

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2009

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present

Nancy Griswold and Leland Stevens, Selectboard members.

Absent

Ann Banash, Selectboard member and Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.

Payroll and Bill Warrants

The Board approved payroll and bill warrant number 17.

Sewer Abatement Process

Water Commissioner Jeff Suprenant joined the meeting to discuss the process for filing for sewer abatements if a user fills a pool or spa. When regulations were changed last spring, the sewer commissioners agreed to allow unlimited abatements for filling pools and spas as long as a meter reading was taken before and after filling and as long as the water commissioners removed the charge from the water bill before the tax collector processed the sewer bills. Jeff explained that, since the water commissioners use a software company to process the water bills, there's no way to remove the sewer charges related to filling pools/spas without also removing it from the water bills. The Board agreed to treat abatements for pools/spas the same way as other abatements, which is that users must file an abatement request with the sewer commission once they received their quarterly sewer bill. Jeff left the meeting.

Junior Firefighter Appointments

The Board decided to take the recommended appointments of Luke Ketchum, Alden Winn, and Paul Sweeney, Jr. under advisement until it can meet with the chief.

Tracy and Ann joined the meeting.

Tracy will invite the chief to the next board meeting.

Review Minutes

The Board unanimously approved minutes as written from its February 2 and 9 meetings.

Executive Session Minutes

Lee made a motion to release minutes from the executive session minutes of July 7, 2008. Ann seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Search Committee

Ann volunteered to join the search committee.

Tighe & Bond Contract

Lee made a motion to enter into a contract with Tighe & Bond of Southamptton, MA to provide conceptual design and market study services with regard to the Mariamante parcel and the Chapter 43D grant. Ann seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

DOR Approval

Tracy presented a letter from the Dept. of Revenue approving deficit spending not to exceed \$10,000 for costs related to the December 2008 ice storm.

Highway Dept.

Tracy reported that the Fire Department had agreed to cut another \$5,000 out of its FY09 budget. Given that information, what final figure should she tell the Highway Dept. should use as its cut—the full \$10,000, which includes catch basin cleaning and gravel purchases, or only \$3,000 for catch basin cleaning alone? The Board suggested asking the Highway Dept. to spend a little on gravel as possible, but not insisting that it cut the entire \$7,000 in gravel costs.

Lee stated that the Highway Dept. was requesting a return to a four-day workweek beginning March 5, rather than the original mid-March date agreed upon. The department is finding it difficult to get necessary work done by 2:00 p.m. The Board agreed to allow the change on March 5.

Nancy raised the issue of the Town Hall being closed on Fridays. Repeated requests to use the building for meetings on Fridays have been made as well as committee members calling staff at home on Fridays. The Board asked Tracy to send a reminder out to all committee members that the Town Hall is closed on Fridays; there shall be no business conducted in the building on Fridays and town employees are not to be contacted at home on their days off.

FY2010 Heating Oil Lock-In

Tracy presented an agreement from Dennis K. Burke, Inc. to lock in heating oil prices for FY2010 at \$1.8181 per gallon for 7,200 gallons. Ann made a motion to accept the agreement. Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Complaint about Gill Store & Tavern

Tracy presented a letter from Jim Tomasi, 323 Main Road, Gill lodging a complaint against the Gill Store & Tavern for having live entertainment without an entertainment license. Tracy reported that store owner Alden Booth stated last week that he intended to

contact the ZBA soon and revisit his special permit. The Board asked Tracy to send a letter to Alden stating that he should not hold any entertainment on site until he obtains the proper permission from the ZBA and to send a copy to Mr. Tomasi.

Sewer Liens

Tracy presented a memo from the collector-treasurer to the Board of Sewer Commissioners to request that the Board of Assessors place several overdue sewer bill charges as sewer liens on the FY09 real estate tax bills. The Board agreed unanimously to make the request.

ABCC Annual Report

Tracy presented the annual report to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for the Board to approve. The report states that there were no violations during the 2008 calendar year. The Board approved the report and Nancy signed it.

Purchase Order

Tracy presented one purchase order for \$147.98 to purchase a new printer for the Highway Dept. using IT Committee funds. The Board unanimously approved it.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.

Ann H. Banash, Selectboard Clerk