



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., April 24, 2023

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

Location: Slate Memorial Library, 332 Main Road, Gill

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: 8/29/22, 9/12/22, 10/11/22, 11/21/22, 12/5/22, 12/19/22, 1/30/23, 2/13/23, 2/27/23, 3/13/23, 3/28/23, 3/30/23, 4/10/23
- Update on Town Hall Frozen/Burst Water Pipe – Flooring Abatement and Restoration
- Report on today’s Executable Pricing (supplier, price, term) for next contract period of Gill’s Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program.

New Business

- Steve Bathory-Peeler – discussion of possible article for Annual Town Meeting related to the “For Our Freedom Amendment” to the US Constitution in order to limit money in politics and restore government by the people (aka “Corporations are not People)
- Consideration and possible vote on COLA recommendation for Police Chief for FY24
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants
 FY23 # 21 Vendors (\$45,998.12) & Payroll (\$25,973.65) – reviewed & signed on 4/10/23
 FY23 # 22 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 5/8	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	TBD
Mon 5/15	10A-6P	Town Election	Town Hall/Town Common
Mon 5/22?	??	Selectboard Meeting	TBD
Mon 5/22	??	Annual Town Meeting	TBD

TOWN OF GILL

M A S S A C H U S E T T S



SELECTBOARD & BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2023

The meeting was held in the second floor meeting room at the Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road, Gill.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Selectboard Members Present: Charles Garbiel and Randy Crochier Members Absent: Greg Snedeker

Board of Assessors Members Present: Bill Tomb, Pam Lester, and Tim Storrow Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Diane Sumrall, Assistant to the Assessors; Matt Thomas, Special Legal Counsel

For the Selectboard, Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation, i.e. privileged details and strategy regarding the Kearsarge Gill LLC case before the Appellate Tax Board, and further to invite the Board of Assessors, Diane Sumrall, Matt Thomas, and Ray Purington into the Executive Session. The motion was approved by a unanimous (2-0) roll call vote.

It was announced the Selectboard and Assessors would come out of Executive Session only to adjourn their respective public meetings. The boards entered the Executive Session at 5:32 PM.

The boards returned from Executive Session at 7:31 PM. Randy made a motion, seconded by Charles, to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous (2-0) vote. Tim made a motion, seconded by Pam, to adjourn the Assessors meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Signed copy on file. Approved on 04/10/2023

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

Adopted by the Board of Assessors in lieu of separate Board of Assessors minutes on _____.

DRAFT of article proposed by Steve Bathory-Peeler for May 15th Annual Town Meeting

Article: "A RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED 28TH AMENDMENT - AMERICAN PROMISE"

In June of 2012 the town of Gill passed a resolution (passed my majority) to instruct our US Senators and members of the US House of Representatives to "ratify an amendment to the US Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions". This resolution was in response to the Supreme Court case *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission* in which corporations were given the same rights as human beings, including super PACs and dark money. In the years since 2012 a proposed amendment to the US Constitution has been drafted to ensure that We the People have meaningful power over our government. (When the Supreme Court rules incorrectly, an amendment is a way for the citizenry to correct it.)

The amendment returns power to Congress and the States to reasonably regulate and limit "contributions and expenditures in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures" **if they so desire**. It also **allows** Congress and the States to distinguish between living persons and non-human entities (corporations), prohibiting non-human entities from "raising and spending money in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Gill, Massachusetts hereby instruct the Senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the members of the United States House of Representatives representing this Congressional District to vote in favor of the proposed 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution (American Promise) when it is presented before them.

The text of the proposed Amendment is as follows:

Section 1. We the People have compelling sovereign interests in representative self-government, federalism, the integrity of the electoral process, and the political equality of natural persons.

Section 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to forbid Congress or the States, within their respective jurisdictions, from reasonably regulating and limiting contributions and expenditures in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

Section 3. Congress and the States shall have the power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and juridical persons, including by prohibiting juridical persons from raising and spending money in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

Motion: Move the Town vote to adopt the resolution as written in the above article.