



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

June 1, 2026

***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

4:30 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: 2025: 3/24, 4/7, 4/22, 5/5, 5/20, 6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 8/11, 8/18, 9/8, 9/17, 10/6, 10/16, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/15, 12/29; 2026: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/21, 5/4, 5/19

New Business

- Planning Board memo re designation of Gill’s Local Government Representative as facilitator of Consolidated Local Permit process for Clean Energy Projects that apply under 225 CMR 29.00 as Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facilities
- Request from Police Chief to allow Sergeant Richardson to carry over approx. 81 hours of accrued vacation time from FY26 into FY27
- Award notice for FFY25 EMPG Grant in amount of \$2,430
- 2026 Public Gathering Permit for Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein (clam bakes, car shows, and grounds rentals
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Regional Repair Event –June 13th 11A-2P @ Colrain Elem.
- Warrants
 FY26 #24 – Vendors (\$88,294.54) & Payroll (\$33,728.84) – reviewed/signed on 5/19
 FY26 #25 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 6/8	7:00 PM	Annual Town Meeting (Part 2)	Town Hall
Mon 6/15	10A-6P	Prop 2-1/2 Override Ballot Election	Town Hall
Tue 6/16	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 6/29	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall

TOWN OF GILL

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



MEMORANDUM OF THE PLANNING BOARD

TO: Gill Selectboard

FROM: Mark Beaudry, Chair - Gill Planning Board

RE: Proposed Local Government Representative

DATE: May 27, 2026

Pursuant to the regulations 225 CMR 29.00 - Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting being promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the Town is required to designate a Local Government Representative (LGR) who is defined as a “decision-making entity within Local Government”.

More simply, this person is the facilitator of the Consolidated Local Permit process for clean energy projects that may be proposed within the Town. The Town must have an LGR in place before the process comes into full effect; which could be any time between July 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026 at the Town’s discretion.

At the joint meeting on May 16, 2026 between the Planning Board and the Energy Commission, it was decided that Nona LaGrenade, presently the Town’s Administrative Clerk and the Planning Board’s Clerical Assistant, should be the Town’s Local Government Representative on an interim basis.

It is the opinion of the Board and the Commission that Ms. LaGrenade is well qualified for this role and can remain in this position until the Town gains familiarity with this process and a longer-term LGR is designated; with the LGR potentially being multiple people according to the regulations.

We hereby respectfully request of the Selectboard that Ms. LaGrenade be formally appointed to this position at its’ meeting on June 1, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



Mass. Clean Energy Permitting Changes are Coming:

First Steps for Municipalities to Prepare

Background

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has finalized its regulations for clean energy permitting changes, 225 CMR 29.00. Associated guidelines with further details will be finalized this spring. The regulations go into effect on July 1, 2026.

At the core of the changes is the requirement that municipalities accept Consolidated Local Permit Applications. This means the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, or other boards/commissions must complete their review and issue their relevant permits within 12 months of the municipality receiving a complete application. All local decisions will be included in a final “consolidated” permit from the municipality. A project must receive approval from all relevant permitting authorities to move forward. If any permitting authority fails to make a decision within 12 months, projects will be constructively approved.

How To Prepare Now

Here are three tangible ways that municipalities can prepare now for the upcoming changes. Making these decisions sooner than later will help avoid municipalities getting caught flatfooted when an application for a clean energy facility is submitted (which will mean losing time given the 12- month review period).

1. Vote when your municipality will begin to accept Consolidated Applications

The DOER regulations provide for a concurrency period, meaning municipalities have a span of time during which to begin to accept consolidated permit applications. Municipalities may choose to accept consolidated applications starting July 1, 2026 and they must accept them by Oct. 1, 2026. According to the regulations, the municipality’s chief administrative body makes this determination. A possible motion might be: *“Pursuant to 225 CMR 29.00 the town (city) of XXXX shall begin accepting Consolidated Local Permit Applications for applicable Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facilities as of [Date between July 1 and October 1, 2026].”*

Once made, DOER requires this decision to be publicized but it is up to the municipality to determine how. This could be done in the manner the municipality usually makes other public postings or announcements; it could be as simple as putting it on the website.

2. Determine your Local Government Representative

The new consolidated process will require a single point of contact for the municipality, the Local Government Representative (LGR). This is the person with whom the applicant will engage and who will receive the application. The LGR will be the person who distributes materials to the various committees/boards and ensures that review process is timely, and that decisions get made before the 12-month constructive approval deadline. The LGR is the municipality's hub - making sure the trains run on time.

By default, the chief administrative officer is the LGR. Currently, this body (such as a Select Board) has no role in zoning or permitting so the chief administrative body may identify somebody within municipal government to serve as the LGR. What the workload will be for the LGR is not currently known given new procedures required by DOER. What is known is that the LGR will need to coordinate with the applicant during the pre-filing phase (before an official submission is made), ensure all boards and committees complete their work on time, and handle assigning mitigation based on project impacts. Notably, depending on who is identified, this may involve budgetary decisions for the municipality, so acting before the start of FY27 is likely prudent.

3. Be ready to consider bylaw or ordinance changes

DOER has indicated that municipalities may not need to change their bylaws, ordinances or regulations to comply with the new regulations. If, however, municipalities decide to make changes, in light of the upcoming solar and energy storage model bylaws or for other reasons, the timing necessary for approval of bylaws, ordinances or regulations should be considered.

Since the DOER regulations go into effect on July 1 and municipalities will be required to accept consolidated applications by Oct. 1, this timing is of particular importance for municipalities that use Town Meeting. By the time the full set of DOER regulations, guidelines and model bylaws are publicly available, Town Meeting season (spring 2026) will likely well underway, meaning that any subsequent changes prior to Oct. 1 will likely require a Special Town Meeting in the fall. While this is not 100% verified yet, it should be considered and municipalities should ready themselves accordingly.

Need Help?

DOER has created a regionally-based team with four regional coordinators covering the Northeast, Southeast, Central and Western regions of the state. Regional coordinators will be available for technical assistance to municipalities. Information about regional coordinators can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/contact-siting-permitting-regional-coordinators>

The final DOER regulations, 225 CMR 29.00 can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/225-cmr-2900-clean-updated-1-14-26/download>

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;
Ray Purington – Town Administrator

FROM: Chief Christopher J. Redmond

DATE: May 28th, 2026

RE : Vacation Carry Over Request

Honorable Selectboard,

I am requesting an exemption from the Town's current vacation time carry-over policy for Fiscal Year 2026. Due to staffing shortages and ongoing challenges filling shifts with part-time personnel, I ask that Sgt. Richardson be permitted to carry over approximately 80 hours of accrued vacation time into Fiscal Year 2027, in excess of the standard two-week limit.

Sgt. Richardson has consistently volunteered to work open shifts and adjusted his hours as needed to maintain coverage for the town. These efforts have prevented him from using his accrued vacation time.

I appreciate the Board's consideration of this request and remain available to provide any additional information that may be helpful.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CJR", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher J. Redmond
Chief of Police

**Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
FFY 2025 EMPG Subgrant Application**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

TOWN/CITY/TRIBE:	Town of Gill	UEI #	H63BCXDRM7R8
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*UEI #s must match legal name and address of entity. MEMA will not accept individual Department UEI #s.

*Applicants UEI # must match the community/tribe W-9 on file with MEMA.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

NAME:	Gene Beaubien		
TITLE(S) (list all):	Emergency Management Director		
EMAIL:	emd@gillmass.org	PHONE:	4136261237

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT (if different than the EMD listed above)

NAME:			
TITLE:			
EMAIL:		PHONE:	

STATEMENT OF WORK

Description of project (who, what, when, where, why and how)
<p>With this grant funding the Town of Gill will continue to improve its ability to respond to both man-made and natural disasters in the Town. We have identified gaps while doing exercises and real world experiences and hope to fill these gaps with this grant. The town of Gill would like to use EMPG to cover six (6) months (January 2027 - June 2027) of Code Red coverage for emergency notifications to the town.</p> <p>We'd like to also purchase a laptop for the EMD to be able to use anywhere during emergencies, where the EOC may not be open but webEOC and other agencies need to be accessed.</p> <p>We would also like to purchase a printer/scanner to keep in the EOC to help with recording actions, handouts on decisions during events, and archiving purposes.</p>

