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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES March 27, 2013

<u>Call to Order:</u> The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 4:30pm in the cafeteria of the Farren Care Center, 340 Montague City Road, Turners Falls.

Present: Randy Crochier and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant

Ballots for June 25th State Election: Ray explained that the Town Clerk has determined that if a decision is made by the Selectboard today, and notice is promptly given to the State Elections Division, that Gill will be allowed to use plain paper ballots and hand count the results for the special June 25th State Election. While the ballot for a "normal" State election in November can be long and complicated, the June ballot has just one race. The Town Clerk believes the time for election workers to hand count will cost substantially less than the \$500 programming fee for the memory card for the AccuVote voting machine.

The Board noted that at this point there has been no indication of a commitment by the State to cover all of the costs of this special election. Hand counting the election has the potential to save the Town several hundred dollars.

John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to use paper ballots and hand counting for the June 25th State Election. There was no further discussion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk