



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., December 16, 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

5:00 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: 12/02/24
- Surplus Fire trucks
 - Online auctions (www.auctionsinternational.com) close tonight at 6:35 PM
 - 1986 Chevy 3500 Stake Truck – current bid of \$9,000 as of 4 PM 12/12/24
 - 1987 KME pumper truck – current bid of \$1,525 as of 4 PM 12/12/24
 - Recommend awarding sale to the highest bidder as of the close of bidding

New Business

- Police Department
 - Declare as surplus equipment (2) 22-year-old rifles and trade in
 - Purchase order to Jurek Bros. for (3) patrol rifles - \$3,062 total after trade in
 - Accept donation from Gill Police Association of \$3,062 toward purchase of patrol rifles
- Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid – review and sign 3-year renewal of membership agreement
- Car Dealer License Renewals for 2025
 - A-J Cycle Shop Arrow Auto Sales Atlantic Wholesale Doug's Auto Body
 - Engine Up Automotive LSA Auto TEK Cycle Town Line Auto Repair
- Liquor License Renewals for 2025
 - Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein 23 French King Highway LLC
 - The Gill Tavern The Spirit Shoppe
- Food Concession Trailer License Renewals for 2025
 - Cielito Lindo Toasty Buns of Keene/Ryan Grandmont
- Request from Nona LaGrenade for exemption under MGL Chapter 268A, Section 20 to allow her to hold multiple appointed positions (Administrative Clerk & Conservation Commission member)
- Appointment
 - Nona LaGrenade, 79 South Cross Rd, as a member of Conservation Commission through June 30, 2026
 - Rebekah Minor, 123 Center Rd, as Alternate Member of Historical Commission through June 30, 2027
- Project list for possible federal funding & grant applications (FRCOG requested update)
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any

- Warrants
 - FY25 #12 – Vendors (\$37,792.56) & Payroll (\$33,127.09) – reviewed/signed on 12/02/24
 - FY25 #13 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 12/16	7:00 PM	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

December 2, 2024

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, Charles Garbiel Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Kate Savage, Janet Masucci, Dan Flag, and John Richardson

Review of Minutes: Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to approve the minutes of 11/18/24 and 11/25/24. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

LED Lighting Conversion at Town Hall: Purington updated the Selectboard on the Town Hall LED lighting project approved at the 11/18/24 Selectboard meeting. The day after the meeting, while speaking with Eversource about the possibility of additional incentives for the project, he learned the LED lighting incentives *for municipalities* do not expire at the end of 2024. He has placed a hold on the project with Commonwealth Electrical in order to obtain at least one more quote for the work in accordance with the Town's usual procurement practices.

Painting Stage Walls: Purington reported the ACT after-school theater program at the Gill Elementary School, led by Amy Gordon, will be making a return in 2025 as a sponsored program of the Recreation Committee. The program began in 2012 and ran until 2020. Rehearsals take place at the school for 2-3 months and then move to Town Hall for stage rehearsals, dress rehearsals and public performances.

In conjunction with restarting the program and with an eye toward future years, Gordon has requested permission to paint the walls of the stage black. In past years she would hang black fabric, but she got rid of the fabric when the program ended in 2020. Also, the walls and ceiling of the stage do not lend themselves structurally to hanging and supporting much weight. Rationalizing that "any color fresh paint will look better than the peeling paper of the wood paneling," the request to paint was approved by consensus.

Gordon has also requested permission to relocate the Bicentennial Quilt from the back wall of the stage to some other location, which would free up a few more precious inches of performance space for the tiny stage. While the Selectboard was not opposed to moving the quilt, it was decided more information is needed, as a new location could expose the quilt to direct sunlight and cause fading. Once a location is identified and there is a plan to protect the fabric from the sun, the request can be brought back for consideration.

