



# **SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE**

**December 2, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 11/18/24 & 11/25/24
- Town Hall LED Lighting – Update: Eversource incentives do not expire at end of 2024 for municipalities; project on temporary hold to explore other vendor(s)

### New Business

- ACT Program – request to paint (black) the walls of Town Hall’s stage and consider feasibility of moving Bicentennial Quilt from stage to side wall of main room
- ARPA Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Relief Spending Plan
  - Final allocations before 12/31/24 deadline
  - Consider repurposing \$45.67 of ARPA Funding from Gill Elementary School Floor Replacement to Riverside Sewer Pump Station Meter Replacement
  - Consider allocating \$898.51 of ARPA Funding to Riverside Sewer Pump Station Meter Replacement (adding both amounts brings total project funds to \$25,944.18)
- Confirm start time of 12/16/24 Selectboard meeting ahead of 7 PM special town meeting
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants
  - FY25 #10A – Vendors (\$10,000.00) – reviewed/signed on 11/18/24
  - FY25 #11 – Vendors (\$44,888.89) & Payroll (\$34,586.15) – reviewed/signed on 11/18/24
  - FY25 #12 – review & sign

### Adjournment

### **Other Invitations/Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon 12/16	5:30 PM??	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 12/16	7:00 PM	Special Town Meeting	Town Hall
Wed 12/25		Christmas Day Holiday	
Mon 12/30	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Wed 1/1		New Year’s Day Holiday	

# TOWN OF GILL

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



## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*November 18, 2024*

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

Members Present: Greg Snedeker, Randy Crochier, Charles Garbiel    Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Kate Savage, Tim Batchelder, and John Richardson

Review of Minutes: Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to approve the minutes of 11/4/24. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Fire Station Purchase Order: Acting by consensus the Selectboard approved a purchase order to Raynor Door Sales in the amount of \$2,845 to replace the overhead door opener for one of the bay doors at the Fire Station.

Contract Extension for Use of Springfield MRF: Purington summarized the changes that are part of a 5-year contract extension for the processing of the Town's recyclables at the Springfield MRF (Materials Recycling Facility). The existing contract between the Town, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and WM Recycle America expires June 30, 2025.

In the extension, the base fee for processing recyclables will increase 2.5% per year (same as the current contract) and market value of the materials (which is a credit against the base fee) will be decreased by 1% of the prior year's processing fee. Essentially, the overall fee the Town will pay increases by almost 3.5% annually. The market value of the materials will also be adjusted based on the annual tonnage of materials sent to the MRF by contracted communities. In the event less than 16,800 tons are processed by the MRF, contracted communities will receive a lower market value for their materials.

Crochier suggested Gill and other communities could look at allowing businesses to participate in municipal trash and recycling programs as a way to increase tonnage being sent to the MRF. Purington commented that while the Town's cost for using the MRF will increase, it is still a more affordable option than is available to communities in the eastern part of the state. Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to approve and sign the 5-year contract extension for use of the Springfield MRF. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Northfield EMS Support Letter: Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel to sign a letter in support of a home rule petition by the Town of Northfield for special legislation to allow that town to purchase property in Bernardston to house its Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Northfield EMS has been the primary ambulance service for Gill since July 2023. The proposed location in Bernardston will be 2 – 2.5 miles closer to Gill than the current location on Northfield's Main Street.

LED Lighting Conversion at Town Hall: Purington presented a proposal from Commonwealth Electrical to convert to LED lighting 44 fluorescent light fixtures on the first and second floors of the Town Hall. Eversource's incentives for LED lighting projects expire at the end of 2024, and while the incentives for the project are only \$500, \$500 is better than nothing. The Town's cost for the project will be \$3,652 and Purington proposed paying for the work from the annual budget for building maintenance. He also noted he has contacted Eversource and asked if anything can be done to increase the incentive for this project. Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to approve the project and authorize Purington to sign related documents as needed. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Crochier Announcement: Crochier announced he will not run for re-election to the Selectboard when his current term expires in May 2025. He has served on the Selectboard since 2011 and noted several accomplishments he is proud to have been a part of, including getting safety barriers installed on the French King Bridge and converting the Treasurer and Tax Collector positions from elected to appointed.

Savage and Batchelder left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2025 warrant # 10A with a total of \$10,000.00 for vendors and warrant # 11 with totals of \$44,888.89 for vendors and \$34,586.15 for payroll. Crochier recused himself from signing the # 11 vendor warrant as his wife, Alison, is receiving a payment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator*

*Signed copy on file. Approved on 12/02/2024*

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Charles Garbiel, Selectboard Clerk

# TOWN OF GILL

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



## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*November 25, 2024*

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

Members Present: Greg Snedeker, Randy Crochier, Charles Garbiel    Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Warrant for Special Town Meeting: The Selectboard reviewed the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on December 16, 2024. Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to approve and sign the warrant. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator*

*Signed copy on file. Approved on 12/02/2024*

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Charles Garbiel, Selectboard Clerk

ARPA Recap & Final Allocations - 12/2/24 Selectboard meeting

Date	Receipts	Allocation	Expense	Project	Unallocated Funds	Unspent Funds
6/30/2021	\$ 76,669.72				\$ 437,898.51	\$ 437,898.51
8/31/2021	\$ 142,279.53				\$ 437,898.51	\$ 437,898.51
4/11/2022		\$ 185,000.00	\$ 95,544.33	Gill Elem floor replacement	\$ 252,898.51	\$ 342,354.18
4/11/2022		\$ 25,000.00		Sewer Pump Station meter replacement	\$ 227,898.51	\$ 342,354.18
4/11/2022		\$ 10,000.00		Town Hall printer/copier	\$ 217,898.51	\$ 342,354.18
5/23/2022		\$ 168,593.00		Fire Dept Responder truck	\$ 49,305.51	\$ 342,354.18
5/23/2022		\$ 48,407.00		Highway truck CV515	\$ 898.51	\$ 342,354.18
7/31/2022	\$ 76,669.72				\$ 898.51	\$ 342,354.18
9/30/2022	\$ 142,279.54				\$ 898.51	\$ 342,354.18
5/1/2023			\$ 89,410.00	Gill Elem floor replacement	\$ 898.51	\$ 252,944.18
7/17/2023			\$ 48,407.00	Highway truck CV515	\$ 898.51	\$ 204,537.18
8/14/2023			\$ 3,949.00	Town Hall printer/copier	\$ 898.51	\$ 200,588.18
12/4/2023		\$ (6,051.00)		unspent balance - Town Hall printer/copier	\$ 6,949.51	\$ 200,588.18
12/4/2023		\$ 6,051.00		Fire Dept brush truck	\$ 898.51	\$ 200,588.18
9/9/2024			\$ 6,051.00	Fire Brush truck	\$ 898.51	\$ 194,537.18
10/23/2024			\$ 168,593.00	Fire Responder	\$ 898.51	\$ 25,944.18
12/2/2024		\$ (45.67)		unspent balance - Gill Elem floor replacement	\$ 944.18	\$ 25,944.18
12/2/2024		\$ 944.18		Sewer Pump Station meter replacement	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,944.18
Total	\$ 437,898.51	\$ 437,898.51				