

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

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

Finance Committee: Timmie Smith, Claire Chang, and Ronnie LaChance

Others Present: Chris Curtis, Nancy Griswold, John Zywna

FY14 Budget: The Selectboard and Finance Committee continued their review of the FY14 budget.

While waiting for the Finance Committee to reach a quorum, Ann provided an explanation of her handout that compared the salaries of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer for Gill and nine other neighboring and/or comparable Franklin County towns. The list does not include towns much smaller than Gill, as she felt those to be too dissimilar.

Ann summarized that Gill's Tax Collector position appears to be the highest paid, and noted that it is second only to Greenfield and Montague when calculated on an hourly basis. The Town Clerk position seems to be a little under paid, and the Treasurer position is about in the middle. Based on this, she would not support any increase to the Tax Collector's salary, but could see some increase for the other two salaries.

The prospect of providing clerical help for the positions was briefly discussed but was ruled out as it is too late for it in the budget process. It was decided by consensus to leave the salaries of the three positions "as is" (level-funded) in the omnibus, and to deal with any budget amendments at Town Meeting as they come up.

A June 6th memo from the Police Chief to the Selectboard and Finance Committee was discussed. In it, the Chief requested support for an additional \$5,000 into the Police Department budget for part-time officer coverage for 288 hours each year that Sergeant Redmond has for vacation (200) and holidays (88).

Supporters noted that requests like this, when made as amendments at Town Meeting, tend to go through, and that the request deserves consideration now, as both the Fire and Highway Departments are getting budget increases this year.

Opinions against the extra money for the Police felt the request was made too late in the budget process, that there doesn't need to be a budgetary quid pro quo among the departments, and that there has been money for part time coverage that was used instead to cover expenses.

Tupper Brown joined the meeting at 6:54pm. The Finance Committee was called to order at 6:54pm.

Timmie Smith stated that she perceives her responsibility as a Finance Committee member is to be a voice of the community. As such, it is incumbent upon her to support the Police Chief's request, and she will amend the omnibus at Town Meeting. The Selectboard took no action on the Chief's request; the figure for the Police Department's budget will go to Town Meeting as it currently stands.

Timmie raised several other suggestions for budget changes. She would add \$1,000 to the \$1,500 Reserve Fund to provide a greater ability to react to an unanticipated expense. She also suggested more money be added to the Finance Committee's budget to allow members to attend training, and asked to be informed of training opportunities that may be available. Timmie also recommended adding \$10,000 to the Building Maintenance account to allow more work to be done, and to allow a faster response if an important need comes along, like locks for school

classroom doors. Tupper countered that while he has sympathy for providing greater flexibility, from the outside looking in, these kinds of increases can look like budget padding, and that appearance must be avoided.

After a brief discussion about the Trees & Forestry budget, that figure was left at \$6,000 and will not have any COLA applied to it. There was general consensus that the Reserve Fund is okay at \$1,500, and that it has historically been difficult to spend more than \$10,000-13,000 on building maintenance, and that another \$10,000 on top of the existing \$18,000 likely would not be spent.

With respect to the budget assessment for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, Tupper commented that he and others have spent three years in a process (the "Compact") to squeeze down the District's budget to levels affordable to the two towns. It is time to consider the parity of "here and there" spending on Town purposes while continuing to demand cuts from the District.

The \$211,047 of available Free Cash was apportioned to warrant articles as follows: \$50,000 for the paving project at the Elementary School, \$68,000 to reduce the tax rate, \$10,000 for the Education Stabilization Fund, \$20,000 for the Capital Stabilization Fund, and \$63,047 for the General Stabilization Fund. Any amendments by voters will be adjusted against the \$63,047 in order to preserve a balanced budget.

The warrant article for a new Highway Truck was discussed. Pros and cons of a stainless steel body, and of a wing plow were discussed, but both options were rejected. Ernie Hastings was praised for doing a great job finding a good price on a truck from a dealer in Maine, but there are concerns about warranty service from such a distance. A state-bid quotation from G&S Industrial was used to arrive at a figure for the motion at Town Meeting, and the full amount will be contingent upon a debt exclusion referendum.

