

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MAY 4, 2009

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Gill Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the Fourth day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Nine (5/4/2009) at 7:00 p.m. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To hear and act upon the Annual Report of the Officers of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2: To elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork for the Fiscal Year 2010 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for which revenues will be deposited into the funds and expended to pay related costs under the direction of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to the amounts listed below, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto:

Dept. Authorized to Spend	Types of Receipts Credited	Amount of Funds Authorized
Fire Dept.	Oil Burner Inspection Fund	\$2,000.00
Town Clerk	Dog Fund	2,000.00
Cemetery Commission	Opening Fees	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	Consultant Fees	10,000.00

Article 5: To hear and act upon a report presented by the Commission for Education in Gill, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to request the Selectboard form a committee to study and recommend for consideration possible changes to the Gill Montague Regional School District Agreement (Agreement between the Towns of Montague and Gill with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to form a Regional School District Planning Committee pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 §14 to study the fiscal and educational advisability of joining the Pioneer Valley Regional School District or adding any towns to the Gill Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to request that the Gill Montague Regional School Committee draw up amendments to the Gill Montague Regional School District Agreement (Agreement between the Towns of Montague and Gill with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District) setting forth the terms of Gill's withdrawal from the Gill Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 16.D.17 of the Town of Gill Zoning Bylaws by adding the following language to the existing paragraph:

However, a Building Permit, but not a Special Permit or amendment, is required for any modifications to electronic components affixed to a previously approved and erected Wireless Communications Tower, provided the modifications do not substantially change the height, footprint or silhouette of the Tower as originally permitted. For the purposes of this Bylaw, electronic components shall include reception and transmission equipment and fixtures such as antennas, communication dishes, and similar devices.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to change the definition of "Restaurant" in Section 17 of the Town of Gill Zoning Bylaws to read "Restaurant: An establishment at which the principal activity is the preparation and retail sale of food or beverage." And further to remove the words "or coffee shops" from Items 7d and 7e in Section 2C, Table Use of Regulations, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 23A to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town administrator, who may be appointed by the Selectboard for a term of one or three years and be removed by the Selectboard at its discretion, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 22F to allow any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to declare property located at 54 French King Highway, Map 101, Lot 14 on the Assessors' maps, known as the "Riverside Municipal Property", surplus, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to declare property located on Center Road, Map 212, Lot 30 on the Assessors' maps, known as the "Boyle Property", surplus, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the levy limit may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 ½," or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2010, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for its assessed share of the Gill-Montague Regional School District Budget, all or some of which may be contingent upon an override ballot question, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Use Fees to Riverside Sewer System to offset Fiscal Year 2010 sewer expenses including the Tax Collector's salary as related to collecting sewer fees, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to transfer from the Quintus Allen Fund the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$434.00) for use at the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to create a "Building Maintenance and Repair Account," or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to create a Cops Hiring Recovery Program Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to accept the terms of the United States Department of Justice Cops Hiring Recovery Grant to hire an additional full-time police officer and, if granted, to transfer funds equivalent to one-quarter of the expected fourth year salary and benefits cost of that officer from the police department budget into the Cops Hiring Recovery Program Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Building Inspector Assessment Stabilization Fund to support general operating expenses of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) to hire a consultant to conduct an "Other Post Employment Benefits" survey in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 45, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum of money to add to the Board of Assessors' Revaluation Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) to hire a consultant to conduct an independent financial audit, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds Twenty Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) to make a loan payment on the Mariamante parcel, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town of Gill will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the stabilization fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29: To see if the Town of Gill will vote transfer a sum of money from unappropriated funds to be used to stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2010, or take any action relative thereto.

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And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Store & Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this Twenty Third day of April in the year Two Thousand Nine (4/23/2009).

Selectboard of Gill

_____, Chair

_____, Board member

_____, Board member

A true copy Attest:

_____, Town Clerk

Date: _____

Individuals who may need auxiliary aids for effective communication for this meeting should call the Gill Town Hall at (413) 863-9347 or MA Relay System at (800) 439-2370.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; Gill Store & Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

_____ Constable of Gill

Date: _____