Will anything be installed? (yes / no)	no
Are you purchasing any communication equipment? (yes / no)	no
Are you purchasing a sUAS (drone) or sUAS accessories? (yes / no) <i>*DJI drones are not allowable</i>	no
Are you purchasing sonar equipment? (yes / no)	no

BUDGET – REGIONAL PROJECT

Is this a Regional Project (<i>yes or no</i>)			no
If YES, list all communities below			
Town/City/Tribe Name	Award Amount	Town/City/Tribe Name	Award Amount

**Regional projects must also include email from each town/city’s EMD stating they are passing their funds*

BUDGET - PROJECT COSTS List Expenditures (reimbursement)		AEL (<i>if known</i>)	Portable or Installed	Estimated Total Costs
1	Code Red subscription		portable	\$ 750.00
2	Laptop		portable	\$ 800.00
3	Printer/Scanner		portable	\$ 500.00
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
TOTAL				\$ 2,050.00

BUDGET - MATCH*required

Match must be equal to your award amount and be eligible under EMPG. Describe Your Match (<i>R911, CAD, Code Red, EM salary/stipend, EM volunteer hours, etc.</i>)		Amount
1	EMD Stipend	\$ 4,400.00
2		
3		
4		
5		
TOTAL		\$ 4,400.00

In accordance with the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties comprehensive compliance program and as a condition of DHS approval and extension of federal financial assistance, MEMA provides assurance and commits to compliance with federal laws and DHS Regulations including those prohibiting discrimination. To ensure nondiscrimination in DHS assisted programs and activities pursuant to civil rights laws subrecipient are required to provide the following information:

Does your community have a written Nondiscrimination Policy and Complaint Process (Yes or No)	Yes
Provide the physical address of the location where your community has posted the Homeland Security Policy and Notice of Nondiscrimination	
325 Main Road, Gill, 01354	

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

1) Name of Applicant/s Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein
Address 55 Barton Cove Road Phone 413-863-2686 / 413-834-1251

2) Name of Sponsoring Organization Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein
Address 55 Barton Cove Road Phone #413-863-2686 / 413-834-1251

3) Purpose of Gathering Various Grounds Rentals / Clam Bakes / Car Shows

4) Date/s of Gathering Clam Bakes-5/17/2026 and 9/20/2026. Car Shows 5/21, 6/18, 7/18, 8/20, 9/17

5) Location of Gathering Club Grounds

6) Gathering Start Time Clam Bakes noon / Car Shows 4pm Ends 8pm

7) Is entertainment provided? Yes () No (X) If yes, describe in detail the entertainment and equipment to be used:

8) Number of people expected: Clam Bakes 700 Car Shows 300 Are tickets being sold? Yes (X) No () Clam Bakes Yes Car Shows No
If Yes, where are they being sold? Clam Bakes-Tickets are sold by members of the club
How many have been printed? 650

9) Describe sanitary facilities to be used Club exterior bathrooms and one handicapped portable unit

10) Is food to be provided or sold? Yes (X) No () If Yes, described the food and kitchen facilities to be used to provide safe and sanitary storage and preparation of all foods: Clubs Commercial Kitchen

11) Describe all buildings, tents or other structures to be used, including whether the buildings, etc. are fire resistant, number of exits and seating capacity: 2 Rental Tents

12) Describe proposed parking site Vehicles are parked on Club Owned 3 Acre Site

How many vehicles can be parked safely? 300 What precautions will be taken to ensure vehicles park only in designated locations? Vehicles are directed by members

Will there be any off road parking? Yes () No (X)

What are the main points of access to and from the site: Route 2 to Barton Cove Road leading to clubs grounds

13) Who will provide crowd control and security coverage: _____

Membership / Police Detail if crowd is larger than the Town By-Law Limit or required by Police Chief

14) Are alcoholic beverages to be sold or furnished Yes (X) No () If Yes, Describe _____

Alcoholic beverages supplied via seasonal all-alcohol liquor license issued annually by the Town

15) Other information needed to completely describe the proposed activity and its effect on the public's health, safety and welfare: _____

The undersigned hereby applies to the Selectboard of the Town of Gill, 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354 for a Public Gathering Permit pursuant to the provisions of the Town bylaw as follows:

PUBLIC GATHERING

Passed October 24, 1978
Amendment Passed May 12, 1979
Amendment passed November 6, 1989
Amendment passed April 10, 1990
Amendment passed June 7, 2004

No individual, group of people, or corporation shall conduct or participate in any gathering of more than three hundred people unless a permit for such gathering has been obtained from the Board of Selectmen. A written application for a permit shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed gathering on a form provided by the Selectmen. Payment of Thirty-Dollars (\$30.00) shall accompany the application.