Starting with the total quoted price of \$160,941.10, there were deducts for the 300 HP upgrade (-\$6,625) and the top sectional screens (-\$2,700), and an addition for a heated windshield (+\$664.64). The resulting \$152,280.74 was rounded up to \$155,000, which by consensus is the figure that will be used in the motion for the article.

Tupper offered a general comment about the upward progression of the tax rate, and the need to remain considerate of the taxpayers' ability to pay and to balance that against necessary spending by the Town.

An FY13 year-end transfer from the Town Hall Building budget to the Garage & Public Safety Building budget was considered. Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve the transfer. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Claire made a motion, seconded by Ronnie, to approve the transfer. The vote was unanimous, 4-0.

Adjournment: The Finance Committee and the Selectboard adjourned at 8:42pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



Randy P. Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

— FY 13 —

2010 Census	FY 13	Tax Collector		Town Clerk		Treasurer	
Pop.	Tax Rate	A/E	Hrs Salary	A/E	Hrs Salary	A/E	Hrs Salary
Ashfield	1737	14.69 A	20	17,431 A	25	24,436 A	15 14,040
Barnardston	2129	16.08 E	10	9,889 E	10	10,433 E	20 19,385
Colrain	1671	16.12 A	13	15,760 E		16,599 A	13 11,820
Conway	1897	14.21 A	18	18,720 E	25	18,240 A	30 34,320
Erving	1800	7.51 E	10	9,922 E		8,267 E	30 39,580
Gill	1500	14.55 E	19	21,927 E		15,892 E	19 18,054 ****
Leverett	1851	17.77 A	19	21,216 E		16,612 A	13 14,517
Northfield	3032	14.10 E	14	12,069 E	18	33,521 E	18 12,069 ****
Shutesbury	1771	19.56 A	15	14,285 A	20	18,493 A	23 21,427
Whately	1496	15.85 A	13	14,115 E	15	15,436 A	13 14,115 ****

* Combined positions

Gill Police Department

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Chief of Police
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To: Honorable Board of Selectpersons
Finance Committee

From: David W. Hastings, Chief of Police

Date: June 6, 2013

Re: Additional Shift Coverage Funding

Members of the Boards,

Please consider this request to support a additional \$5000 into the police budget for part office officer coverage for the replacement cost when Sgt Redmond is on vacation (200 hrs) and Holidays (88hrs)

$288\text{hrs} \times \$17.26 \text{ (current rate)} = \$4,970.88$

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



David W. Hastings
Chief of Police

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TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: JUNE 11, 2013

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 Tuesday, the Eleventh day of June, in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen (6/11/2013) at 6:30 p.m. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2013 Unemployment Insurance Account (number 913) to the Unemployment Trust Fund (number 814), or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2013 Unemployment Insurance Account (number 913) to the Unemployment Trust Fund (number 814).

The Town appropriates this money each year within the Omnibus Budget to cover any small amounts of unemployment claims that may come up during the year. At the end the year, the amount remaining should be transferred to the trust fund in order save against any future large claims. The trust fund balance is presently \$46,122. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor, and ___ opposed.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2013 Snow & Ice Removal Account (number 423) to the Fiscal Year 2013 General Highway Account (number 422), or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$10,800.00 (Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2013 Snow and Ice Removal Expense Account (number 423) to the Fiscal Year 2013 General Highway Expense Account (number 422).

The requested sum is the amount the Highway Superintendent expects to need in order to cover department expenses through the end of the fiscal year. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor, and ___ opposed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from Released Overlay to the Fiscal Year 2013 Interest on Temporary Loans Account (number 752), or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$1,934.86 (One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four and 86/100 Dollars) from Released Overlay to the Fiscal Year 2013 Interest on Temporary Loans Account (number 752).

The need for this transfer arose out of a court decision on Verizon's statewide appeal (Gill was just one of many towns) of their 2009 Personal Property Taxes. The Assessors were able to issue the abatement of \$6,856.33 from that year's Overlay Reserve. However the \$1,934.86 of accumulated interest going back to 2009 cannot come from the Overlay Reserve. There is enough money in the Released Overlay fund to cover this amount, but it does require Town Meeting action. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor, and ___ opposed.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Fiscal Year 2013 Town Building Repairs & Maintenance Account (number 192) to be used toward a portion of the cost to pave the driveway, parking lot, and bus turnaround (basketball court) at the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2013 Town Building Repairs & Maintenance Account (number 192) to be used toward a portion of the cost to pave the driveway, parking lot, and bus turnaround (basketball court) at the Gill Elementary School.

Article 20 asks for approval of a paving project at the Gill Elementary School, to be paid from Free Cash. Because there is unspent money from the current year's Building Repairs & Maintenance account, it is proposed that those funds be re-appropriated to help pay for this project. If this transfer is approved, the amount requested in Article 20 can be reduced from \$50,000 to \$45,000. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor, and ___ opposed.

Article 5: To hear and act upon the Annual Report of the Officers of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved to pass over Article 5.

Annual Reports are significantly behind schedule. They will again be a priority for the Selectboard and Administrative Assistant during the coming summer months.

Article 6: 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.

Motion: It is moved to elect Edward J. Golembeski and Clifford C. Hatch as Field Drivers and elect the Selectboard as Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year.

Article 7: 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 2014 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.

Motion: It is moved the Town accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork for the Fiscal Year 2014 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Chapter 90 funds are given annually by the State to the Town, and are used for our road maintenance program – activities such as repaving asphalt roads or applying new oil & stone. The Town will initially receive \$113,862 for FY2014, and may receive as much as \$227,724 once the Governor and Legislature resolve their differences.

Article 8: To see if the Town will accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2014, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2014, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School.

Quintus Allen was an original trustee of the Greenfield Savings Bank. Upon his death in 1884, he established a trust fund to be used for education-related expenses in several towns, including Gill. The interest earned by the Trust is distributed each year.

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 ½, 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 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, Dog Care & Control, & Etc.	4,000.00
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, Administrative Assistant		Recycling Program Revenue	Solid waste & recycling programs, Solid Waste District membership, recycled-content office products	5,000.00

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to authorize the listed revolving funds per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, 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, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year:

These are the same revolving funds approved last year, with addition of a revolving fund for the Recycling Program Revenue – the money the Town receives from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for the sale of curbside recyclables. A revolving fund allows program fees to be used within the fiscal year for the purposes listed by the "department" that collects the fees.

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.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the several officers of the Town as follows, plus any cost of living adjustment (COLA) that may be provided by the Town:

Constable(s) – Each Posting	\$18.34
Moderator – Annual Town Meeting	\$133.84
Special Town Meeting, Each	\$23.87
Selectboard Chair	\$2,537.32
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$2,306.72
Board of Assessors Chair	\$3,081.13
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$2,801.03
Board of Health Chair	\$1,368.60
2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$1,253.31
Town Clerk	\$15,922.00
Tax Collector	\$21,319.89
Additional As Sewer Collector	\$637.32
Treasurer	\$18,083.78
Registrars – Three members, Each	\$56.91
Town Clerk	\$91.16

All amounts are level funded from Fiscal Year 2013. A COLA, if approved in Article 11, would be in addition to the amounts listed above. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor, and ___ opposed.

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.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,646 (Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Six and 00/100 Dollars) to provide a 1.7% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees and elected officials, excepting the Boards of Selectmen, Assessors, and Health, who shall receive no COLA.

In January the Personnel Committee recommended a COLA of 1.7% to the Selectboard based upon the Social Security increase being granted for 2013. The Selectboard, Board of Assessors, and Board of Health each voted to not receive the COLA this year. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of __ in favor, and __ opposed.

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, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise by taxation \$1,377,437.17 (One Million Three Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven and 17/100 Dollars) and transfer \$45,000.00 (Forty Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) from Sewer Use Fees and appropriate \$34,042.00 (Thirty Four Thousand Forty Two and 00/100 Dollars) from Fiscal Year 2014 Estimated Sewer Receipts for a total appropriation of \$1,456,479.17 (One Million Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine and 17/100 Dollars) for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard.

Please see the separate handout (legal-sized paper) for the Omnibus amounts. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of __ in favor, and __ opposed.

Article 13: 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 its Fiscal Year 2014 operating assessment and any sum or sums of money for its Fiscal Year 2014 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$1,439,343.00 (One Million Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Three and 00/100 Dollars) to provide \$1,419,256.00 for its Fiscal Year 2014 operating assessment and \$20,087.00 for its Fiscal Year 2014 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District.

Gill's assessment for the GMRSD's operating budget has increased by \$31,920 (2.3%) and the debt service for the high school/middle school renovation project decreased by \$635. The Selectboard and Finance Committee believe the figures are reasonable and affordable, and commend the District for bringing forward another fiscally responsible budget. A separate handout on the District's budget is available. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of __ in favor and __ opposed.

Article 14: 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 be used toward a portion of the cost to conduct an independent financial audit of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$4,500.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) to be used toward a portion of the cost to conduct an independent financial audit of the Town.

The audit of Fiscal Year 2012 is in progress, with a report expected this summer. This Article begins to set aside funds to pay for the Town's next audit to be conducted three years from now. Funding a third of the cost each year will help smooth out the budget from year to year. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of __ in favor and __ opposed.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$359.11 (Three Hundred Fifty Nine and 11/100 Dollars) from the County Dog Fund, and \$57.00 (Fifty Seven and 00/100 Dollars) from the Due to County Dog Officer Fund, for a total of \$416.11 (Four Hundred Sixteen and 11/100) to the Fiscal Year 2014 Library Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$359.11 (Three Hundred Fifty Nine and 11/100 Dollars) from the County Dog Fund, and \$57.00 (Fifty Seven and 00/100 Dollars) from the Due to County Dog Officer Fund, for a total of \$416.11 (Four Hundred Sixteen and 11/100) to the Fiscal Year 2014 Library Account.

The County Dog Fund dates back to 2006 and before, and received dog license fees collected by the Town Clerk in connection with the County Dog Officer program. When that program was discontinued, towns were allowed to appropriate the funds to support their libraries. In past years Gill has transferred \$800 to the Library, but the transfer this year will completely deplete the County Dog Fund accounts. The Library budget has been increased to offset the difference between the traditional \$800 and what was left in the County funds.

Although the Town has its own Dog Revolving Fund which receives dog license fees collected by the Town Clerk, the Town will need to use that money for its involvement with the Regional Dog Kennel and to meet requirements related to recent changes in Animal Control laws.

The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 16: 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 be used for the Fiscal Year 2014 assessment for the Cooperative Public Health Service, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,206.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred Six and 00/100 Dollars) to be used for the Fiscal Year 2014 assessment for the Cooperative Public Health Service.

Fiscal Year 2013 was the first year of the 8-town Cooperative Public Health Service, and was a very successful year. CPHS staff – a Health Agent and a Public Health Nurse – worked in Gill performing housing, summer camp, retail food, and Title-5 (septic systems) inspections, securing Brownfields grant funding, and conducting flu vaccination clinics at the Town Hall and Gill Elementary School for 47 residents.

While the Selectboard is strongly supportive of Gill's continued involvement in the CPHS, Gill's assessment for Fiscal Year 2014 will increase from \$6,804 to \$10,206, and the Selectboard felt that a separate Article was warranted to allow for discussion. The increase in the assessment is caused by a reduction in the grants that funded the program's start-up costs.

The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 17: 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 be used for the Fiscal Year 2014 operations of the Recreation Committee and its programs, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to be used for the Fiscal Year 2014 operations of the Recreation Committee and its programs.

The Recreation Committee currently has only one member, which is nowhere near enough to organize and run recreational programs for the children in Gill. If residents are willing to step forward and join the Committee and revive its programs, this Article can provide continued funding in Fiscal Year 2014. Even without this Article, the Recreation Revolving Fund has \$5,046 that is also available to a reconstituted Committee to resume their programs. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon a report presented by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to hear and act upon a report presented by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

The Town voted to establish the CIPC at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. This year's report will be presented during tonight's meeting. Articles 19 and 20 were requested by the CIPC.

Article 19: 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 purchase a dump truck with sander and plow and wing plow and related accessories for the Highway Department, including borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override, or take any other action relative thereto. (A 2/3 vote is required for authorization to borrow.)

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$160,000.00 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to purchase a dump truck with sander and plow and wing plow and related accessories for the Highway Department, plus borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase, and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §7, contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum.

A 2/3 vote is required for authorization to borrow.

This Article seeks approval to replace the oldest of the Town's three large dump trucks – a 1990 Ford with over 8,000 hours of operation. The newest truck was purchased in 2008, and the 5-year loan will be paid off in Fiscal Year 2014. If this Article passes, and a subsequent debt exclusion ballot question is approved, the new truck will be purchased and the first payment will not be due until Fiscal Year 2015. Using an estimated interest rate of 2%, the truck would add approximately 24-cents to the tax rate (currently \$15.34/thousand), and cost the average single-family homeowner \$47.80 per year for five years.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pave with bituminous concrete the driveway, parking lot, and bus turnaround (basketball court) and to perform any related grinding, excavation or re-grading at the Gill Elementary School, including borrowing costs that may be associated with said project and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override, or take any other action relative thereto. (A 2/3 vote is required for authorization to borrow.)

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to pave with bituminous concrete the driveway, parking lot, and bus turnaround (basketball court) and to perform any related grinding, excavation or re-grading at the Gill Elementary School.

The Gill Elementary School is the most heavily used of our Town-owned buildings, and its paved surfaces are showing the cumulative effects of years of use. While the driveway and parking areas have been patched and repaired over the years, it is time to re-pave it all, to protect the base layers from any further deterioration. As part of this project, the pavement on the basketball court will be improved to withstand the weight of the school buses that now park there during arrival and dismissal. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) for the First Light Appraisal Account to be used toward a portion of the cost of an 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.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer from the Released Overlay account \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) for the First Light Appraisal account to be used toward a portion of the cost of an appraisal of the real and personal property in the Town of Gill owned by FirstLight Hydro Generating Company.

Every three years the Department of Revenue requires the Assessors to obtain a new appraisal of the value of the Gill portion of the Turners Falls Dam, as well as other property in Gill owned by FirstLight. This article adds to the account for saving toward the next appraisal. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 22: 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 Triennial Revaluation Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer from the Released Overlay account \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) for the Board of Assessors' Triennial Revaluation account.

Fiscal Year 2014 is the next triennial recertification year for Gill, in which the Department of Revenue will review and certify property values town wide. Because of the added level of research and analysis, the Assessors incur extra costs during revaluation years. This article continues saving toward the next revaluation in Fiscal Year 2017. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 23: 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, or General), or take any action relative thereto. (A 2/3 majority is required to place money into a stabilization fund.)

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$20,336.95 (Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six and 95/100 Dollars) to be placed into the Education Stabilization Fund, and further transfer from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) \$_____.00 (_____ Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to be placed into the Capital Stabilization Fund, and further transfer from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) \$_____.00 (_____ Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to be placed into the Stabilization Fund.

A 2/3 majority is required to place money into a stabilization fund.

There is currently \$38,538 in the Education Stabilization Fund, \$28,129 in the Capital Stabilization Fund, and \$141,324 in the Stabilization Fund.

If any of the articles of Annual Town Meeting are amended or defeated, the Selectboard anticipates adjusting these Stabilization Funds amounts accordingly in order to maintain a balanced budget that does not require an override. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Article 24: 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 2014, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: It is moved the Town vote to transfer \$_____.00 (_____ Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) from unappropriated funds (Free Cash), and further transfer \$7,871.34 (Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One and 34/100) from Released Overlay, for a total of \$_____ (_____ Thousand and ___/100 Dollars) to be used to reduce the tax rate and stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2014.

Depending on the outcomes of the other "money" articles, a different amount may be recommended to be used to reduce the Fiscal Year 2014 tax rate. The Finance Committee recommends this article by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

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 3rd day of June in the year Two Thousand Thirteen (6/3/2013).

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: _____



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April 30, 2013

Mickey LaClaire
Town of Gill Highway Dept.
196C Main Rd.
Gill, Ma. 01354

*TWIN TO SAME
WE HAVE NOW
PURCHASED IN
2009 FOR
\$135,000*

*ANOTHER Quote
OF 35000 GVWR
TRUCK COMING
SOON*

Mickey:

I am pleased to submit the following quotation on a new International 7400 4X2 cab and chassis and allied equipment to be purchased under the contract extension of the 2011/2012 Greater Boston Police Council cooperative procurement program, contract #GBPC2011-INTERNATIONAL:

40000 GVWR

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>	
201	2014 International 7300 4X2 – Base cab & Chassis	\$73367.00
206	MaxxForce DT 300 HP Upgrade (7400 Model)	6625.00 NO
230	10 Speed Deep Reduction Manual Transmission	(4918.00) YES
235	14000 Lb. Front Axle with 12R22.5 – 16PR Tires	1325.00
246	Heavy Duty Rubber Fender Extensions	104.00
250	30000 Lb. Rear Axle with Cast Brake Shoes	3721.00
257	31000 Lb. Rear Suspension ILO 23500 Lb.	269.00
261	Air Conditioning	859.00
262	Inside/Outside Engine Air Intake w/In-Cab Control	249.00
272	Engine Compression Brake – Medium Duty Engine	1322.00
274	Driver Controlled Differential Locking	986.00
276	Trailer Brake Connections – Air Brakes	349.00
278	Body Circuit Switches "Six Pack"	531.00
282	Exterior Roof Sun Visor	203.00
287	HD .472" Hub Piloted Disc Wheels – Front Axle	192.00
288	HD .472" Hub Piloted disc Wheels – Rear Axle	311.00



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289	Powder Coated Wheels	72.00	
290	LED Lights ILO Standard Lighting	276.00	
291	Heavy Duty 140 Amp Alternator	157.00	
294	Cowl Tray Lid	200.00	
297	Diamond Logic Safety Package	155.00	
Towing for warrantable breakdown – 36 mo./100K mi./ 3600 hrs.		<u>Included</u>	
Subtotal, Cab & Chassis		\$86355.00	
316	Automatic Tire Chains	2500.00	
317	Plate Mounted T-90A Pintle Hook w/Trailer Plug	850.00	
373	Front Mounted Central Hydraulic System	5800.00	
391	Electric Automatic Load Cover	2650.00	
408	HD Plow Frame – Everest Power Tilt	6500.00	
415	HD 11 Ft. Power Reversing Trip Edge Plow	9500.00	
419	Power Reverse Hydraulics with Controls	1000.00	
439	Manual Spreader Fluid Control Valve, Plumbed	2000.00	
446	4" Flood Light for Spreader	200.00	
462	Combination Dump/Spreader: Hi-Way XT-3	30000.00	
478	Front Discharge for Dump/Spreader	4250.00	
480	Top Sectional Screens for Dump/Spreader	2700.00	Nb
547	LED Warning Light System	<u>2500.00</u>	
Subtotal, Body and Allied Equipment		\$70450.00	
Subtotal, Complete Program Unit		\$156,805.00	
2% Price Increase per Contract Extension		<u>3,136.10</u>	
Total, Complete Program Unit Including Price Increase		\$159,941.10	
<u>Non-Program Option</u>			
Corrosion Resistant Primer for Single Frame Rails		1000.00	YES
Total Unit Including Non-Program Option		\$160,941.10	

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Other Available Options (Includes 2% Price Increase)

293	Heated Windshield	644.64	YES
386	Custom Fabricated Tailgate Asphalt Door (Each)	612.00	
398	Full Width Steel Asphalt Apron	816.00	
467	Stainless Steel Upgrade for 10 Ft. Dump/Spreader	13260.00	

Note: Air operated tailgate is standard on the Hi-Way XT-3 body.

A set of the required DOT safety equipment (two chock blocks, safety triangle set, and fire extinguisher) will be provided with this unit at no extra charge.

I have enclosed literature and supporting materials for your review. The body and equipment for this unit would be provided and installed by J. C. Madigan, Inc. of Lancaster, Ma. The Town must be an associate member of the Greater Boston Police Council, Inc. in order to participate in this program. The current annual dues for associate membership are \$256.00. I appreciate the opportunity to present this information and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Jay McQuillan

Sales Representative

G & S Industrial, Inc. / Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

Selectboard & Finance Committee:

Request is hereby made for the following transfer in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 33B, of the Massachusetts General Laws:

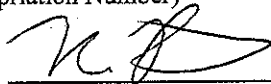
1. Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
(Not more than 3% of department
Budget or \$5,000 – whichever is greater)
2. To be transferred to: Garage & Public Safety Bldg
(Appropriation Name)

001-192-5410
(Appropriation Number)
3. To be transferred from: Town Hall Building
(Appropriation Name)

001-192-5400
(Appropriation Number)

Requested by:


(Signature of Department Head)


(Signature of Department Head)

APPROVED:

DATE

6/6/13

Selectboard:

Finance Committee:

