

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2012

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Present: Ann Banash, Randy Crochier, and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant; David Detmold and Rick James.

Approval of Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of 7/2, 7/30, and 8/13. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PSC Boiler: Lockable thermostat covers were installed last week, as one of the punch list items for that project.

Siemens Project: After further discussion with Beth Greenblatt, it now appears that the performance period will run from July 1 to June 30, just like the fiscal year. The timing of the energy savings credit from the GMRSD to the Town still needs to be determined. It was also noted that there is \$2,158 in bond interest that was omitted in the FY13 budget. \$2,060 of that can be covered by the money allocated for the payment to Siemens that won't be needed until FY14. The other \$98 will need to be appropriated in October at the Special Town Meeting.

Masonry Repairs at Gill Elementary: Ray was unable to get this work scheduled prior to the start of school. The new plan is to try to get the outdoor repairs done while school is in session, and schedule the indoor work for an early release day or in-service day.

Riverside Municipal Building: A new electric, on-demand water heater was installed last week, and the inoperable water fountain was removed as well. Repairs to the bathroom sink will happen this week.

Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Study: The Board reviewed a detailed analysis of sewer system income and expenses that Ray prepared. It shows that water usage, which is the basis for sewer bills, has been trending down since 2005, while sewer output has an upward trend (largely due to the last 12-15 months). The break-even point, where sewage disposal expenses began to exceed revenue from sewer customers, was crossed in April 2011. Including fixed costs (electricity, telephone, labor, mileage, etc), costs have likely exceeded revenue for at least a year or two before that. Ray noted that he had spoken to Sandra Shields, DPW Director for Greenfield, and learned that Gill's ratio of gallons of sewage pumped to Montague to gallons of water purchased by the Riverside Water District isn't out of line for the New England Region. She also suggested that the Town look first at naturally wet areas as sources for infiltration.

An analysis of the past four years of actual expenses for the Sewer budget showed that the FY13 budget of \$79,042 is a reasonable figure. Sewage disposal costs were conservatively budgeted based on the peak during FY11 and FY12, which are believed to have been an aberration due to a failed air release valve in the pipeline between Gill's pump station and Montague's sub-station. The valve was replaced in February 2012, and the pump readings seem to be heading back toward 2010 levels. If the trend continues there will be funds available within the FY13 budget to begin work on the I&I study.

The current sewer rate is \$0.085/cubic foot, and hasn't been changed since at least 2005. Based on current levels of water use, approximately \$50,000 of revenue can be expected annually from sewer users. Compared against an operating budget of \$79,042 (which includes only a minimal amount for repair & maintenance, and no accumulation of savings toward long-term projects), it is clear why the balance in the Sewer Fund has been dropping steadily since FY09. Without a rate increase soon, the Sewer Fund will be depleted at the end of FY14.

To produce enough revenue to meet a \$79,042 budget, the sewer rate needs to increase to \$0.135/cubic foot. While the Board recognized the need for the long-overdue increase, the size of the increase was alarming. The discussion

produced a suggestion of a two-step increase: a 3-cent increase initially this December and the likelihood of another increase next year. The Board decided that an information session for sewer customers is needed ahead of any rate increase. The information session will be October 2nd at 6:30pm. A notice of the meeting will be included in the sewer bills that are mailed out in September.

Claire Chang joined the meeting at 5:20pm.

Resignation: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to accept with regret the resignation of Joanne Flagg from the Conservation Commission effective October 15, 2012. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

Appointment: Acting on a recommendation from the Board of Engineers, Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to appoint Kyle Kendall as a Fire Fighter through 6/30/13. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FRCOG Accounting Program & Software Agreements: Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to authorize John to sign the agreements with the FRCOG for the Accounting Program and the Accounting Software. The vote was 2 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention (Ann).

Janet Masucci joined the meeting at 5:35pm.

Bridge Projects: The Board reviewed a draft of a letter to Al Stegemann, District 2 Director for Mass DOT/Highway. The letter, which was requested by Mr. Stegemann on 8/24, asks him to seek approval of expedited completion of the renovation projects on the Gill-Turners Falls Bridge and the Falls River Bridge. The request for expedited completion was a suggestion that came out of a recent meeting between Gill businesses, Mass Highway, and Representative Denise Andrews. No Gill officials were invited to the meeting. Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to sign the letter as presented. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Selectman's Association Meeting: All members of the Board indicated they will attend the 9/20 meeting of the Franklin County Selectmen's Association. The topic is the return of passenger train service to Franklin County.

Vacation Time/Comp Time: Will be discussed on September 5th at 5:15pm.

Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Fund: Will be discussed on September 5th at 5:15pm.

