



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

August 26, 2024

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

Location: Town Hall, 2nd floor meeting room, 325 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, 2/27, 3/13, 3/28, 3/30, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/20, 7/3, 9/11, 9/25, 11/06, 11/27, 12/4, 1/2, 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/21, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/12
- Request from FRCOG Executive Committee for Selectboard's position on the county road petition from Northfield Mount Hermon School to discontinue Mount Hermon Road. FRCOG's public hearing on petition to be held on 9/12 @ 5:00 PM via Zoom.

New Business

- Appointment – Noah Welch-Smith as a Firefighter through 6/30/25
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Recreation Committee – Soccer Signups
 - Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Sat. 9/21. Pre-registration required
 - Community Contra Dance – Sat. 9/28, 7-10 PM at Town Hall
 - Gill Harvest Festival – Sun. 9/29, Noon – 3 PM at the Town Common
- Warrants
 FY25 #04 Vendors (\$78,411.36) & Payroll (\$37,878.43) – reviewed/signed on 08/12/24
 FY25 #05 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 9/2		Labor Day holiday	
Tues 9/3	7A – 8P	State Primary Election	Town Hall upstairs
Mon 9/9	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 9/23	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall

TOWN OF GILL
M A S S A C H U S E T T S



August 26, 2024

Executive Committee
Franklin Regional Council of Governments
12 Olive St., Suite 2
Greenfield, MA 01301

RE: Petition to discontinue Mt. Hermon Road in Gill

Dear Esteemed Members of the Executive Committee:

The Town of Gill's Selectboard has had the opportunity to review and discuss the county road petition filed by the Northfield Mount Hermon School seeking discontinuance of Mt. Hermon Road in Gill. Additionally, because the School thoughtfully provided advanced notice to the Town of its intentions, Gill's voters were able to weigh in on the matter at our May 6, 2024 annual town meeting.

By an overwhelming majority (one "no" vote out of 38 voters in attendance), voters at the town meeting recommended the Selectboard support the School's petition to discontinue the road. Voters understand Mt. Hermon Road was originally part of Main Road until 1928 when Main Road was relocated to bypass the people and activities of the School's growing campus. Voters also acknowledge all of the land on both sides of the road for its entire seven-tenths of a mile length is owned by the School, and there is minimal public use of the road. Almost all traffic on the road is by persons accessing the campus as students, families, faculty, and staff.

During the town meeting's discussion, it was noted Mt. Hermon Road connects the campus to Main Road, which means vehicles coming and going from the campus will drive by, stop at, and patronize the various farm stands, restaurants, and businesses on the way from campus to Route 2 and beyond. These commercial ventures are important to the fabric of the Gill community, and voters expressed concerns the School might close the road altogether, rerouting much of the campus traffic away from the heart of Gill. It was well received when the School's representative at the meeting affirmed the intent to keep the road open, although it may be gated and closed during dark hours at some point in the future.

In its support of the petition to discontinue Mt. Hermon Road, the Selectboard affirms the following points.

- The road now only serves properties owned by the School. There is no "public" good or necessity to keeping the road as a public way.
- The School intends to keep the road open as a campus road, which will allow traffic to and from the School to utilize Main Road and see the beauty and shop and dine at the business that help make Gill the special place it is.
- As a campus road, emergency vehicles will still be able to access and render aid to the School and its residents.
- The cost for the Town to maintain the road far exceeds the roughly \$2,700 of Chapter 90 road aid it generates each year.
- The Town has no desire to accept Mt. Hermon Road as a town road.

We strongly support a vote by the Executive Committee to discontinue Mt. Hermon Road as a county road.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your public service.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Snedeker,
Chair, Selectboard

Cc: M. McEneany, Assistant Head of School, NMH

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NORTHFIELD
MOUNT HERMON

May 17, 2024

MAY 22 2024

Franklin Regional Council of Governments
12 Olive St.
Greenfield, MA 01301

Dear Honorable Executive Committee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments,

By signature below, I respectfully request that the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, consider, due to public convenience and necessity, the discontinuance of any and all Franklin County road layouts along and including Mt. Hermon Rd. in the Town of Gill, beginning at its northerly intersection with the layout of Main Road and ending at its southerly intersection with the layout of Main Road.

In February of this year, Northfield Mount Hermon School, herein referred to as NMH, conducted a school wide safety assessment to identify avenues to strengthen school security on behalf of students and residents of the campus. One such issue identified was the possible benefit if NMH were to exercise greater control of vehicular access onto and into the campus.

Mount Hermon Road was originally part of Main Road before Main Road was relocated to its current position in 1928. When the relocation occurred, there was no action by the County Commissioners to covert Mount Hermon Road to a town road and so it remains a county road. Mount Hermon Road is approximately seven tenths of a mile in length beginning and ending its intersections with Main Road and which is abutted on both sides for its entire length by land and homes owned by the school and which only provides access to the school and its facilities and programs.

NMH is requesting road discontinuance in order to, at some point in the future, install gates at each end of the road in order to limit access to the campus during evening and night hours. Due to NMH employee and program needs, the road will remain open during the day. Access when gates are closed will be limited to campus residents, employees and emergency response providers through the use of either swipes, fobs or other available technology resolutions so as to reduce inconvenience.

Attached to this request is a map of the property showing the road, its termination points with Main Road and its proximity to campus buildings. Should further information be needed, I stand ready to address any questions or concerns. Should a site inspection be warranted, my office will set up a time convenient to the Committee for that inspection.

Your petitioners, Northfield Mount Hermon, request that your Committee will, after due notice and hearing, make such orders and decrees in the matter as your Committee shall deem necessary for public convenience and necessity.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary E. McEneaney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary E. McEneaney
Assistant Head of School for Finance & Operations, CFO/COO
Northfield Mount Hermon School
(413) 498-3423





Gill Fire Department

196A MAIN ROAD • GILL, MA 01354-1805 • (413) 863-8955 • FAX: (413) 863-0126

August 15, 2024

Gill Selectboard:

On August 15, 2024 the Gill Fire Department Board of Engineers approved for appointment to the Gill Fire Department the following name(s).

Firefighter:

Noah Welch-Smith

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

Fire Chief

Gene Beaubien



TOWN OF GILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT



Date: 7-11-24

Personal Information:

Name: Noah Welch-Smith Home Phone: _____
 Address: 4 Gessett St Greenfield MA Cell Phone: _____
(No. Street)
 Email Address: _____

Are you eighteen (18) years of age or older? Yes No
 Do you have a valid Massachusetts Driver's License? Yes No List state, number, expiration date, and type/endorsement: MA _____ 2026 Class D

Education and Training:

Name/Location	Course of Study	Years Completed	Degree
High School: <u>Franklin County Tech</u>	<u>Landscaping</u>	<u>4</u>	
College: _____			

Please list any information regarding your qualifications, skills, and experience in FIRE/EMS positions such as licenses, trainings, certifications, etc. Include copies of all certificates if possible.

Employment History:

Present employer: Chris Ricci Timber Harvesting
 Address: 446 Marsh Hill Rd Walpole NH
 Supervisor: _____ Telephone: 603-358-9079
 Position Title and Duties: Laborer
 Reason For Leaving: _____
 Dates of Employment: June 2024

Past Employer: Tom Call Excavation
 Address: 17 Church St Walpole NH
 Supervisor: _____ Telephone: 602-384-1220
 Position Title and Duties: Laborer
 Reason For Leaving: had off
 Dates of Employment: Jan-2019 - Jan 2023

Past Employer: West County Equipment Rental
 Address: 8 Greenfield St Greenfield MA
 Supervisor: Graig Telephone: 413-774-7200
 Position Title and Duties: Laborer
 Reason For Leaving: _____
 Dates of Employment: June 2023 - Aug 2023

May we contact the employers listed above? Yes No If no, indicate which: _____

Please Read And Complete Carefully:

- 1 If hired, can you provide proof of citizenship and legal right to work? Yes No
- 2 Have you ever been fired or asked to resign from any job? If yes, please list employer, date, and reason below. Yes No
- 3 Is there any reason that you could not adequately perform the essential duties of the position for which you have applied? Yes No
- 4 Have you been cited for any moving violations in the last three years? Yes No
- 5 Have you had any motor vehicle accidents in the last three years? Yes No
- 6 Has your driver's license ever been suspended, revoked, denied, or canceled? Yes No
- 7 Has your medical certification (EMTs) ever been investigated, suspended, or revoked? Yes No

Explain in full detail all "Yes" answers below (other than #1 above).

Mind collision no damage and insurance exchanged
Everyone walked away and police did a report

Are you currently charged with or have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Include any finding or plea of guilt.) If yes, provide a detailed description including dates, locations, charges, and disposition. Additional documentation may be necessary.

No

Additional Information:

Briefly describe why you wish to become a member of this department.

Always wanted to be a firefighter and help the community
I am alone and ~~am~~ give back

Please provide at least three (3) professional/work-related references to whom you are not related.

	Name	Employment/Job Title	Contact Number
1	Dawn Josephski	GCC EMT Instructor	413-575-8558
2	Dennis Dennis Sheehan	Barnardston FD (Captain)	413-834-2544
3	Steve Chicheling	Chestersfield FD (Asst Chief)	603-762-2443

You may provide any other information that you feel is relevant to the review of your application.

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that any false information or omission may disqualify me from further consideration and may result in my immediate dismissal if discovered at a later date.

I authorize the investigation of any or all statements contained in this application and also authorize and hold exempt any person, school, current and past employers (except as previously noted), and organizations from any legal liability in making such statements. I hereby fully waive any rights or claims I have or may have against all current and/or former employers and their agents, employees, and representatives, and damages that may directly or indirectly result from the use, disclosure or release of any information by any person or party, whether such information is favorable or unfavorable to me. I further waive any claim against the Town of Gill, the Gill Fire Department and its agents and representatives, and any outside agency utilized by the Town of Gill or the Gill Fire Department as a result of any information which is obtained in this investigation.

I understand that this application or subsequent employment does not create a contract of employment nor guarantee employment for any definite period of time. If accepted for employment, I understand that I have been hired at the will of the Town of Gill and the Gill Fire Department and my employment may be terminated at any time with or without cause and with or without notice, at the option of the employer or myself.

The Town of Gill is an Equal Opportunity employer.

Signature: Noah Welch Smith Date: 7-11-24