



# **SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE**

**Mon., December 15, 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, 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: 3/24/25, 4/7/25, 4/22/25, 5/5/25, 5/20/25, 6/2/25, 6/16/25, 6/30/25, 8/11/25, 8/18/25, 9/8/25, 9/17/25, 10/6/25, 10/16/25, 10/20/25, 11/3/25, 11/17/25, 12/1/25
- Classification & Compensation Study conducted by Collins Center
  - Draft report, data set, recommended compensation rates, and job descriptions are still under review by Personnel Committee
  - Funding for the study (\$13,000) is through the state's Community Compact Best Practice program. The Best Practice program was not renewed for FY26 and existing projects must be closed by 12/31/25.
  - Recommend the Selectboard vote to accept the results of the study *for the purpose of closing the Community Compact project.*

## New Business

- Car Dealer License Renewals for 2026
  - 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 2026
  - Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein                      23 French King Highway LLC
  - The Gill Tavern                      The Spirit Shoppe
- Reminder – Senator Jo Comerford will attend the Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Selectboard mtg (5:30-6:00PM) to:
  - Provide legislative updates
  - Listen to Gill's priorities
  - Answer questions (Ray will send questions to the Senator in advance so she can be prepared)
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants
  - FY26 #12 – Vendors (\$37,844.91) & Payroll (\$34,118.24) – reviewed/signed on 12/1/25
  - FY26 #13 – review & sign

## Adjournment

## **Other Invitations/Meetings:**

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 12/29	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting – Sen. Jo Comerford to attend	Town Hall
Mon 1/12	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 1/26	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall

# TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*December 1, 2025*

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, Charles Garbiel    Members Absent: John Ward

Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Tim Batchelder, Kate Savage, Erin-Leigh Hoffman, Pam Lester, and Bill Tomb

Review of Minutes: No minutes were available for review.

Assistant to the Assessors – Search Update: Board of Assessors Chair Bill Tomb and member Pam Lester provided an update on the search for a new Assistant to the Board of Assessors. The position was offered to Danielle Roussel, but she declined for personal reasons. The Assessors are not recommending the position be offered to the other finalist, and instead asked to open a new search, this time for a Principal Assessor. There were no objections from the Selectboard regarding this new search, although it was suggested the posting should include the possibility that someone who has assessing experience but is not certified could apply so long as they are able to achieve certification within a reasonable amount of time.

Advertisements would be placed in local newspapers, on the town website, and the website for the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO). To help cover the advertising costs for this second search the Assessors will look for funds within their operating budget lines and Purington will see if funds are available from the Selectboard's expense budget. Tupper Brown joined the meeting at 5:45 PM; Lester left at 5:48 PM.

Feedback to Six Town Regionalization Planning Board (STRPB): The Selectboard discussed a memo from Alan Genovese, Chair of the STRPB, in which he provided an update on the Board's activities and requested feedback from the six towns' Selectboards and Administrators on two topics. One feedback topic is whether towns favor pursuing a legislative change or special legislation that would allow all towns to hold a ballot election on the proposed regional agreement(s). The current law requires Montague to hold its vote as a town-wide ballot election because it has a representative town meeting. The other five towns must vote at a town meeting. A Bernardston representative to the STRPB suggested ballot elections in all towns will feel more inclusive and a consistent approach across all towns will be perceived as fair and equal. However, the timeline may be too long for either a change to the existing law or a home rule petition from all five towns to be enacted in time for votes in the 2026 town elections. There was consensus to support changes to allow a ballot election in all towns and Snedeker will relay this to the STRPB.

The other topic for feedback was whether the towns should vote on a single 6-town regional agreement or vote on two regional agreements, one for 6 towns and one for 5 towns. There has been an indication from Warwick's Selectboard of a strong desire for their town to retain its own school district, especially given how hard the town fought to leave the Pioneer district several years ago. By having the other towns vote on 6- and 5-town regional agreements, in the event Warwick's voters turn down the 6-town agreement there would still be a chance a 5-town agreement is approved in the other five towns, and the Pioneer and Gill-Montague districts could merge as a new district. Voting on multiple regional agreements is allowed by statute. There was consensus to support voting on 6- and 5-town versions of the regional agreement and Snedeker will relay this to the STRPB.

Warrants: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2026 warrant # 12 with totals of \$37,844.91 for vendors and \$34,118.24 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator*

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John Ward, Selectboard Clerk