

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: JUNE 17, 2019

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 Seventeenth day of June, in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen (6/17/2019) at 6:00 PM 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 vote to accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork for the Fiscal Year 2020 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, 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 accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2020, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a ten (10) year contract commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Selectboard's determination the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting's approval in the Spring of 2020 of funding for these services, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F $\frac{3}{4}$, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access (Public, Educational, and Governmental access) services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, with the fund to begin operation for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Accountant transfer any balance as of June 30, 2019 from the existing PEG Access Fund, Account # 271, to the new PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for PEG Access operations and other municipal cable-related expenses for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, for which revenues will be deposited into the funds and expended to pay related costs under the authorization of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to the amounts listed below, with all unspent money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto:

Dept. Spend	Authorized to	Types of Receipts Credited	Program/Purpose for which Funds may be Expended	Maximum Annual Expenditures
Fire Dept.		Oil Burner Inspection Fees	Inspector & Etc.	\$2,000.00
Town Clerk, Animal Control Officer		Dog Fees & Fines	Licenses, Regional Animal Control Services, Dog Care & Control, & Etc.	8,000.00
Cemetery Commission		Opening Fees	Cemeteries & Caretaking	2,000.00
Conservation Commission		Consultant Fees	Project Review	10,000.00
Agricultural Commission		Farmers' Market & Ag Event Fees	Ag Programs	500.00
Energy Commission		Workshop and Program Fees	Energy Programs	1,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals		ZBA Fees	Hearings & Expenses	2,000.00
Board of Health, Town Administrator		Recycling Program Revenue	Solid waste & recycling programs, Solid Waste District membership, recycled-content office products	5,000.00

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the several officers of the Town as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Constable(s) – Each Posting	\$20.40
Moderator – Annual Town Meeting	\$144.00
Special Town Meeting, Each	\$25.50
Selectboard Chair	\$2,633.00
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$2,393.00
Board of Assessors Chair	\$3,197.00
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$2,906.00
Board of Health Chair	\$1,442.00
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$1,320.00
Town Clerk	\$21,631.00
Tax Collector	\$24,360.00
Additional As Sewer Fee Collector	\$684.00
Treasurer	\$21,966.00
Registrars – Three members, Each	\$61.20
Town Clerk, as Chair	\$98.00

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Town employees and elected officials, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town (the “Omnibus budget”), and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$1,642,995.00 (ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to provide \$1,634,027.00 for its Fiscal Year 2020 operating assessment and \$8,968.00 for its Fiscal Year 2020 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$4,656.00 (FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to purchase and equip a truck for the Gill-Montague Regional School District Facilities Management Department, including any and all incidental and related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$5,330.00 (FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to replace sidewalks and curbing at the Turners Falls High School, including any and all incidental and related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2019 Snow & Ice Removal Expense Account, and further raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to add to the account to upgrade the electrical service, panels and subpanels at the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds \$4,000.00 (FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the FirstLight Appraisal Account to be used toward the costs associated with a 5-year appraisal of the real and personal property in the Town of Gill owned by FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds \$3,000.00 (THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the Board of Assessors Revaluation Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the Town Audit Account to be used toward a portion of the cost to conduct an independent financial audit of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2019 Town Building Repairs & Maintenance Account, and further raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to add to the account to install a new roof at the Riverside Municipal Building, including any and all incidental and related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to paint the walls and ceiling and install new carpet flooring in the two classrooms, and replace the concrete steps at the west entrance of the Riverside Municipal Building, including any and all incidental and related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department SCBA (“Air packs”) Stabilization Fund, and vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for one or more of the Stabilization Funds of the Town (Capital, Education, Energy, or General), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money or sums of money from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) or other available funds to be used to reduce the tax rate and stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any action relative thereto.

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 5th day of June in the year Two Thousand Nineteen (6/5/2019).

Selectboard of Gill

John R. Ward, Chair

Randy P. Crochier, Board member

Gregory M. Snedeker, 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 Telecommunications Relay Service at 711, or MassRelay at (800) 439-2370 for TTY devices.

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: _____