ARPA Funds – Final Allocation: Purington presented a summary of the Town's ARPA funds and current project allocations. There is a federal deadline of December 31, 2024 to allocate all funds. Of the \$437,898.51 total funds received, \$898.51 has not been allocated to any project. In addition, there is a remaining unspent balance of \$45.67 from the funds allocated for the floor replacement project at the Gill Elementary School. Given the relatively small amount of funds to be allocated and the short amount of time before the deadline, it was decided it did not make sense to consider any new projects and the expedient course of action was to apply the funds to the one remaining incomplete project. Crochier made a motion, seconded by Garbiel, to repurpose \$45.67 of ARPA funds from the Gill Elementary School Floor Replacement project and allocate \$898.51 of ARPA funds to the Riverside Sewer Pump Station Meter Replacement project, bringing that project's total allocation to \$25,944.18. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

December 16th meeting time: To avoid a conflict with the 7:00 PM Special Town Meeting on December 16th, the Selectboard's meeting that night will begin at 5:00 PM.

Masucci left the meeting at 5:42 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2025 warrant # 12 with totals of \$37,792.56 for vendors and \$33,127.09 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Signed copy on file. Approved on 12/16/2024

Charles Garbiel, Selectboard Clerk

GILL POLICE DEPARTMENT



Christopher J. Redmond
Chief of Police
196B Main Rd
Gill MA 01354

Emergency 911
Fax (413) 863-0157
Station (413) 863-9398
Email chief@gillmass.org
<http://gillmass.org/police>

TO : Gill Selectboard / Town Administrator
FROM: Chief Christopher J. Redmond
DATE: December 9th, 2024
RE : Equipment Purchase Donation

Honorable Selectboard;

The Gill Police Association is offering to assist the town with a donation purchase of 3 patrol rifles for the police department. These rifles will be used to replace 22 year old department rifles, that will be traded in for credit if declared surplus by the Town of Gill. The approximate cost of the rifle purchase will be \$3,062.00 (after store credit) which will be covered by the association/donation account.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Redmond', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher J. Redmond
Chief of Police

TRI-STATE FIRE MUTUAL AID INC.

P.O. Box 176, Chesterfield MA 01012

**To: Chief Elected Officials of Member Communities
Fire Chiefs of Member Communities**

From: Officers of Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid Inc.

Robert Strahan, President

Floyd "Skip" Dunnell, President Elect

John E. Taylor, Secretary

Lawrence W. Holmberg, Treasurer

Date: November 25, 2024

Re: Renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement

Greetings.

We write with the goal of renewing the mutual aid compact that is the primary purpose of Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid (TSFMA). The updated Membership Agreement is attached for your review and signature.

TSFMA has existed for more than eight decades to provide a framework for community fire departments to assist one another in times of need. This is particularly important where departments work across state lines. Currently there are forty-seven (47) fire departments that are signatories on the TSFMA agreement in the states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. It is worth noting that while your community may have other mutual aid agreements, the various agreements (e.g. Massachusetts Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement, Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid System, etc.) can and do overlap to provide a broader network in the support of public safety.

This is a three (3) year agreement and to some the duration seems far too short. However, we are maintaining the duration at this point but welcome any feedback you have in that regard.

We have enclosed two (2) original copies for signature. We ask that you review the agreement, have the Chief Elected Official and Fire Chief sign appropriately, and return both to TSFMA. The President will sign and return one original and retain a copy for our records. If you have questions on the process or would like additional information, please reach out to Chief Taylor at 413-834-3111.

Our sincere thanks for your continued commitment to public safety.

TRI-STATE FIRE MUTUAL AID INC.

Membership Agreement

This agreement between Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid Inc. (TSFMA) and the Fire Departments of the cities, towns, and districts of

Amherst MA, Ashfield MA, Athol MA, Bernardston MA, Brattleboro VT, Buckland MA, Charlemont MA, Colrain MA, Conway MA, Deerfield MA, Erving MA, Gill MA, Greenfield MA, Guilford VT, Hadley MA, Halifax VT, Hatfield MA, Hawley MA, Heath MA, Hinsdale NH, Leverett MA, Leyden MA, Monroe MA, Montague Center MA, New Salem MA, Northfield MA, Northampton MA, Orange MA, Pelham MA, Petersham MA, Plainfield MA, Royalston MA, Rowe MA, Shelburne MA, Shelburne Falls MA, Shutesbury MA, South Deerfield MA, Sunderland MA, Swanzey NH, Turners Falls MA, Vernon VT, Warwick MA, Wendell MA, Whately MA, Whitingham VT, Williamsburg MA, and Winchester NH,

