Emergency Pump Testing	\$1,700.00

Firematic Supply	\$1,500.00
Annual Air Pack/Mask Testing	
IPS	
Annual Jaws testing	\$850.00
Firematic Supply	
2 sets of turn out gear	\$7,200.00
Fail Safe Hose/ Ladder Testing	\$3,900.00
Iamresponding	\$735.00
PStrax	\$1897.49

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Gill Fire Dept <firedept@gillmass.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard
Subject: FW: Chimney scrubber
Attachments: Selectbaord annual expense PO2023..docx

Ray:

Please put this scrubber on the agenda also.

Thanks,

Gene

From: Herb Guyette [mailto:bucklandfire@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Philip Wonkka
Cc: Amanda Harker; Bill Kimball; Bill Swasey (wswasey@southdeerfieldfire.org); Bob Baker (fire@townofconway.com); Brian Pellettier; Chief David Hansen; Chief Turners Falls (Chief@turnersfallsfire.org); Daren Melnick; Dennis Annear; Dunbar, Cameron (POL); Garrity, Charles (POL); Gene Beaubien; Gregory Cox; Jim Young; Joe Larson; John Hannum (jshannum@comcast.net); John Ingram; John Taylor (chief@shelburnefirema.org); Kurt Seaman; Kurt Seaman; Kyle Walker (firechief@ashfield.org); Mary Kersell; New Salem-Cuneo; Peter Shedd (4c1pshedd@comcast.net); robert strahan; Skip Dunnell; State DCR Fire Control; Steven Benjamin; Todd Brunelle; vmard
Subject: Re: Chimney scrubber

Here is the link to the option they quoted me
they have said \$100 off five or \$142 of 6-7.

I have the 6-7 already that can be ordered, so we may even be able to get a better discount with more.

I have agreed to send in our requests after the FY ends, when we have new funds available.

We will have to send in our orders around the same time frame so they know the discount, my thought was to use a common PO.

Let me know if you are interested

<https://chimneyscrubber.com/product-kit/firefighter-3-brush-kit-fd-3/>

Herb

On Wed, Jun 29, 2022 at 7:44 AM Philip Wonkka <philip.wonkka@erving-ma.gov> wrote:

Chief's,

As discussed at last night meeting. This is the Chimney kit that Chief Guyette was talking about receiving a discount on if we purchase a certain amount. We have 2 here in Erving and have found them to be well worth the monies spent. Any questions regrading please contact Chief Guyette.

<https://chimneyscrubber.com/>

Chief Philip Wonkka

Town of Erving Fire Department

12 East Main St. 01344

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Herb Guyette
Fire Chief
Buckland Fire District

TOWN OF GILL

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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 June 14, 2022.

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 June 14, 2022, 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 Three Hundred Twenty Five and 18/100 Dollars (\$325.18).

Given under our hands the 5th day of July, 2022.

Charles J. Garbiel II

Randy P. Crochier

Gregory M. Snedeker

Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Gill