



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

June 16, 2025

***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: 3/24/25, 4/7/25, 4/22/25, 5/5/25, 5/20/25, 6/2/25

New Business

- Purchase Order – United Construction & Forestry, \$10,546 for diagnostics, parts, and installation of (2) multi-function controllers for the Highway Department's 2011 John Deere backhoe
- Conservation Restriction for land along Fall River owned by the Stotz family – Liam Cregan, Land Conservation Specialist, Franklin Land Trust
- Appointment – Cathryn Thomas as Town Accountant effective 7/1/25- 6/30/26. Position is 25 hours per week at \$30.13/hr (includes FY26 COLA)
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Montague Community Band 2025 Summer Concert Series – June & July, Mondays @ 7 PM at the Peskeomskut Park on Avenue A, Turners Falls
- Warrants
FY25 #25 – Vendors (\$24,507.22) & Payroll (\$38,694.01) – reviewed/signed on 6/2/25
FY25 #26 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 6/30	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 7/14	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 7/28	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: John Miner / Gill Highway Superintendent <highway@gillmass.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:00 AM
To: administrator@gillmass.org
Subject: Quote for John Deere 310TJ Repairs
Attachments: Quote for John Deere 310TJ (192 KB); 2011 JD Backhoe Part Request.xlsx; JD Backhoe Part Quote.png

Good morning, Ray,

I would like to bring to your attention an issue regarding our 2011 John Deere Backhoe. The machine requires two electric/hydraulic parts that control the rear hoe—specifically, multi-functional controllers. To diagnose the problem, we contracted United Construction & Forestry from West Springfield. Unfortunately, the necessary parts and repairs are quite costly.

Attached is the quote received from United Construction & Forestry detailing the cost for parts, installation, and the diagnostic visit, totaling \$10,545.44. A significant portion of the cost stems from the programming required for these electrical components, which we are unable to perform ourselves.

Additionally, I have attached a spreadsheet outlining the remaining FY25 budget, upcoming expenses, and repairs already incurred for the machine in the current fiscal year. This should provide a clearer picture of our financial situation as we consider this repair.

I kindly request to be included on the agenda for Monday night's meeting to discuss this matter further. Should you have any questions or anticipate further inquiries during the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

John

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Heather Leroux <heather.leroux@ucfne.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 4:38 PM
To: highway@gillmass.org
Cc: Anthony Jensen
Subject: Quote for John Deere 310TJ

United Construction & Forestry
1620 PAGE BLVD (RTE 20)
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104
Phone: (413) 543-5595
Fax: (413) 543-5871
info@ucfne.com

UNITED
Construction & Forestry
www.unitedequip.com



*** PROFORMA INVOICE ***

Invoice To Account No: 623621

Deliver To:

Quote Expires: 07/11/2025

SERVICE QUOTATION

TOWN OF GILL HWY DEPT - 325 MAIN ROAD GILL MA 01354 Bus Phone: (413)863-2324 Prv Phone:	TOWN OF GILL HWY DEPT - 325 MAIN ROAD GILL MA 01354 Bus Phone: (413)863-2324 Prv Phone:	Invoice Number: Invoice Date: 06/11/2025 Location: 75 Work Order Number: 1617692 Payment Type: Account Page: 1 of 1
Make/Model: 2011 JOHN DEERE 310TJ	Meter 2317	Serial Number: 1T0310TJVBD209252 EQ Id: SCEQ25452 Fleet No:

/Hydraulic Repair Retail

COMPLAINT:

quote to replace bucket and boom controllers, including diagnostic time.

CAUSE:

CORRECTION:

<u>PartNumber</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Net Price</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>	<u>Taxed I</u>
AT336644	Multi-Functional Controller	2.00	\$3,227.72	\$6,455.44	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Net Price</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>	<u>Taxed I</u>
MILEAGE	SERVICE VEHICLE MILEAGE	200.00	\$3.50	\$700.00	

Miscellaneous Charges:

Environmental Services & Supplies

\$300.00

Labor: \$3,090.00	Parts: \$6,455.44	OL&M: \$0.00	Misc: \$1,000.00	Sub-Total: \$10,545.44
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Customer PO No:
Tax Exempt No: ON FILE
Advisor: ANTHONY JENSEN

Labor:	\$3,090.00
Parts:	\$6,455.44
OL&M:	\$0.00
Misc:	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$10,545.44

This includes the labor, travel, milage, and parts needed for the fix as well as all travel, labor time, and milage from Wednesday 6/11/25 plus our standard environmental/supplies fee.

Heather Leroux | Service Writer

United C&F

Springfield, MA

Store: (413) 543-5595

www.ucfne.com



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Highway Department
Part for 2011 John Deere Backhoe Request

FY25 Highway Budget Balance as of 6/12/2025 \$ 25,462.00

Bills upcoming

Roberts Energy	383.4	gallons	\$ 3.40	gallon	\$ 1,303.56
Payroll	3 weeks				\$ 9,519.00
Tractor Supply	awaiting invoice				\$ 67.96
Verizon	3 weeks	@	\$ 20.00		\$ 60.00
New England Uniform	3 weeks	@	\$ 53.30		\$ 159.90
					<u>\$ 11,110.42</u>
United Construction & Forestry	multi-functional controller	(current part request)			<u>\$ 10,545.44</u>
				<i>Left in budget</i>	<i>\$ 564.98</i>

Expense FY25

United Construction & Forestry	switch				\$ 2,443.87
United Construction & Forestry	switch				\$ 2,173.52
United Construction & Forestry	joystick				\$ 11,103.80
United Construction & Forestry	multi-functional controller	(current part request)			<u>\$ 10,545.44</u>
	FY2025 John Deere Backhoe Expenses				<u>\$ 26,266.63</u>

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION


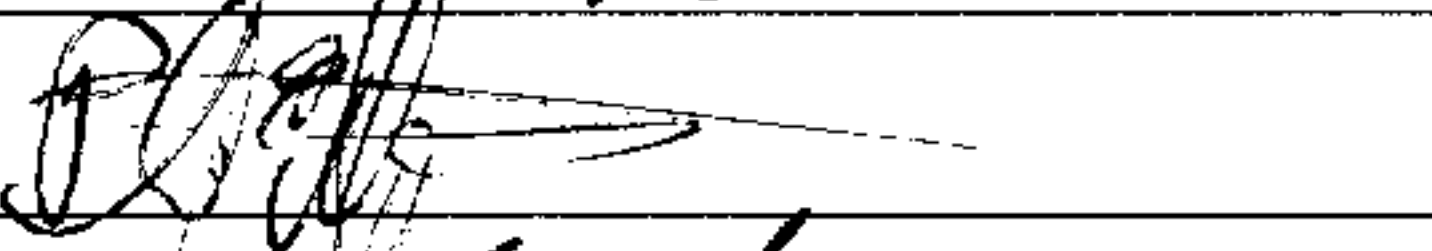

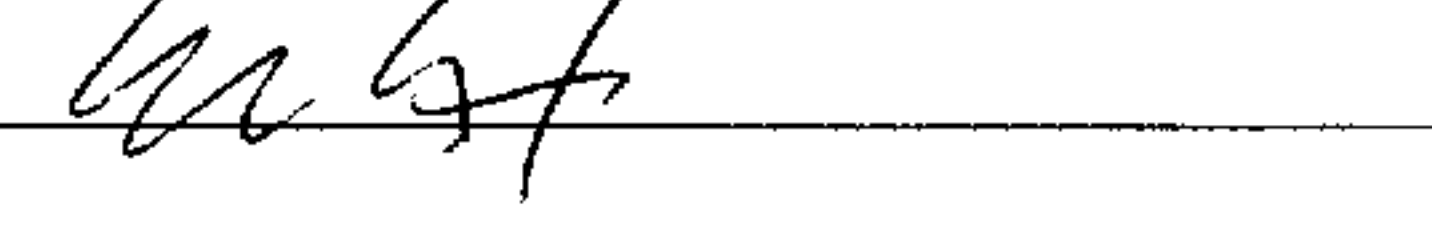
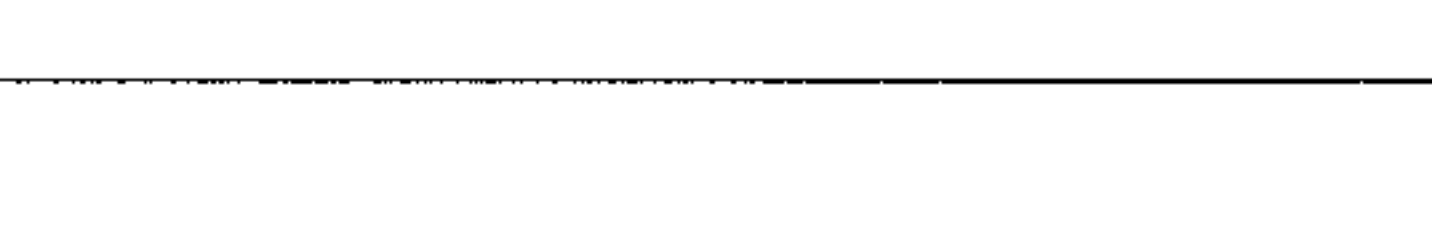
(We) the undersigned Conservation Commission of the Town of Gill (the certifier/holder) hereby certify that the proposed conservation restriction is in the public interest in that it (describe public benefit):

- Open Space. The Premises consists of 89 mostly wooded acres along the Fall River, about 60 acres of which are in Gill. It contributes to the protection of the scenic and natural character of Greenfield and Gill, and the protection of the Premises will enhance the open-space value of these and nearby lands. The Premises abuts land already conserved, including the 27-acre Giknis APR in Greenfield and an approximately 8-acre conservation parcel in Gill owned by the Connecticut River Conservancy. Upriver is another APR conservation block in Gill including the 167-acre Bascom Hollow Farm, 52-acre Remillard APR, the over 50-acre Breschenser APR. Nearby are the Blake Town Forest in Gill of 173 acres on Hoeshop Road, and the 200-acre Griswold Wildlife Reserve in and owned by the City of Greenfield.
- Soils and Soil Health. The Premises includes approximately 11.5 acres of Prime Farmland (with 1.5 ac in Greenfield and 10 ac in Gill); nearly 8 acres of Farmland of Statewide Significance in Gill; and approximately 81 acres of Prime Forest Land as identified by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The protection of the Premises will promote healthy soils and healthy soils practices as such terms are defined in Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020, which added definitions of these terms to Section 7A of Chapter 128 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- Wildlife Habitat. The portion of the Fall River flowing between the parcels shows on the MassCAPS map Index of Environmental Integrity (IEI) maps for Gill and Greenfield as important for Freshwater Wetland & Aquatic Habitat.
- Biodiversity. The Premises includes areas designated as Critical Natural Landscape, as defined by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. BioMap3, published in 2022, was designed to guide strategic biodiversity conservation in Massachusetts over the next decade by focusing land protection and stewardship on the areas that are most critical for ensuring the long-term persistence of rare and other native species and their habitats, exemplary natural communities, and a diversity of ecosystems. BioMap3 is also designed to include the habitats and species of conservation concern identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan.
- Water Quality. The Fall River bisects the Stotz property, for a stretch of approximately 5,800 feet. The family owns both sides of the river for all but 600+/- feet. It extends to within 1,700 feet of the confluence of Fall River with the Connecticut River in Turners Falls, below the dam. Including over a mile of the river, the property encompasses a substantial section of the 14-mile-long Fall River.
- Working Farmland and/or Forest Land. The protection of the Premises will ensure that the open fields and forests contained on the Premises will be permanently available for agriculture and forestry that is consistent with the Purposes.

- Consistency with Clearly Delineated Federal, State, or Local Governmental Conservation Policy. Protection of the Premises advances a governmental policy regarding conservation of natural resources as referenced in the Greenfield 2021 Open Space Plan and Gill 2011 Open Space Plan. The Fall River, particularly after the removal of the dam on this property in 2014, provides important habitat to American Shad, Sea Lamprey, Brook Trout, and hopefully/potentially Atlantic Salmon – all of which are on the list of Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the 2015 MA State Wildlife Action Plan. One of the permitted conservation purposes listed in 26 CFR 1.170A-14(d)(1), is the protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem.
- Historic and Archaeological Resources. Conservation and appropriate management of the Premises has an important public benefit by preserving historic and archeological resources within the Premises. The Premises is located in Factory Hollow, an area of industrial activity during the Civil War and in the prior century. Factory buildings burned in 1922, leaving a bell tower which remains on the residential parcel (not included in this application), with a historical marker nearby on Route 2. The Premises is part of the Riverside Archeological District, a historic archaeological site in Gill and Greenfield, Massachusetts. The area was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 as site of the Battle of Great Falls / Wissatinnewag-Peskeopmskut.
- Scenic Value. Approximately 86 acres of the property have been identified as Noteworthy on the Massachusetts Landscape Scenic Inventory and contribute to the rural and scenic character of Greenfield and Gill.

Date: October 8, 2024

Signed:

NOTES:

This certification by the conservation commission may be submitted separately from the application and filed with the submission of the executed conservation restriction, it being recognized that the applicant may want to submit the application with a draft copy of the conservation restriction for review prior to actual submission of the executed document.

Conservation restriction lands which overlap municipal boundaries must be approved and certified by the appropriate officials of both municipalities.

The commissioners' certification should state why the property is significant and why the conservation restriction is important.