entered into this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, among communities, acting pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the States of Vermont and New Hampshire for the purpose of securing to each the benefits of mutual aid, and the current bylaws of TSFMA Inc.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, each of the parties hereto maintains equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires, rescue and emergency medical services within its own jurisdiction and area, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to augment the fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services available in their various establishments, districts, agencies, communities, and municipalities in the event of a large fire or incidents beyond their scope of ability in their discipline.

WHEREAS, it is mutually deemed sound, desirable, practicable and beneficial for the parties to this agreement to render assistance to one another in accordance with these terms;

THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED THAT:

- 1) Whenever it is deemed advisable by the Incident Commander (IC) belonging to a party of this agreement to request assistance under the terms of this agreement, they are authorized to do so.
- 2) Nothing in this agreement precludes automatic responses or other shared services agreements among departments, agencies, and/or districts.
- 3) The requesting local government will utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) / National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the responding resources will be incorporated as appropriate into that system.
- 4) Participating organizations will follow the Standard Operational Guidelines (SOGs) included, and made part of this agreement, as Appendix A. These SOGs may be updated from time to time by vote of the membership.
- 5) The senior officer on duty receiving the request for aid shall take the following action:
 - a) Immediately determine if the requested type of apparatus is available and personnel can be spared in response to the call.
 - b) Determine what apparatus and personnel might most effectively be dispatched to respond.
 - c) Dispatch such apparatus and personnel as, in the judgment of the senior officer receiving the call, should be sent in accordance with the request and the terms of this agreement.
- 6) The rendering of assistance under the terms of this agreement shall not be mandatory, but the party receiving the request for assistance shall immediately inform the requesting service if, for any reason, assistance cannot be rendered.
- 7) The IC of the department receiving aid will make every effort to release the mutual aid units and to return said apparatus to their respective communities as soon as conditions permit.

- 8) Each party to this agreement waives all claims against the other party or parties for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring in consequence of performance of this agreement.

All services performed under this Agreement shall be rendered without reimbursement of either party or parties, with the exception of the cost of firefighting foam concentrate. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent member departments, individually or jointly, from seeking reimbursement from outside companies or agencies under Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 21E or any other third party billing or reimbursement, or other laws that may apply in the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

- 9) The authorized members of this association are directed to meet and draft any detailed plans, procedures, and guidelines for operation necessary to effectively implement this agreement. Such plans, procedures and guidelines of operations shall become effective upon ratification by the voting members.
- 10) The members agree to keep the designated Tri State Fire Mutual Aid Dispatch Center advised of the kind, type, and quantity of equipment available and of changes in equipment and status.
- 11) The members agree that all requests for assistance will be made via the Dispatch Center and not directly through other members. Further, all dispatching of mutual aid assistance will be managed by said Center unless both the requesting and responding departments are routinely dispatched by one other dispatch center and/or under another mutual aid system.
- 12) Radio transceivers used for mutual aid communications shall be operated in accord with the guidelines established by the voting members. Member departments shall be required to have the capacity to communicate with other member departments on frequencies identified by the radio protocol.
- 13) The members are required to pay annual membership dues as determined by the voting members.

- 14) This agreement shall become effective upon the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect for three (3) years, or until canceled by mutual agreement of the parties hereto or by written notice by one party to the other party, giving ninety (90) days notice to said cancellation.
- 15) Each member of TSFMA Inc. shall, at all times during the Agreement, maintain in full force and effect: Employer’s Liability, Emergency Worker’s Salary Protection Insurance, Emergency Worker’s Death Benefit Insurance (as required in MA by the Acts of 2005, Chapter 125), Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance, including liability coverage for the provisions of the Indemnity provisions contained in this Agreement. Before commencement of the Agreement, the signatories agree to furnish TSFMA Inc. with Certificates of Insurance or other evidence satisfactory to TSFMA Inc. to the effect that such insurance has been procured and is in force.