Green Communities Grant Application: Claire Chang and Janet Masucci, members of the Energy Commission, reviewed a list of potential projects for the \$139,900 Green Community grant Gill was awarded. Energy saving projects at the Town Hall, Riverside Building, and Library will account for most of the money, but the specific work and dollar amounts are not known. The grant requires that any building efficiency work needs to be documented by an "ASHRAE Level II Audit." The Energy Commission proposed using approximately \$9-10,000 of the grant money to pay for an audit of those three buildings. The amount is based on a quote from Gill resident Bart Bales, who is a P.E. and does energy consulting, including building audits. Other potential projects include: bicycle racks for all the town-owned buildings (\$3,000 for 5 racks, each holds 7 bicycles); anti-idling devices (\$150 each, at least 3, one for each cruiser); energy awareness campaign (\$1,000); workshops (\$0-\$1,200 depending on the topic); and money to cover the incremental cost between a conventional police cruiser and a hybrid vehicle outfitted as a cruiser. At this time it is expected the "phase 1" application (due 9/21) will be for the audit, bicycle racks, and energy campaign.

6:10pm Janet Masucci left the meeting. Fire Chief Gene Beaubien and Engineers Ken Sears and Greg Parody joined the meeting. Ronnie LaChance joined the meeting.

Fire Department FY13 Budget: The Fire Chief and other members of the Fire Department met with the Selectboard and discussed amounts for a needs-based budget for FY13. It was noted that the current FY13 budget generally doesn't provide for an ongoing replacement program for critical equipment like turnout gears, air bottles, and hose. The annual cost for those items based on the recommended replacement schedule is \$12-13,000. Because \$5,000 has been authorized from the NMH Donation account for hose replacement, only \$8,000 is needed in FY13's budget for equipment replacement. However, the NMH amount needs to be shown on the budget spreadsheets for FY14.

It was noted that the Department's expenses on diesel fuel have more than doubled since FY10; the Department is now tracking that closer with vehicle logs. One possible cause for the increase is that the "new" brush truck is diesel, while the old one ran on gasoline. Engine 3 and the Rescue Van are the two gasoline vehicles, and Engines 1 & 2 and the brush truck are diesel.

The Fire Department has estimates totaling \$4,320 for bodywork on several vehicles. Other proposed amounts are as listed on the budget comparison handout from the meeting.

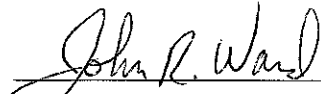
The Fire Chief also presented a letter from Tracy Miner regarding a recent false alarm at Stoughton Place. It is assumed that the Housing Authority and their fire alarm vendor are addressing the issue.

6:45pm Gene Beaubien, Ken Sears, Greg Parody, Ronnie LaChance, David Detmold, and Rick James left the meeting.

Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY 2013 warrant #5.

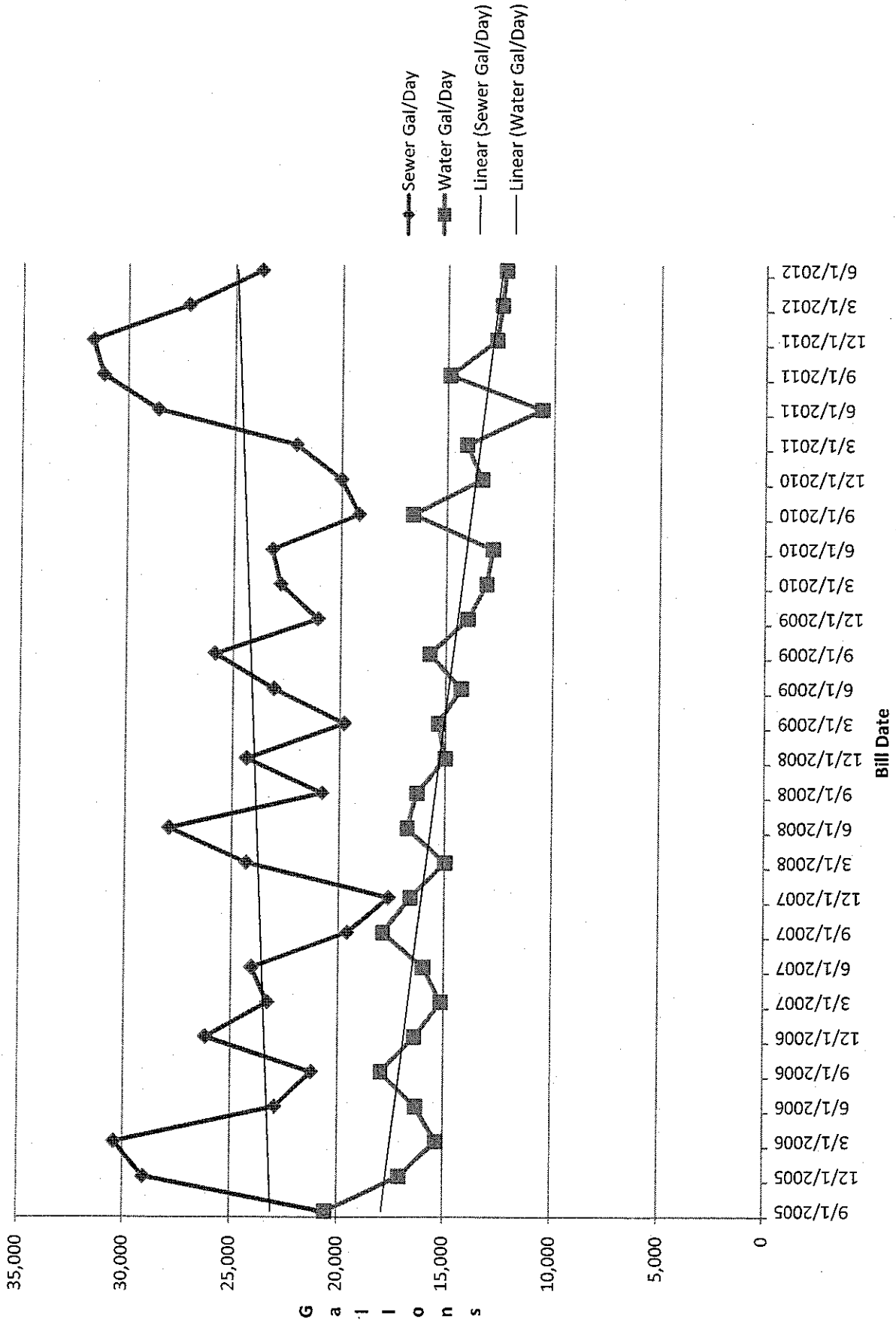
Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

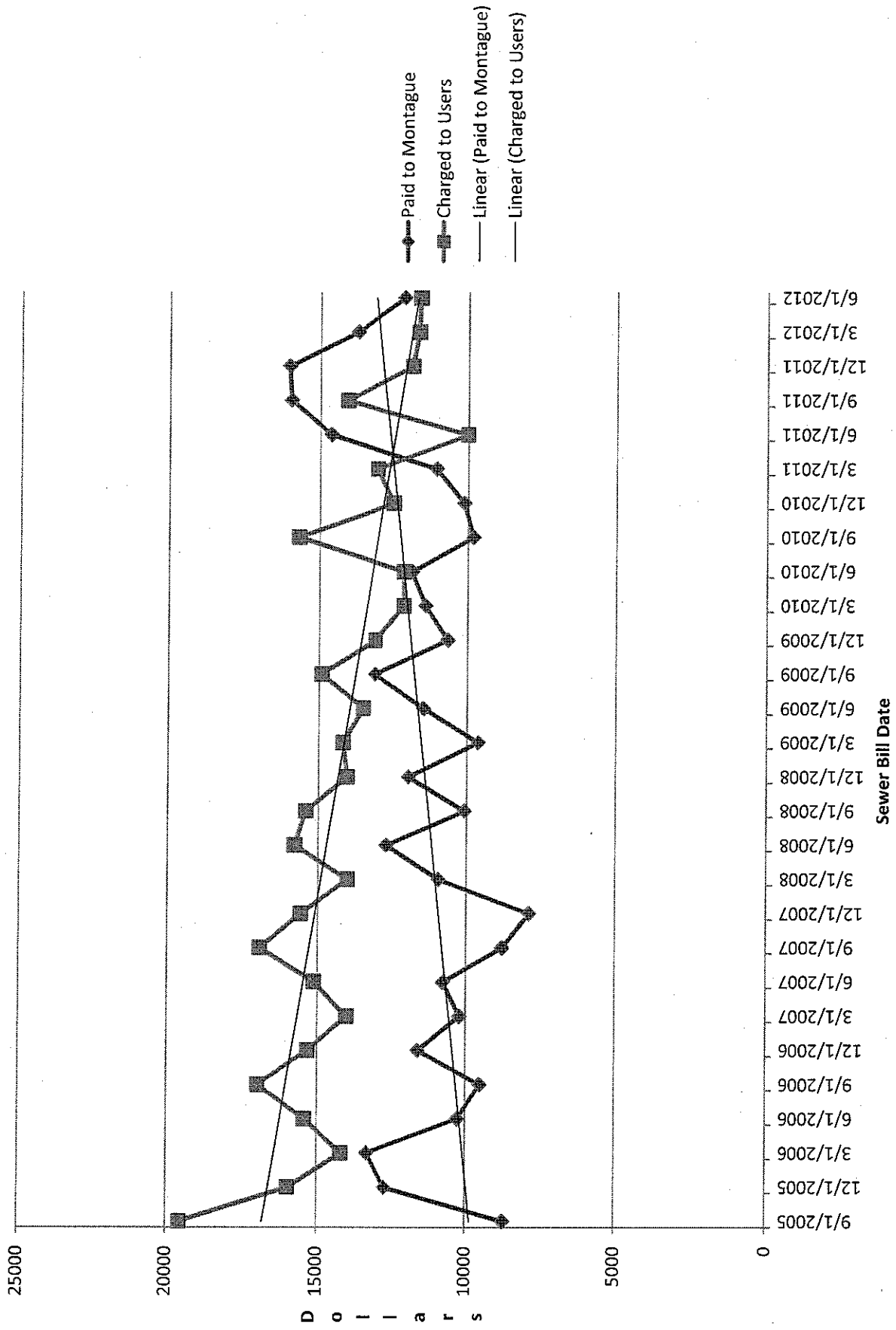


John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk

Historical Comparison of Water & Sewer Usage in Gallons Per Day



Historical Comparison of Sewer Income vs Disposal Cost



	Year	Month	Sewage Gallons to Montague	Montague Billed Gallons	Owed to Montague	Sewer Days	Sewer Gal/Day	Riverside Water District Billed Gallons	RWD Cubic Feet	Charged to Sewer Users	RWD Gal/Day	Sewer GPD / RWD GPD
NOTE: Montague invoices quarterly JFM/AMJ/JAS/OND. Data is adjusted to coincide with Water District Commitments, so payments to Montague don't align w/ warrant amounts.												
6/1/2005	2005	June	621,900	4.58								
	2005	July	670,200	4.58								
8/31/2005	2005	August	614,100	4.58								
				1,906,200	\$ 8,730.40	92	20,720	1,892,003	252,942	19,457	20,555	101%
9/1/2005	2005	September	569,900	4.58								
	2005	October	1,118,000	4.87								
11/30/2005	2005	November	955,700	4.87								
				2,643,600	\$ 12,709.06	91	29,051	1,550,978	207,350	15,968	17,044	170%
12/1/2005	2006	December	722,000	4.87								
	2006	January	1,111,900	4.87								
2/28/2006	2006	February	905,300	4.87								
				2,739,200	\$ 13,339.90	90	30,436	1,380,965	184,621	14,202	15,344	198%
3/1/2006	2006	March	785,900	4.87								
	2006	April	573,400	4.87								
5/31/2006	2006	May	750,700	4.87								
				2,110,000	\$ 10,275.70	92	22,935	1,498,453	200,328	15,424	16,288	141%
6/1/2006	2006	June	658,200	4.87								
	2006	July	693,900	4.87								
8/31/2006	2006	August	602,500	4.87								
				1,954,600	\$ 9,518.90	92	21,246	1,649,925	220,578	16,968	17,934	118%
9/1/2006	2006	September	619,100	4.87								
	2006	October	882,900	4.87								
11/30/2006	2006	November	880,100	4.87								
				2,382,100	\$ 11,600.83	91	26,177	1,489,021	199,067	15,323	16,363	160%
12/1/2006	2006	December	722,000	4.87								
	2007	January	814,500	4.87								
2/28/2007	2007	February	561,200	4.87								
				2,097,700	\$ 10,215.80	90	23,308	1,362,557	182,160	14,034	15,140	154%
3/1/2007	2007	March	608,500	4.87								
	2007	April	848,700	4.87								
5/31/2007	2007	May	755,400	4.87								
				2,212,600	\$ 10,775.36	92	24,050	1,469,072	196,400	15,121	15,968	151%
6/1/2007	2007	June	573,500	4.87								
	2007	July	630,400	4.87								
8/31/2007	2007	August	599,900	4.87								
				1,803,800	\$ 8,784.51	92	19,607	1,644,941	219,912	16,916	17,880	110%

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9/1/2007	2007	September	499,300	4.87								
	2007	October	522,800	4.94								
11/30/2007	2007	November	581,000	4.94								
				1,603,100	\$ 7,884.36	91	17,616	1,509,531	201,809	15,566	16,588	106%
12/1/2007	2007	December	581,800	4.94								
	2008	January	674,900	4.94								
2/29/2008	2008	February	957,100	4.94								
				2,213,800	\$ 10,936.17	91	24,327	1,363,626	182,303	14,023	14,985	162%
3/1/2008	2008	March	1,224,500	4.94								
	2008	April	745,400	4.94								
5/31/2008	2008	May	600,500	4.94								
				2,570,400	\$ 12,697.78	92	27,939	1,540,850	205,996	15,779	16,748	167%
6/1/2008	2008	June	573,500	4.94								
	2008	July	573,800	5.40								
8/31/2008	2008	August	768,600	5.40								
				1,915,900	\$ 10,082.05	92	20,825	1,500,443	200,594	15,419	16,309	128%
9/1/2008	2008	September	782,400	5.40								
	2008	October	720,000	5.40								
11/30/2008	2008	November	713,400	5.40								
				2,215,800	\$ 11,965.32	91	24,349	1,365,639	182,572	14,044	15,007	162%
12/1/2008	2008	December	633,400	5.40								
	2009	January	543,800	5.40								
2/28/2009	2009	February	605,600	5.40								
				1,782,800	\$ 9,627.12	90	19,809	1,380,262	184,527	14,189	15,336	129%
3/1/2009	2009	March	768,000	5.40								
	2009	April	671,400	5.40								
5/31/2009	2009	May	686,400	5.40								
				2,125,800	\$ 11,479.32	92	23,107	1,313,817	175,644	13,516	14,281	162%
6/1/2009	2009	June	698,900	5.40								
	2009	July	940,400	5.56								
8/31/2009	2009	August	739,300	5.56								
				2,378,600	\$ 13,113.19	92	25,854	1,449,841	193,829	14,910	15,759	164%
9/1/2009	2009	September	620,500	5.56								
	2009	October	628,900	5.56								
11/30/2009	2009	November	668,900	5.56								
				1,918,300	\$ 10,665.75	91	21,080	1,273,388	170,239	13,101	13,993	151%

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12/1/2009	2009	December	771,900	5.56								
	2010	January	715,100	5.56								
2/28/2010	2010	February	566,500	5.56								
				2,053,500	\$ 11,417.46	90	22,817	1,180,755	157,855	12,148	13,120	174%
3/1/2010	2010	March	816,900	5.56								
	2010	April	719,900	5.56								
5/31/2010	2010	May	599,400	5.56								
				2,136,200	\$ 11,877.27	92	23,220	1,180,494	157,820	12,151	12,831	181%
6/1/2010	2010	June	574,000	5.56								
	2010	July	601,100	5.56								
8/31/2010	2010	August	590,000	5.56								
				1,765,100	\$ 9,813.96	92	19,186	1,525,613	203,959	15,684	16,583	116%
9/1/2010	2010	September	566,900	5.56								
	2010	October	635,700	5.56								
11/30/2010	2010	November	620,200	5.56								
				1,822,800	\$ 10,134.77	91	20,031	1,216,001	162,567	12,500	13,363	150%
12/1/2010	2010	December	753,300	5.56								
	2011	January	565,800	5.56								
2/28/2011	2011	February	671,900	5.56								
				1,991,000	\$ 11,069.96	90	22,122	1,268,234	169,550	13,051	14,091	157%
3/1/2011	2011	March	905,300	5.56								
	2011	April	857,900	5.56								
5/31/2011	2011	May	867,700	5.56								
				2,630,900	\$ 14,627.80	92	28,597	972,019	129,949	10,027	10,565	271%
6/1/2011	2011	June	864,300	5.56								
	2011	July	1,048,400	5.56								
8/31/2011	2011	August	956,400	5.56								
				2,869,100	\$ 15,952.20	92	31,186	1,369,782	183,126	14,085	14,889	209%
9/1/2011	2011	September	766,100	5.56								
	2011	October	1,188,400	5.56								
11/30/2011	2011	November	926,900	5.56								
				2,881,400	\$ 16,020.58	91	31,664	1,156,176	154,569	11,884	12,705	249%
12/1/2011	2011	December	997,200	5.56								
	2012	January	776,900	5.56								
2/29/2012	2012	February	697,700	5.56								
				2,471,800	\$ 13,743.21	91	27,163	1,133,781	151,575	11,670	12,459	218%

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		FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
sort code	Vendor	Budgeted	amount			
alarm	Detectoguard Inc		63.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
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alarm	Detectoguard Inc		63.00	63.00	60.00	60.00
	subtotal	280.00	252.00	246.00	240.00	240.00
bills	Customized Data Services, Inc.		138.26	136.42	135.92	135.92
bills	Customized Data Services, Inc.		138.26	138.60	135.92	135.92
bills	Customized Data Services, Inc.		138.26	137.58	135.92	134.90
bills	Customized Data Services, Inc.		138.26	137.92	135.24	135.92
	subtotal	555.00	553.04	550.52	543.00	542.66
inspect	Town of Greenfield - DPW	50.00	50.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
inspect	Walker, Bruce	485.00	469.00	483.72	-	380.00
inspect	Walker, Bruce	-	-	-	-	553.00
inspect	Town of Greenfield - DPW	50.00	50.00	50.00	35.00	35.00
	subtotal	585.00	569.00	568.72	70.00	1,003.00
maint.	R.H. White Construction Co. In		1,159.01			
maint.	Dependable Fire & Safety			130.40		
maint.	Walker, Bruce					2,596.50
maint.	Bostley Sanitary Service					300.00
maint.	F.W. Webb		64.69			
	subtotal	3,625.00	1,223.70	130.40	-	2,896.50
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	20.00	35.35	40.95
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	15.00	6.06	7.02
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	15.00	60.60	11.70
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	15.00	12.12	14.04
mileage	Highway employee		19.80	18.00	30.30	58.50
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	45.00	60.60	35.10
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	30.00	35.35	70.20
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	30.00	60.60	28.08
mileage	Highway employee		38.50	15.00	30.30	17.55
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	45.00	18.18	70.20
mileage	Highway employee		38.50	15.00	40.40	35.10
mileage	Highway employee		6.60	6.00	42.42	46.80
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	45.00	12.12	21.06
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	35.00	35.35	14.04
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	22.50	35.35	35.10
mileage	Highway employee		44.00	35.00	30.30	81.90
mileage	Highway employee		24.75	52.50	35.35	40.95
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	53.55	35.35	70.20
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	30.00	12.00	77.00
mileage	Highway employee		19.80	24.00	35.00	40.95
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	22.95	30.30	27.50
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	35.50	35.35	20.20

		FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
sort code	Vendor	Budgeted	amount			
mileage	Highway employee		6.60	6.12	12.00	25.25
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	53.55	30.00	50.50
mileage	Highway employee		16.50	30.60	30.00	30.30
mileage	Highway employee		19.80	18.36	35.00	60.60
mileage	Highway employee		57.75	53.55	35.00	42.42
mileage	Highway employee		39.60	6.12	12.00	60.60
mileage	Highway employee		8.25	45.90	30.00	30.30
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	45.90	30.00	70.70
mileage	Highway employee		22.00	30.60	20.00	15.15
mileage	Highway employee		19.80	30.60	15.00	24.24
mileage	Highway employee		49.50	30.60	36.00	60.60
mileage	Highway employee		33.00	35.70	30.00	13.93
mileage	Highway employee		16.50	15.30	30.00	
mileage	Highway employee			18.36	6.00	
	subtotal	1,600.00	1,248.50	1,046.26	1,079.75	1,348.73
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	20.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex		25.00	25.00	25.00	
mowing	Urgiel, Alex			25.00	25.00	20.00
mowing	Urgiel, Alex			25.00	25.00	20.00
mowing	Urgiel, Alex			25.00	25.00	20.00
mowing	Urgiel, Alex				25.00	20.00
mowing	Urgiel, Alex				25.00	20.00
mowing	Howe's Lawn Care (@\$30 each)		90.00			
mowing	Howe's Lawn Care (@\$30 each)		150.00			
	subtotal	350.00	440.00	275.00	290.00	100.00
other	Comcast				46.10	
other	Riverside Water District				149.26	
other	Jeff Suprenant (refund)				11.74	
other	Riverside Water District				48.35	
other	Town of Gill (fuel)				141.98	
supplies	Airgas East			26.19		
supplies	Thielsch Engineering		-	-	82.85	296.18
	subtotal	240.00	-	26.19	480.28	296.18
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		301.32	311.01	270.14	1,259.97
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		442.58	306.64	459.52	307.40
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		291.60	276.90	384.98	384.75
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		328.05	280.67	367.53	279.45
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		347.11	332.60	260.82	362.76

		FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
sort code	Vendor	Budgeted	amount			
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		328.05	490.47	337.85	430.27
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		281.88	380.71	430.27	314.40
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		349.92	345.45	272.48	331.50
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		406.13	276.90	334.24	419.93
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		349.92	345.44	480.73	298.08
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		435.29	357.87	546.41	324.88
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		482.75	454.90	275.72	495.52
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		252.72	304.59	465.22	293.44
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		338.98	356.25	267.36	364.46
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		311.04	295.36	335.36	429.68
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		328.05	379.10	486.78	362.18
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		644.90	304.59	314.40	303.92
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		442.59	415.31	513.50	270.14
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		291.60	459.57	314.40	465.22
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		362.07	343.45	250.65	279.45
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		311.04	399.17	387.76	363.48
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		469.23	343.47	521.95	329.11
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		291.60	276.90	314.40	230.56
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		376.78	356.24	258.45	288.77
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		446.30	411.14	946.76	577.70
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		390.40	-	514.80	-
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		328.05	357.60	440.89	-
payroll	Gill Payroll Account		68.04	-	20.72	-
	subtotal	10,921.00	9,997.99	9,162.30	10,774.09	9,767.02
postage	stamped envelopes		-			
postage	Ray Purington (income survey)				79.20	
postage	Ray Purington (income survey)				30.80	
	subtotal	350.00	-	-	110.00	-
sewerage	Town of Montague		5,758.63	10,526.74	11,106.18	9,481.84
sewerage	Town of Montague		15,406.20	9,774.48	12,789.11	11,473.92
sewerage	Town of Montague		17,305.50	11,171.15	11,507.52	11,160.72
sewerage	Town of Montague		11,878.39	11,915.08	11,667.66	10,353.96
sewerage	Town of Montague		13,548.05	8,641.21		
	subtotal	59,000.00	63,896.77	52,028.66	47,070.47	42,470.44
verizon	VERIZON		18.53	18.45	14.18	15.79
verizon	VERIZON		18.51	18.37	14.28	14.06
verizon	VERIZON		18.51	18.37	14.29	14.07
verizon	VERIZON		18.57	18.33	14.25	14.05
verizon	VERIZON		18.62	18.53	14.20	14.05
verizon	VERIZON		18.62	18.29	14.25	14.05
verizon	VERIZON		18.78	18.46	14.37	14.05
verizon	VERIZON		18.91	18.59	14.40	13.90
verizon	VERIZON		6.30	18.59	14.51	13.90
verizon	VERIZON		19.38	18.57	14.51	13.99

		FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
sort code	Vendor	Budgeted	amount			
verizon	VERIZON		19.35	18.55	14.58	14.10
verizon	VERIZON		19.35	18.55	17.89	14.08
	subtotal	230.00	213.43	221.65	175.71	170.09
wmeco	WMECO		57.68	73.57	79.59	77.36
wmeco	WMECO		52.28	55.37	65.50	99.74
wmeco	WMECO		62.01	57.87	57.52	83.07
wmeco	WMECO		112.26	55.16	60.26	65.71
wmeco	WMECO		67.54	63.87	67.74	67.32
wmeco	WMECO		104.52	123.37	105.26	151.61
wmeco	WMECO		144.99	199.71	215.45	284.10
wmeco	WMECO		231.88	188.26	190.84	253.31
wmeco	WMECO		188.20	231.74	198.39	219.97
wmeco	WMECO		107.41	141.99	182.22	216.78
wmeco	WMECO		51.82	66.37	84.80	127.92
wmeco	WMECO		57.97	59.55	99.42	62.77
	subtotal	1,306.00	1,238.56	1,316.83	1,406.99	1,709.66
	Expenses grand total	79,042.00	79,632.99	65,572.53	62,240.29	60,544.28
	Omnibus Budget Voted	79,042.00	67,740.24	66,165.55	66,046.70	51,915.66
	Extra Voted to Budget		12,000.00	-	-	11,000.00
	Budget minus Expenses		107.25	593.02	3,806.41	2,371.38

Disposal Costs

Montague Invoices	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
Jul-Sep	15,952.20	9,813.96	13,113.19	10,082.05
Oct-Dec	16,020.58	10,134.77	10,665.75	11,965.32
Jan-Mar	13,743.21	11,069.96	11,417.46	9,627.12
Apr-Jun	12,161.39	14,627.80	11,877.27	11,479.32
Total	57,877.38	45,646.49	47,073.67	43,153.81
4-year straight average	48,437.84			
3-year average (toss out FY09 as low)	50,199.18			
4-year weighted average (3/4 weigh to FY12, hoping that failed backflow valve was a big part of the problem)	47,808.53			
worst case	57,877.38			

Revenue

There are currently 114 sewer accounts.

Current Rate	0.085 \$/cubic foot
less 10% discount	0.0085 (only 6 customers don't receive the discount)
Effective Rate	0.0765

Sewer Commitments - aka Invoices to Users

Period	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
Bill #1 (Jun-Aug)	14,084.72	15,684.00	14,909.85	15,418.97
Bill #2 (Sep-Nov)	11,884.18	12,500.44	13,101.01	14,043.55
Bill #3 (Dec-Feb)	11,669.96	13,050.52	12,147.94	14,189.49
Bill #4 (Mar-May)	11,627.54	10,027.41	12,151.40	13,515.97
Total	49,266.40	51,262.37	52,310.20	57,167.98

3-year average revenue (toss out FY09 as high)	50,946.32
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Projected Revenue

RWD Water Use (current average)	13,367 gal/day	
x	365 days/year	
equals	4,878,955 gal/year	
x	0.13369 cu ft/gal	
equals	652,267 cu ft/year	"Annual RWD Water"
x current Effective Rate	0.0765 \$/cu ft	
Total Invoiced to Sewer Users	\$ 49,898.46	

In either scenario, the Sewer Fund is empty after FY14 and I&I study isn't finished.