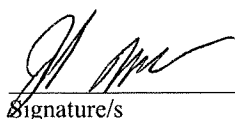
The Selectmen may send a copy of the application to the Board of Health, Highway Superintendent, Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector for their review and comment. The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on the application within 21 days of the receipt thereof and shall grant the permit unless it determines that the proposed gathering would threaten the public health, safety or welfare.

The Selectmen shall given written reasons for any permit application that is denied by them and shall have the right to revoke any permit if the applicant does not abide with the conditions attached to it or if the application failed to completely and accurately describe the proposed activity and its effect on the public health, safety, and welfare. Whoever violates any provisions of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of \$200.00 for each offense. Each day that an individual, group of people, or corporation violates this bylaw shall constitute a separate offense.

The Select Board shall have the authority to issue a permit to an applicant which authorized the applicant to conduct a limited or unlimited number of gatherings during a period up to but not to exceed twelve (12) months in duration.

Approved by Attorney General January 12, 1979
Amendment approved by Attorney General July 3, 1979
Amendment approved by Attorney General February 6, 1989
Amendment approved by Attorney General June 8, 1990
Amendments approved by Attorney General July 19, 2004

By signing this application, the applicant states that the information supplied is true and complete and accurately described the proposed activity.


Signature/s

John Miner
Print name

5/14/2026
Date

413-834-1251
Telephone #

johnpminer@comcast.net
Email address



m e m o r a n d u m

To: Building Inspector, Board of Health, Police Department, and Fire Department

From: Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Date: May 19, 2026

Re: Public Hearing on Gathering Permit Application – Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein

The attached application requires your review per Town bylaw. Please indicate conditions that may be applicable, endorse and return to me before the Selectboard's public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026.

BOARD OF HEALTH Reviewed by Jeffrey Blomstedt Date: 5/19/26

Are there any licenses or permits required to be issued by you for this gathering. () Yes () No

Have any licenses or permits been applied for and issued? () Yes () No

Are sanitary facilities adequate? () Yes () No

Recommendations/comments: _____

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Reviewed by _____ Date: _____

Recommendations/comments: _____

POLICE DEPARTMENT Reviewed by [Signature] Date: 5-20-26

Is parking adequate? () Yes () No

Crowd Control () Yes () No

Security () Yes () No

Recommendations/comments: Per past practice (a police detail for crowds over 300 people), except the monthly car show shall have a detail officer as may be required by the Police Chief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Reviewed by _____ Date: _____

Is fire protection adequate () Yes () No

Recommendations/comments: All fire lanes must be kept open at all times for access by fire & medical services; Maintain egress pathways and emergency lighting if required

BUILDING INSPECTOR Reviewed by Signed copy on file Date: 5/28/26

Do the proposed structures, enclosures, etc. comply with applicable building code? () Yes () No

Recommendations/comments: _____

TOWN OF GILL

The Board of Selectmen, Town of Gill, received an application for a Public Gathering Permit from Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein on May 14, 2026.

A public hearing is scheduled to be held on June 1, 2026, at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall

A copy of this application has been submitted to the following departments for review and comment:

			<i>Returned (X)</i>
Health	(X)	Fire	(X)
Highway	()	Inspection	(X)
Police	(X)		

As a result of a Public Hearing and comments received, this application is hereby:

Approved	()
Denied	()

Subject to the following:

- Event calendar should be shared with Board of Health and health agents
- All fire lanes must be kept open at all times for access by fire & medical services
- Per past practice (a police detail for crowds over 300 people), except the monthly car show shall have a detail officer as may be required by the Police Chief
- Maintain egress pathways and emergency lighting if required

Date: June 1, 2026

Gill Selectboard