For the purpose of the agreement, each party shall carry the following types of insurance, or the functional equivalent, in at least the limits specified below:

<u>TYPE OF COVERAGE</u>	<u>LIMITS OF LIABILITY</u>
Emergency Worker’s Salary Protection	Statutory (MGL Ch. 41, §111F, etc.)
Emergency Worker’s Death Benefits	\$500,000 each accident
Employers’ Liability	\$500,000 each accident
General Liability for Ongoing and Completed Operations	\$1,000,000 each occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
Excess Umbrella Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence

- 16) TSFMA Inc. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity).

- 17) TSFMA Inc. and its member departments shall conduct operations under this Agreement in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, rules, and codes of the local, state, and federal government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, representing the City, Town, or District of _____, have executed this agreement on the day and year first written above.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL, SELECT BOARD, or other AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY for the above-mentioned City, Town, or District

FIRE CHIEF for above-mentioned City, Town, or District

PRESIDENT of TRI-STATE FIRE MUTUAL AID INC.

TRI-STATE FIRE MUTUAL AID INC.

Membership Agreement

APPENDIX A

Standard Operational Guidelines for All Participating Organizations

- I. Minimum Staffing for Mutual Aid Units: A minimum number of firefighters will be sent for mutual aid responses based on the type of apparatus requested to a scene or for a cover assignment:
 - A. Structural Engine – three (3) firefighters trained in and equipped for interior firefighting operations in an IDLH environment
 - B. Ladder Company – three (3) firefighters trained in and equipped for interior firefighting operations in an IDLH environment
 - C. Rescue Company – three (3) firefighters trained in and equipped for interior firefighting operations in an IDLH environment
 - D. Brush/Forestry Unit – two (2) firefighters
 - E. Tanker/Tender Unit – two (2) firefighters

These minimum staffing levels do not bar or supersede any pre-existing agreements between local (“day-to-day”) mutual aid partners as to the minimum number and qualifications of apparatus or personnel.

- II. Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT): Where mutual aid firefighters will be deployed in an IDLH environment, the requesting department will identify and staff a RIT on scene (that may be staffed by local or other mutual aid units).

December 12, 2024

Board of Selectmen
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Gill Board of Selectmen,

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval for me to hold more than one appointed position with the Town.

In general, the conflict-of-interest law restricts municipal employees from holding more than one appointed town position, where at least one position is paid. However, in recognition of the difficulty small towns experience in finding people willing to serve in town positions, the law gives Boards of Selectmen the power to grant exemptions from that restriction.

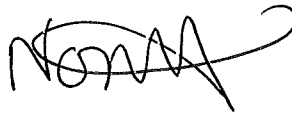
The multiple appointed positions I wish to hold are:

1. Administrative Clerk, 17 hours per week at \$21.31 per hour; and
2. Conservation Committee member

Under § 20 of the conflict-of-interest law, G.L. c. 268A, in towns with a population of less than 3,500, the Board of Selectmen may allow a municipal employee to have more than one appointed position. Since our town, Gill, has a population of 1,552, you as the Board of Selectmen have the power to authorize me to hold all the positions listed above.

I hereby request that the Board of Selectmen approve the exemption under § 20 to allow me to hold all the listed appointed positions.

Very truly yours,

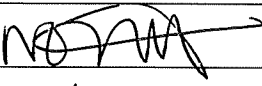
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NONA', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nona LaGrenade
Administrative Clerk

**DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT
TO AN UNCOMPENSATED POSITION
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 6.02(3)**

	IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
Name:	Nona LaGrenade
Your phone:	603-570-8639
Your e-mail:	nonalagrenade@gmail.com
Write an X beside one statement.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> STATE: I already have a job with a state agency or another direct or indirect financial interest in a contract made by a state agency, and I will begin serving in an uncompensated position with the same state agency or another state agency.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY: I already have a job with a county agency or another direct or indirect financial interest in a contract made by a county agency, and I will begin serving in an uncompensated position with the same county agency or another agency of the same county.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL: I already have a job with a municipal agency or another direct or indirect financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency, and I will begin serving in an uncompensated position with the same municipal agency or another agency of the same city or town.</p>
Check one.	<p>The uncompensated position will be:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-elected</p>
	FINANCIAL INTEREST I ALREADY HAVE IN A PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT
<p>Do you already have the contract with a public agency, or does another person or entity have the contract?</p> <p>Write an X beside the appropriate statement.</p>	<p>I HAVE THE CONTRACT.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I work for a public agency for compensation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A contract that I have with a state public agency (e.g., a grant) funds my work;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have a contract for goods, supplies or equipment, etc., with a public agency.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have another type of contract with a public agency.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY HAS THE CONTRACT.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I work for a person or entity (e.g., a business, non-profit or organization), and my work is funded by a contract between the person or entity and a public agency.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have an ownership interest in a private entity (e.g, a business or non-profit), and the entity receives funds because of a contract with a public agency.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have an ownership interest in a private entity (e.g., a business or non-profit), and the entity has a contract for goods, supplies or equipment, etc. with a public agency.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A public agency has a contract or transaction with a private person or entity, and I have a financial stake in the contract or transaction.</p>

	<p>CONTRACT BETWEEN A PUBLIC AGENCY AND YOU Fill out this part of the form if the public contract is with you.</p>
Name and address of the state, county or municipal agency that made the contract.	Gill Town Hall 325 Main Rd Gill, MA, 01354
What is the contract for?	E.g., Is it a contract for your services or for goods, supplies or equipment or something else? Administrative Clerk position
What is your financial interest in the public agency contract? Please include both financial advantages and obligations.	Please include a dollar amount, if possible. \$ 21.31 / hr , 17 hours per week
	<p>CONTRACT BETWEEN A PUBLIC AGENCY AND ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY Fill out this part of the form if the contract is with another person or an entity.</p>
Name and address of the state, county or municipal agency that made the contract.	
Please provide the name and address of the person or entity that has the contract.	
What relationship do you have with the person or entity that has the public contract?	E.g., are you an owner, partner or employee of a company that signed the contract? Or of a subcontractor to such a company?
What is the contract for?	E.g., Is it a contract for services or for goods, supplies or equipment or something else?
What is your financial interest in the public agency contract? Please include both financial advantages and obligations.	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.

UNCOMPENSATED PUBLIC POSITION	
Name and address of the public agency where you will have an uncompensated position.	Conservation Commission 325 Main Rd Gill MA, 01354
What is the uncompensated position?	Conservation Commission member
Who elected or appointed you to the position?	Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen
Employee signature:	
Date:	12/12/2024

Attach additional pages if necessary.

**IF you already had a compensated public position,
file this disclosure with your appointing authority for that position.**

OTHERWISE,

**IF you are reporting an uncompensated position with the state or a county,
file this disclosure with the State Ethics Commission.**

**If you are reporting an uncompensated position with a city or town,
file this disclosure with the city or town clerk.**

December 3, 2024

Good Afternoon,

Below is the list of priority projects your town provided when FRCOG staff met with you a couple years ago. We asked about projects for which your town may need grant funding to implement. Legislation recently signed into law by Governor Healey (Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024) can provide federal grant matching funds to municipalities in Massachusetts. This is a great development, because it levels the playing field in grant applications for those towns who cannot provide the required matching funds. For this reason, since some grants may now be available to you that were not before, we are reaching out now to ask if you would take a few minutes at a selectboard meeting to update the list with your town's current priority projects.

By updating this list, we can (1) illustrate for the Massachusetts Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office the continued need for funding assistance across Franklin County, and (2) with their support and advocacy, help match your needs with potential federal and state funding sources. Please remember the FRCOG received state grant funding for our staff to help prepare grant applications, for both federal and state funding sources, for our member municipalities. Please let us know if you would like such assistance with preparing a grant application.

We know that some projects on your original list might have already found funding, or the project scope may have changed a bit over time. Please update the prioritized list as needed. And for each project please provide a project name, brief description, current status and cost estimate, if available.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like to discuss this request.

And here are a couple links to more information about state matching funds:

Link to matching funds legislation: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/Chapter214>

Link to matching funds application process: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-federal-grant-matching-funds>

Thanks,

Bob Dean

Director of Municipal Services

Priority	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Current Status	Estimated Cost
1	Culverts on West Gill Rd.	Line or replace (2) large-diameter culverts beneath West Gill Road (near the intersection with South Cross Road). Size and depth of the culverts are beyond the Town's capabilities to do the work in-house	Not started	
	General paving projects	The cost of paving work has increased drastically with inflation, and the amount of basic Chapter 90 aid the Town receives each year has stayed the same or decreased every year for the last 15 years. Although the several other supplemental road aid programs have helped, the Legislature needs to increase the base funding for Chapter 90 much higher than the \$200 million it's been at.	Ongoing	
	School - sidewalks	Delete from the list. It's not a realistic or practical expense given the number of school-age children who live within walking distance of the elementary school.		
2	Control Panel at sewer pump station	The control panel is the original that was installed in 1980. Repair parts will be difficult or impossible to purchase.	Not started. Will likely begin to investigate in 2025 after flow meter project is completed.	Unknown
	Upgrade electrical system at fire station Public Safety Complex	The current electric service and electric panel are inadequate to be able to install heat pump heating & cooling for the office areas. Service is woefully inadequate for the eventual migration to an electric fleet for Police, Fire, and Highway vehicles.		
	Solar	Not sure what or where this project is/was. Delete from list. Or, keep it on the list to help show there is sizable municipal interest & need statewide for federal funding of solar.		
3	Roof replacement and solar panels on Riverside building	Hire engineer/architect to evaluate roof structure at Riverside Municipal Building for solar panels. Install town-owned solar panels on the south face of the roof as part of a roof replacement project. Metal roof is preferred option.	\$43,900 appropriated for design. Excess will be applied to construction costs.	

Priority	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Current Status	Estimated Cost
	Town Hall windows and basement	<p>Cause of and solution for basement water infiltration needs to be determined. Once that's addressed, the basement will need an almost total refurbishment (floors, walls, ceiling, air circulation/humidity control) to create a meeting room, records storage, and utilities/storage.</p> <p>Except for the 4 newer windows in the Town Clerk & Finance offices, the rest of the windows are single pane glass with aluminum storms and homemade "winserts."</p>	\$50,000 of MVP funds available for basement wetness solution; Insurance proceeds from flood available to help with basement renovation	Unknown
	Business development	Feels like a "mom and apple pie" project. Yes, more business would be nice, but there 1) aren't many vacant commercially-zoned properties, and 2) given the significant number of available spaces in Greenfield and Turners Falls, supply would seem to outweigh demand.		
	Broadband - last mile to the remaining 4%	There are still 20-30 homes in Gill that do not have the ability to connect to Comcast's broadband. While some cellular service providers claim to be able to supply wireless broadband to most of these locations, the claims are not proven. Comcast's cable license expires in 2026 and it is anticipated the negotiations could result in service to a few more addresses. It is also hoped MBI and their BEAD process will make last mile funding available for the hardest to serve addresses.		
	Brush truck for FD	Completed in September 2024 using donated funds plus about \$6,500 of ARPA funds.	Completed	\$83,550
	Shared Planner	Worth exploring further, but the budget for FY26 is showing early signs it will be a challenge.		
	Wage and salary study	Community Compact project for FY25 using the Collins Center	In process	\$13,000
		NEW PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST		

Priority	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Current Status	Estimated Cost
	<p data-bbox="310 245 573 313">Third full-time police officer</p> <p data-bbox="310 399 573 505">Roof replacement at Gill Elementary School</p>	<p data-bbox="594 245 1398 350">Police reform laws at the end of 2020 have made it increasingly difficult to rely on the availability of part-time officers to work shifts.</p> <p data-bbox="594 399 1398 467">MSBA project starting in January 2025. 24-30 months to completion, current best guess.</p>	<p data-bbox="1419 245 1684 391">Selectboard and Finance Committee are currently exploring this topic.</p>	