Better Case - \$50,000/yr sewage disposal & \$9,000/yr for I&I study

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August 14, 2012

Dear Gill Selectboard,

It is with great regret that I submit my resignation from the Gill Conservation Commission effective October 15. I have enjoyed the Commission members and its work, but find the demands of my employment do not allow for the mindfulness and time to fully serve the Commission at this time.

I hope to have the opportunity to serve the Town again at some time in the future.

Sincerely,

Joanne E. Flagg

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August 27, 2012

Mr. Albert Stegemann
District 2 Highway Director
Mass DOT Highway Division
811 North King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Mr. Stegemann:

The Selectboard formally requests that you seek approval from the Department of Transportation for the expedited completion of the renovation projects for the Gill-Turners Falls Bridge and the Falls River Bridge.

It has recently been brought to our attention that a significant number of Gill's commercial establishments along and near Route 2 are suffering a significant decline in their businesses; a decline which dates back to shortly after the 2010 start of the Gill-Turners Falls Bridge project, and has been exacerbated by the recent start of the Falls River Bridge project.

We remain mired in a fragile economy. Any relief the Commonwealth can bring to our businesses by way of an expedited return to traffic normalcy will be greatly appreciated by the Town and by the thousands of area residents who depend upon these businesses for the many important goods and services they provide.

Sincerely,

Gill Selectboard

Ann H. Banash, Chair

John R. Ward

Randy P. Crochier

Cc: Representative Denise Andrews
Senator Stan Rosenberg

ASHRAE Level II audit \$9-10K

Riverside: Insulation

Boiler Replacement

Window inserts

A windows \$300@

Solar PV

Town Hall : 2nd floor Ceiling

Insulation Walls/Attic

State Lib? YES

Bike Racks \$3K for 5 7 bikes each
\$6K for 10

Cruiser Fuel Eff

anti idling device \$150@ 3 or more

Work shops Window inserts \$1K

Solar Furnace \$1200

Solar HW Ø

Rain Barrel Ø

Energy Campaign - \$1,000

Fire Department Budget Comparison

	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Proposed FY13
Payroll/Firefighters	19389.08	19389.08	19970.9	20817.15	
Chief	12318.08	12809.48	13193.7	13900.90	
Inspector	1368.68	1423.27	1465.88	1544.66	
Communications	1632.64	1179.96	2402.03	2508.86	- 2500.
Diesel Fuel	1321.39	1039.60	1508.07	2250.24	- 3000
Gas	719.86	1427.21	1337.07	1732.48	- 1500
Dues/Subscriptions	1955.4	2348.40	2234.95	2126.45	2200 + 200 Mass FCA.
Vehicle Maintenance	1820.82	2295.75	3480.23	3453.67	3500
Vehicle Repair		4146.27	3041.5	2247.58	add Douglas quotes → \$4320
Equipment Maintenance	3714.49	1089.74	2166.24	5734.04	3100 (Reduce Plymouth \$2600)
Equipment Repair	101.32	1283.6	378.41	781.47	1000
Equipment Replacement	704.05	1422.14		538.15	8000
General Maintenance	424.21	356.86	611.09	1249.22	1500
Medical Supplies	1524.83		1149.69	856.78	1000
Mileage	300.48	138.00	490.10	357.25	350
New Equipment	7738.86	13818.04	11521.37	5032.57	1500
Office Supplies	887.91	234.47	461.97	404.92	400
Postage	46.4	8.55	26.40	3.16	-
Telephone	437.97	402.68	352.98	317.13	325
Training	1266.14	1126.47	889.61	1487.79	1500
	57672.61	65939.57	66682.19	67344.47	



**FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING &
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42 Canal Road • Turners Falls, MA 01376
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August 16, 2012

Gill Fire Department
Attn: Chief Beaubien
Main Road
Gill, MA. 01354

Chief Beaubien:

During an electrical storm last week we suffered yet again another attic "false" alarm at Stoughton Place, 12 Main Road, Gill. As always I contacted our fire alarm vendor to research this issue.

During their investigation we discovered areas that should be brought to your attention. First, they discovered that we have ten attic devices total, which was a bit of shock to us as we only thought we had eight. Usually when you notify us of the attic alarm you direct us to the one above unit #207, although not right we did assume that you had discovered the faulty device through your search.

During the contractors investigation of wiring we found another two. Also during that investigation the contractor was present for what you call a "brown out". This was an excellent opportunity for the contractor to see first hand and it was then he realized we had LED devices which are not appropriate for those types of conditions. To date all ten attic devices have been changed.

Now the last problem we are facing relates to the panel. According to my maintenance staff the panel does not distinguish all ten attic devices separately. This would be acceptable if we only had one location but in reality we have four locations where these attic devices are. We are currently working with the contractor to reprogram the panel to allow for separate zoned attic alarms on the panel. As this develops we will keep you posted.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Tracy Miner
Director of Asset Management

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