

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash (remote)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant; Janet Masucci, Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Jeff Kocsis, Mick LaClaire, Bev Demars, Cathy Ambo, Sarah Williams, Ronnie LaChance (until 7:00 PM), Mary Kruzlic.

John stated that he received a request from Ann Banash to participate remotely in today's meeting for reasons of geographic distance (Florida). It was noted that meetings with a remote participant must use roll call for all votes.

Sewer Rates: The Selectboard, acting as Sewer Commissioners, reviewed two handouts detailing a proposed increase to the rates for the Riverside sewer system. A rate identified as "Scenario C" would be an increase from the current rate of \$0.135/cubic foot to \$0.150/cubic foot, and would provide sufficient new revenue during the remainder of FY14 to cover an estimated \$1,445 increase from Montague for sewage disposal and an estimated \$2,500 to conduct a smoke test of the system. This is the same proposed rate that had been discussed at their meetings of 10/7 and 10/21.

One of the handouts provided a new "Scenario E" with a rate of \$0.145/cubic foot. This lower increase is based upon a reduced cost (\$500 estimated) for the smoke test, because of new developments explained by Highway Superintendent Mick LaClaire. He reported that he was contacted earlier today by Dave Kaczinski of the Massachusetts Rural Water Association. The MRWA has the necessary equipment to perform a smoke test, and will offer their services at no charge. The Town would only need to purchase the smoke canisters. The Town has worked with the MRWA before on water quality issues at Gill Elementary, but was unaware that the organization also deals with public sewer systems.

LaClaire reported that quotes for performing the smoke test were received from Tighe & Bond and ADS Environmental Services. Prices from both were relatively close. A third firm from Vermont declined to bid.

A number of Riverside residents who are sewer users spoke about the proposed increase. In general there was recognition of the need to maintain the aging system and to attempt to reduce the volume of groundwater and/or stormwater that is suspected to be entering the sewer lines. There was also an awareness of the importance of keeping a balance between income and expenses for the sewer system, and to not further deplete the Sewer Fund. Jeff Kocsis, a Gill resident and Riverside sewer user, stated his concerns that continuing to increase sewer rates will make it unaffordable to live in that neighborhood. He urged the Selectboard to delay setting new rates until after the smoke test is completed, in order to learn as much as can be learned.

The Selectboard instructed the Highway Superintendent to contact the MRWA and arrange for the smoke test to be performed "ASAP", next week, if possible. The topic of sewer rates will be revisited at the Selectboard's meeting on November 18th. Kocsis, Demars, Ambo, Williams, and Kruzlic left the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to accept the minutes from 10/21. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – abstained. The motion passed.

Hoe Shop Road Pavement Reclamation: LaClaire recommended that the Chapter 90-funded project to reclaim 1,100 feet of broken/bumpy/uneven pavement at the north end of Hoe Shop Road be awarded to All States Asphalt as the low bidder at \$9,975. Lane Construction bid \$13,840 and Costello Industries "no bid" the work.

LaClaire noted that portion of the road is currently difficult to drive on, and without this reclamation will be dangerous to maintain this winter. The Highway Department will spread a layer on gravel on top of the existing pavement, and then All States will use a machine to grind up, mix and compact the gravel, pavement, and sub-base. This compacted mixture will in essence become a new sub-base for the road. If approved tonight, All States will do the work on Thursday, November 7th.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to award the project to All States Asphalt for the low bid price of \$9,975. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously. LaClaire left the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Perambulation of Town Bounds: Town Clerk Lynda Hodsdon Mayo met with the Selectboard to provide them with information about MGL Chapter 42, Sections 2 and 9, which deal with locating and certifying the boundary markers of the Town. The law calls for this action to be performed by the Selectboard or their designees every five years. The last record of a perambulation of Gill's boundaries was in 1885. Hodsdon Mayo also provided copies of the triangulation coordinates, descriptions and maps of the coordinates, and perambulation records from 1850, 1880, and 1885. She expressed a hope that the bounds could be certified again sometime during her tenure as Town Clerk, and volunteered to assist with the project.

The Selectboard expressed appreciation for the information, and agreed to figure out a way to perform the perambulation. Randy noted that the Fire Department is in the process of purchasing GPS-equipped radios using an EMPG grant, and suggested that locating the boundaries could be a good training exercise. Hodsdon Mayo left the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Energy Audit: Ray reported that Bart Bales will be emailing the Library energy audit report tonight. With respect to the energy audit for the Riverside building, John commented that it's possible the audit will recommend eliminating the large ductwork plenum, and that this should be factored into any roof replacement project that the Town anticipates in the near future. He also suggested that additional insulation in the roof space of that building may alleviate icing problems on the north face of the roof, and remove the need for heat tape in the winter.

Community Shared Solar: No developments to report.

CIC Grant Applications: Ray presented Local Support forms from the FC Solid Waste Management District and the FRCOG for their applications for Community Innovation Challenge Grants. The FCSWMD is applying for \$30,000-\$40,000 to purchase equipment to bale materials collected by their new farm plastics recycling program.

The FRCOG is seeking as-yet unspecified funds for "Franklin County Initiative for Regional Excellence in Response," a program that will work with fire departments and fire districts in the county to provide greater ease in sharing data, develop shared performance measurements, and develop collaborations to improve response. The FRCOG application is a result of their DLTA-funded project working with area fire chiefs to examine opportunities to regionalize fire services. One conclusion from the DLTA project was that there was insufficient data available to analyze and seriously discuss regionalization. Ray reported that Gill's Fire Chief has expressed support for the grant application, but is concerned that a new fire reporting software program being sought by the grant will prove to be more expensive than Gill's current software. Supporting the grant application will not obligate the Town to any financial commitments.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to support both CIC grant applications. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

MIIA Loss Control Grant: The Selectboard reviewed a grant application to the Town's insurance provider, MIIA, for a \$5,000 Loss Control Grant to be used toward the purchase of a Work Zone & Traffic Control Trailer. The application is supported by the Highway, Fire, and Police Departments. The 6'x12' trailer comes equipped with reflective traffic cones, barrels, and barricades, and is intended to be an easy and convenient tool for the departments to use in setting up safe roadside work zones, accident scenes, and traffic detours. The total cost of the fully equipped trailer is \$5,700.00, and Ray suggested that the \$700.00 not covered by the grant come from the NMH Donation fund.

There was discussion about where the trailer would be stored, and whether it would become another piece of equipment the Town would need to replace in future years. The trailer company will letter the sides of the trailer for an additional \$500.00, and it was decided that this was a necessary feature and worth the extra expense.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Ann, to support the MIIA grant application and to authorize John to sign the application on behalf of the Selectboard. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Hampshire Power Electricity Program: The Selectboard reviewed a notice from the HCOG that the Hampshire Power Profit-Sharing Plan will be discontinued in December 2013. This plan is the Town's electricity supplier for all of the municipal accounts except for the streetlights. Two replacement plans are available – a fixed price plan and a real-time plan. The real-time plan is a higher risk option, but could produce more savings if the winter is mild. Ray recommended the fixed price plan for its stable pricing. The Selectboard had questions about the proposed terms of the fixed price contracts (19 and 31 months), especially as WMECO does their pricing every six months. They asked to have HCOG's Geoff Rogers invited to the November 18th meeting to answer questions.

Appointments: Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Amy Gordon and Ken Sprankle to the Town Forest Task Force through June 30, 2014. Randy – yes; John – yes; Ann – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Time: The November 18th Selectboard meeting will begin at 5:30 PM.

Banash and Masucci left the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY 2014 warrant #10.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



Randy P. Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

11/4/13 Sewer Rate Hearing

Preliminary Information on Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Oct. 21, 2013

	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Alarm Services	280	252	252	246	240	240
Bill Printing	555	552	553	551	543	543
Electric	1,290	1,109	1,239	1,317	1,407	1,710
Inspections/Calibrations	585	100	569	569	70	1,003
Maintenance	3,625	3,674	1,224	130	-	2,897
Mileage	1,400	1,127	1,249	1,046	1,080	1,349
Mowing	450	335	440	275	290	100
Other/Supplies	200	803	-	26	480	296
Payroll	11,077	9,303	9,998	9,162	10,774	9,767
Postage	350	-	-	-	110	-
Sewage Disposal	59,000	59,053	63,897	52,029	47,070	42,470
UNBUDGETED Sewer Increase	1,445	-	-	-	-	-
UNBUDGETED Smoke Test	2,500	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	230	225	213	222	176	170
Expenses grand total	82,987	76,534	79,633	65,573	62,240	60,544

Omnibus Budget Voted	79,042	79,042	67,740	66,166	66,047	51,916
Extra Voted to Budget	-	-	12,000	-	-	11,000
Budget minus Expenses	(3,945)	2,508	107	593	3,806	2,371

Revenue

There are currently 113 sewer accounts.

Current Rate	0.135 \$/cubic foot
less 10% discount	0.0135 (all customers receive the discount)
Effective Rate	0.1215

Sewer Commitments - aka Invoices to Users

Period	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09
		73,688.53	\$ 49,266	\$ 51,262	\$ 52,310	\$ 57,168

Current Projected Revenue

RWD Water Use (current average)	13,459 gal/day	(average of last 8 quarters)
equals	4,912,535 gal/year	
equals	656,757 cu ft/year	
x current Effective Rate	0.1215 \$/cu ft	
Total Invoiced to Sewer Users	\$ 79,796	

11/4/13 Sewer Rate Hearing

Proposed Projected Revenue - FULL YEAR

<u>Scenario A</u>			<u>Scenario B</u>		
Possible New Rate	0.137	\$/cu ft	Possible New Rate	0.140	\$/cu ft
Possible Effective Rate	0.1233	\$/cu ft	Possible Effective Rate	0.1260	\$/cu ft
Estim. Total Full Year	\$	80,978	Estim. Total Full Year	\$	82,751

<u>Scenario C</u>			<u>Scenario D</u>		
Possible New Rate	0.150	\$/cu ft	Possible New Rate	0.155	\$/cu ft
Possible Effective Rate	0.1350	\$/cu ft	Possible Effective Rate	0.1395	\$/cu ft
Estim. Total Full Year	\$	88,662	Estim. Total Full Year	\$	91,618

Proposed Projected Revenue - Sept. bill @ Old Rate, Dec/Mar/Jun bills @ New Rate

<u>Scenario A</u>				<u>Scenario B</u>			
Bill Date	Avg Cu. Ft	Disc. Rate	Bill Total \$	Avg Cu. Ft	Disc. Rate	Bill Total \$	
Sept '13 - Actual	177,493	0.1215	\$ 21,586	177,493	0.1215	\$ 21,586	
Dec '13 (avg last 2 Dec bills)	153,175	0.1233	\$ 18,886	153,175	0.126	\$ 19,300	
Mar '14 (avg last 2 Mar bills)	156,799	0.1233	\$ 19,333	156,799	0.126	\$ 19,757	
Jun '14 (avg last 2 Jun bills)	155,912	0.1233	\$ 19,224	155,912	0.126	\$ 19,645	
			\$ 79,029			\$ 80,287	

<u>Scenario C</u>				<u>Scenario D</u>			
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Sept '13 - Actual	177,493	0.1215	\$ 21,586	177,493	0.1215	\$ 21,586	
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Mar '14 (avg last 2 Mar bills)	156,799	0.135	\$ 21,168	156,799	0.1395	\$ 21,873	
Jun '14 (avg last 2 Jun bills)	155,912	0.135	\$ 21,048	155,912	0.1395	\$ 21,750	
			\$ 84,480			\$ 86,577	

Impact on Average Sewer User

	Cubic Feet	Discounted Current Rate	Billed Amount	Amount Over Current	% Over Current	Scenario
Current Avg. Quarterly Amount	1440	0.1215	\$ 175			
Current Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.1215	\$ 700			
Possible Avg. Quarterly Amount	1440	0.1233	\$ 178	\$ 2.59	1.5%	A
Possible Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.1233	\$ 710	\$ 10.37		
Possible Avg. Quarterly Amount	1440	0.1260	\$ 181	\$ 6.48	3.7%	B
Possible Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.1260	\$ 726	\$ 25.92		
Possible Avg. Quarterly Amount	1440	0.135	\$ 194	\$ 19.44	11.1%	C
Possible Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.135	\$ 777	\$ 77.75		
Possible Avg. Quarterly Amount	1440	0.1395	\$ 201	\$ 25.92	14.8%	D
Possible Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.1395	\$ 803	\$ 103.66		

11/4/13 Sewer Rate Hearing - Low \$ Smoke

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Possible Avg. Annual Amount	5759	0.1305	\$ 752	\$ 51.83		

November 4, 2013

Perambulation

Triangulation

Certifying the boundaries of the town.

I bring you information:

I hope you will accept this information with joy and wonder, which is how I view it. This might be something you have not heard of or thought about. If you have a love for History, a love of Gill or enjoy a brisk walk in the woods as I do, you might be intrigued, to perform this activity.

I give you what I have for records. **November** appears to be the month when this confirmation of town boundaries was performed.

The packet I give you has everything I have and the resource for this material is the 1909 **Book of Boundaries**, which I have here also. I am sure that if someone has a hand held **GPS**, it could be helpful in confirming the coordinates that have been listed.

Page #1	Triangulation Coordinates
Pages #2, #3	Mass General Law Chapter 42: Section 2, 9
Pages #4, #5	Description of Coordinates
Pages #6, #7	Map of Coordinate Locations
Pages #8, #9	Certified Perambulation records for 1850, 1880 and 1885
Page #10	Latitude, Longitude Coordinates

I called Gail Zukowski, Town Clerk in **Northfield** and she has no information beyond what I have presented here. She does have a Selectboard member who might be interested in participating in this kind of project. Keep in mind that it can be done by the Select Board or designated substitutes.

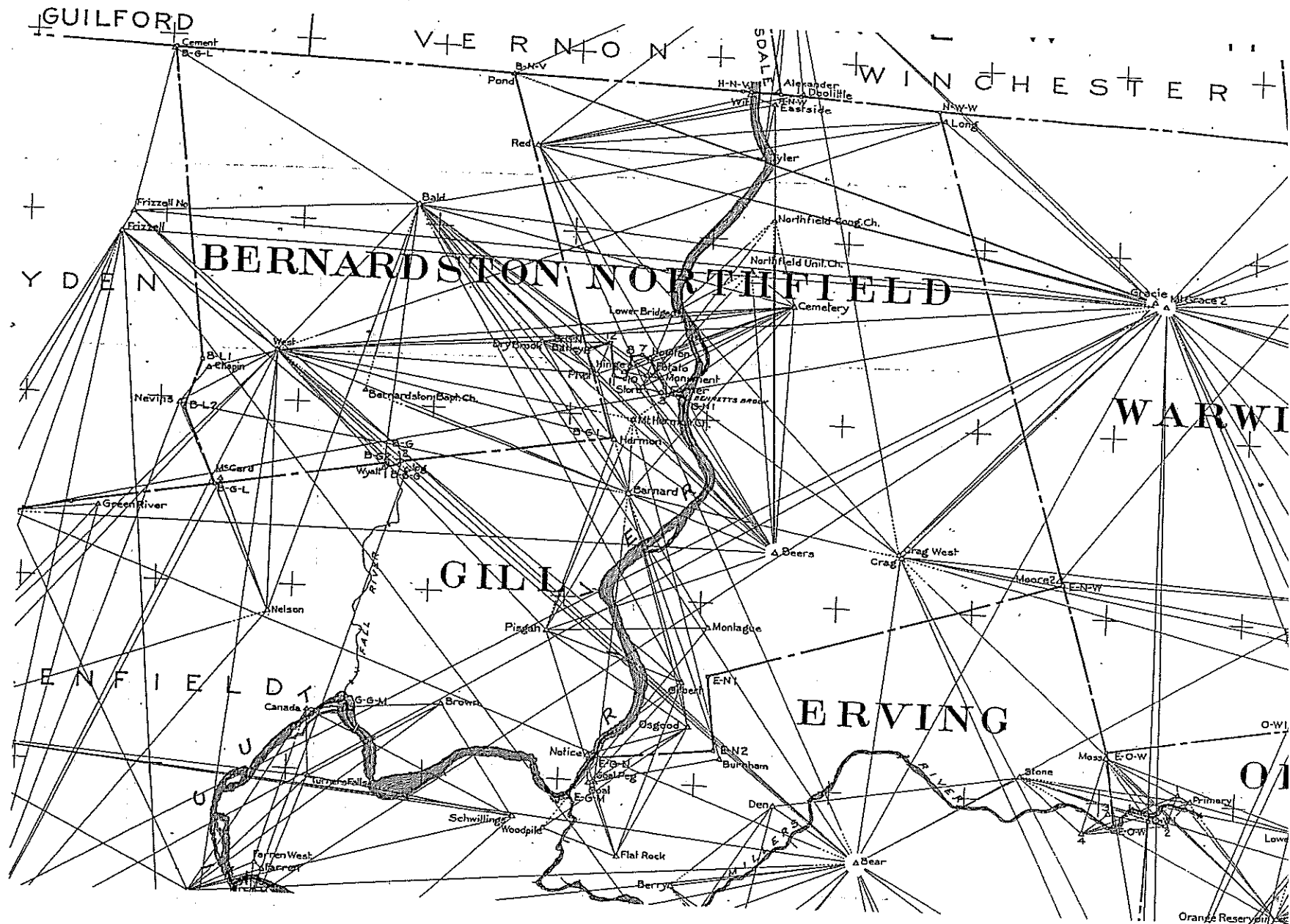
The MGL does not appear to say that it has to be witnessed by the contiguous town.


I also would share that only last week in the transcribing of the **Henry B. Barton**, Gill Town Clerk, in his diary of 1885, he records performing the perambulation with Asa Stoughton. He was Town Clerk in Gill from 1891 until 1933.

One observation is that the description that is certified in 1885 is much shorter than the description certified in 1850. If we are using what has been done as a model of what might be done now, we might use the shorter format to make it easier.

I present this information to you for your review, and I would like you to know that I would be proud to be able to certify the designated Boundary Lines of the Town for the Select Board of Gill at least once during my term as Town Clerk of Gill.

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Section 2. The boundary markers of every town shall be located, the marks thereon renewed, and the year located marked upon the face thereof which bears the letter of the town locating its boundary, once every five years, by at least two of the selectmen of the town or by two substitutes designated by them in writing. The marking shall be made with a paint or other suitable marking material.


The proceedings shall be recorded with the town clerk and the board of selectmen of the town in writing signed under penalty of perjury setting forth which boundary marks were located, and those which were not located. A copy of such records shall also be sent, by registered letter, to the town clerk and the board of selectmen of any contiguous town.

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Section 9. The triangulation points established by said department shall be regarded as a part of the evidence of the location of town boundary lines, and a description of the position and marks of such points shall be communicated in writing by said department to the selectmen of the towns where such points are located, and shall be filed with the perambulation records of such towns.

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GILL-GREENFIELD-MONTAGUE.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 24.)

LOCATION.—The corner is an unmarked point in the middle of the Connecticut river, at its junction with Fall river.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 1 AND W.M.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in the middle of the Connecticut river opposite the old mouth of Bennetts brook, south $71^{\circ} 08'$ east and about 700 feet distant from the witness mark, which stands on the westerly bank of Bennetts brook 13 feet northeast of the center of a cart-road, which leads by the "Ox bow" to the Mount Hermon School farm.

MARK.—The witness mark is a rough split granite monument 3.5 feet high and averaging about 6 x 7 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 2.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated at the easterly edge of open mowing, at a corner of woodland about 1,600 feet easterly from the Mount Hermon stables.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument about 3 feet high and 7 3-4 x 8 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 3.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated near the "Line ditch", near the easterly edge of mowing, at a point about 1,400 feet east of the Mount Hermon stables.

MARK.—The corner mark is a granite monument 3.2 feet high and about 7 x 9 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 4.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in mowing, about 25 feet west of the edge of woods, at a point about 1,525 feet east of Mount Hermon store.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument, about 1.9 feet high and about 6 inches square. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 5.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in mowing about 60 feet west of a line of woods and about 800 feet southeast of John Houlton's house in Gill.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument 1.8 feet high and 6 x 8 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 6.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in open, level field, north of Bennetts brook and about 400 feet east of the Mount Hermon road.

MARK.—The corner mark is a granite monument 3.2 feet high and about 6 inches square. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 7.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in a cultivated field about 75 feet northwest of the roadstone on the westerly side of the Mount Hermon road.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument 1.9 feet high and about 6 x 7 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 8.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated on the southerly slope of pasture, about 100 feet northwest of a bend in Bennetts brook and near some tall maples.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument 2.9 feet high and 5 1-2 x 9 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 9.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in a rough, rocky pasture belonging to Henry C. Holton, at a point about 100 feet west of the junction of a rail fence and stone wall.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument 3.2 feet high and 6 x 8 1-2 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 10.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in a cultivated field, 75 feet south of a wall.

MARK.—The corner mark is a granite monument 3 feet high and about 6 1-2 x 9 1-4 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 11.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

LOCATION.—The corner is situated in pine woods, 60 feet west of a wire fence on the westerly side of the back entrance to the Mount Hermon School property.

MARK.—The corner mark is a granite monument 2.6 feet high and about 7 1-2 x 8 1-2 inches in section. It is unlettered.

GILL-NORTHFIELD 12.

(FOR SKETCH SEE FOLIO 28.)

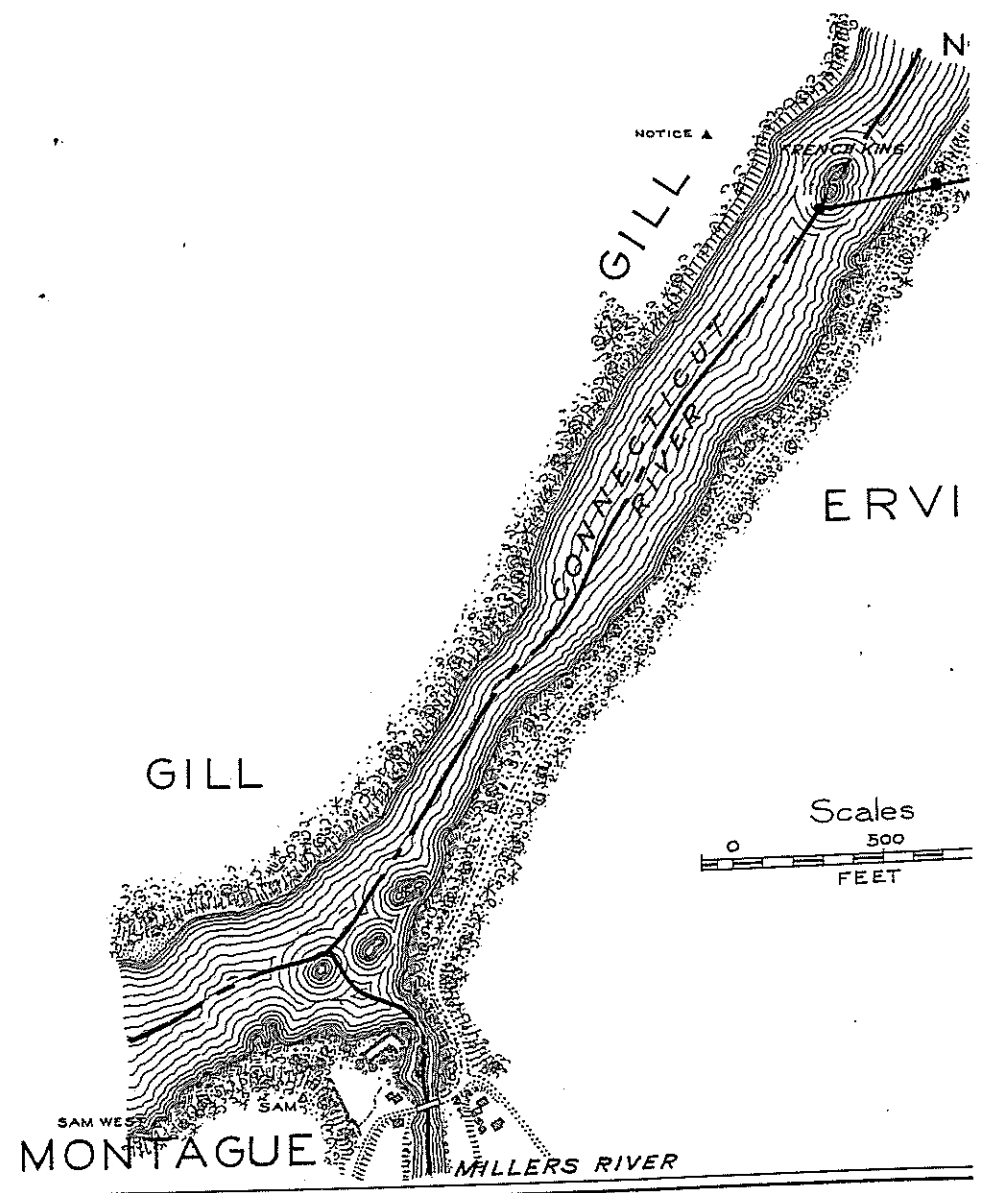
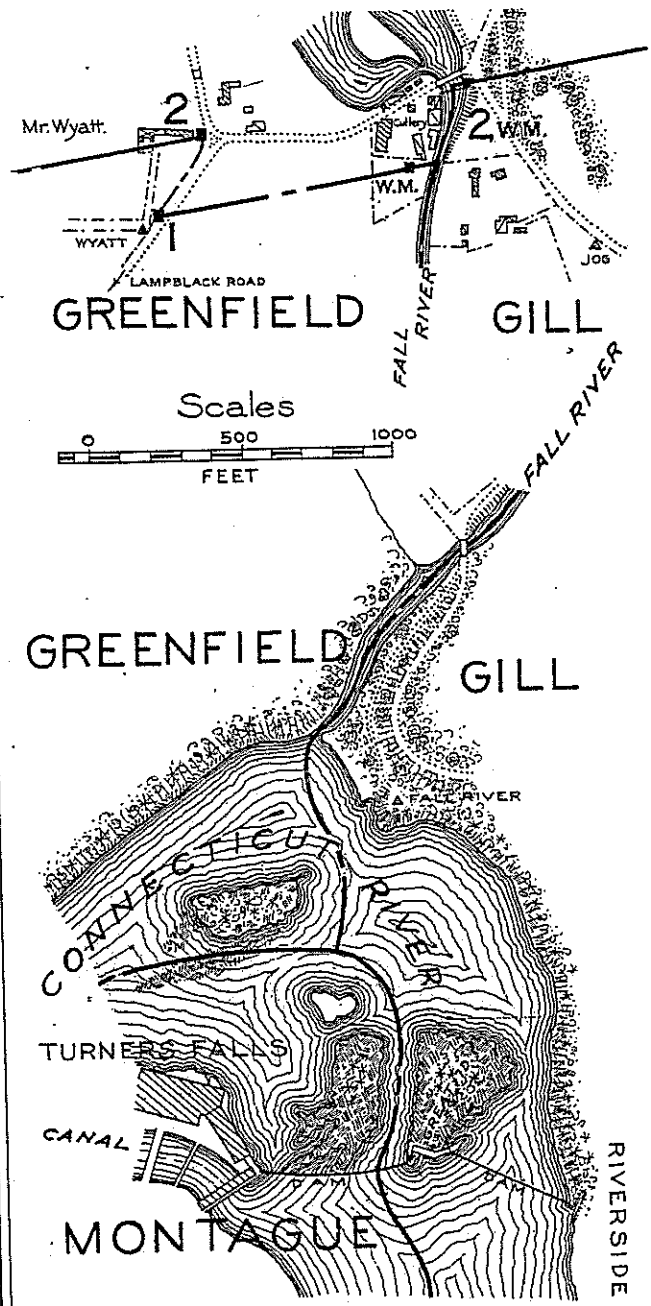
LOCATION.—The corner is situated in open meadow, about 300 feet northwest of the roadstone on the northwesterly side of the road between Bernardston and Northfield, opposite the junction of the road leading to the Mount Hermon school.

MARK.—The corner mark is a rough granite monument set in concrete masonry. It is 4.2 feet high and 6 1-4 x 9 1-4 inches in section. It is unlettered.

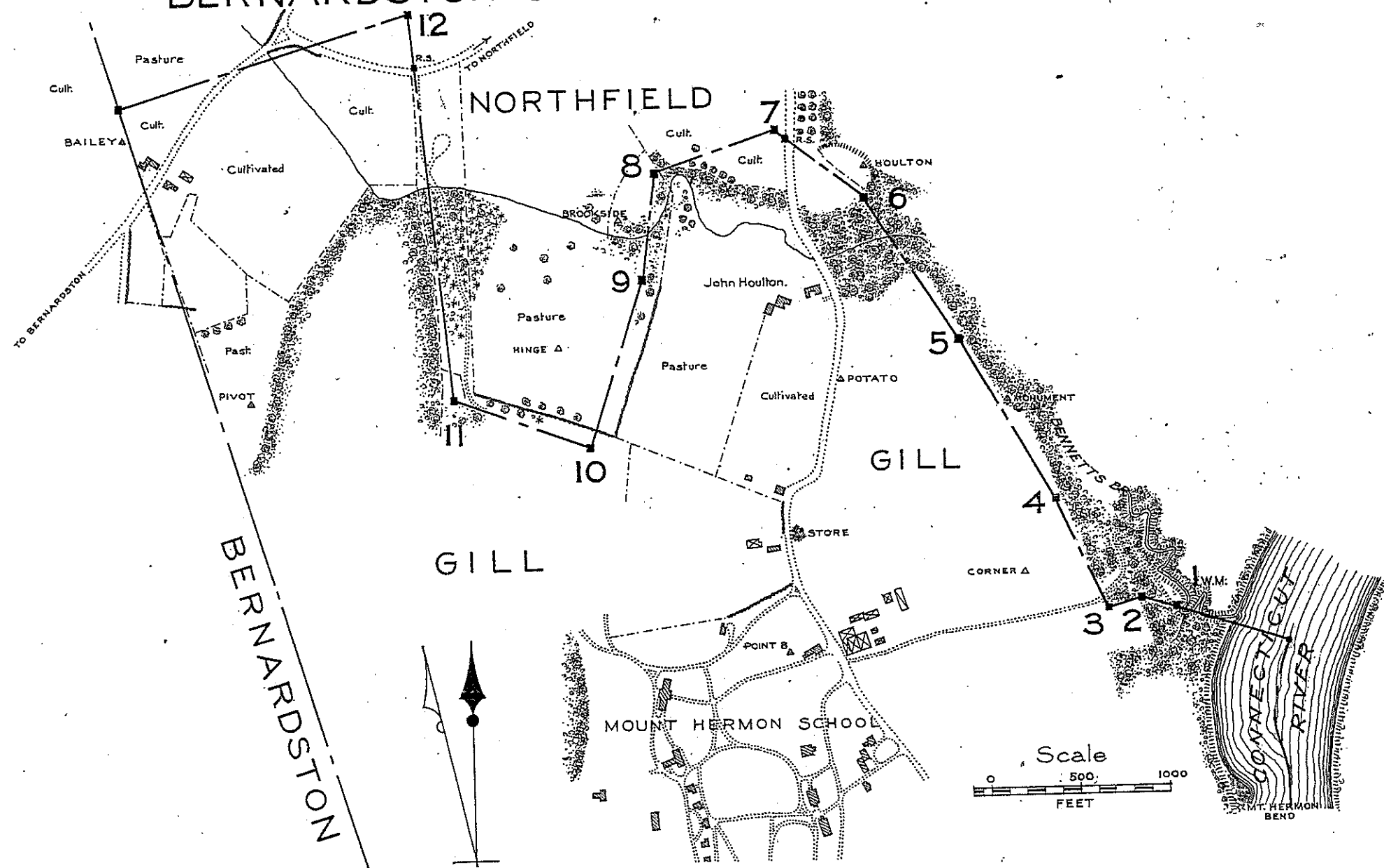
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BERNARDSTON-GILL



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Northfield and Gill Line 1857.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Northfield & Gill having this 20th day of November 1850 met agreeable to notice given by Selectmen of Northfield being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and running the line & renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that service make return as follows, viz.

Beginning at the Mouth of Bernards Brook running by the middle N 78° 10' W. 30 rods to a Stone on the top of Meadow Bank; Thence S 81° 50' W. 12 Rods to a Stone; Thence N 14° 30' W. 40 rods to a Stone. Thence N 21° W. 63 Rods to a Stone; Thence N. 25° W. 57 rods to a Stone; Thence N 44° 30' W. 37 rods to a Stone; Thence S. 80° 45' W. 43 rods to a Stone Thence S. 15° W. 36 rods to a Stone; Thence S. 27° 30' W. 61 rods to a Stone; Thence N. 61° W. 50 rods to a Stone; Thence N 3° 30' E. 133 rods to a Stone; Thence S 85° 50' W. 102 rods to Bernardston line.

Samuel A. Field 4 Selectmen of
Samuel P. Hutton 3 Northfield

Sathrop Cushman 4 Selectmen
Pascall Marvell 3 of Gill

Edwin Strallon, Surveyor.

Bernardston & Gill Line 1850

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Bernardston & Gill having this 25th day of November 1850 met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of said Bernardston, Being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and running the line, & renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that service, make return as follows, viz.

Beginning at the N.W. corner of said Gill on the East line of said Bernardston & running S. 8 1/2° E. 371 rods to the S.E. corner of said Bernardston; Thence S. 89 1/3° W. 837 rods to the centre of Fall River.

Samuel J. Green 4 Selectmen of
Edward H. Snow 3 Bernardston
Sathrop Cushman 4 Selectmen
Pascall Marvell 3 of Gill.

Copy attested E. S. Harting Town Clerk.

(8)

Praambulation of Town Lines

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Gill and Northfield have this Tenth day of November 1880 met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Northfield for the purpose of Perambulating and running the lines and viewing the marks between our Towns and having attended to that Service make returns as follows
Commencing at the Stone Monument which marks the corner of Gill Bernaulsta and Northfield near the house of Nelson Burrows and running N. 84. E. S. 49 1/4 W. - S 59 1/2 E. - N. 28 1/2 E. - N 17 1/2 E. - N 82 1/2 E. - S. 42 1/4 E. - S 23 1/4 E. - S 19 1/4 E. - S 12 1/2 E. S. 84 E. S. 77 1/2 E. to the mouth of Bennetts Brook

S. P. Strath ^{Selections of}
his

Asa A. Halton }
H. W. Montague } Selectmen of Northfield

Copy Attest Otis F. Hall Town Clerk of Hills

We, the undersigned, selectmen of the towns of
Gill and Northfield, hereby certify that we have perambulated and run the lines between our respective
towns, and renewed the marks as required by law.

A. O. Stoughton, } Selectmen of
Gill.

L. B. Webster, }
Geo. J. Bacon, } Selectmen of
Northfield.

Bill, Dec. 3, 1885.

Copy. Attest,

Josiah W. Canning
Treas. Clerk.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITIONS OF TOWN CORNERS.

DESC. ON FILE	CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TO COR.	AZIMUTH	BACK AZIMUTH	TRUE BEARING	DISTANCE METERS FEET	
	GILL-GREENFIELD LINE								
27	Bernardston-Gill-Greenfield (W.M.)	42 39 20.39	72 32 29.64	B-G-G			N. 80 44 E.		About 95
27	Bernardston-Gill-Greenfield			G-G-M	Follows middle	of Fall river	to middle of Conn. river.		
35	Gill-Greenfield-Montague								
	GILL-MONTAGUE LINE								
29	Erving-Gill-Montague			G-G-M	Follows middle	of Conn. river	to mouth of Fall river.		
35	Gill-Greenfield-Montague								
	GILL-NORTHFIELD LINE								
29	Erving-Gill-Northfield (W.M.)	42 36 14.90	72 29 24.73	E-G-N			S. 83 24 W.		About 390
29	Erving-Gill-Northfield			G-N 1	Follows middle	of Conn. river.			
35	Gill-Northfield 1			G-N 1			N. 71 08 W.		About 700
35	Gill-Northfield 1 (W.M.)	42 40 14.53	72 28 29.49	G-N 2	108 52 08	288 52 06	N. 71 08 W.	60.0	197
35	Gill-Northfield 2	42 40 15.16	72 28 31.98	G-N 3	73 15 38	253 15 36	S. 73 16 W.	60.2	198
35	Gill-Northfield 3	42 40 14.60	72 28 34.51	G-N 4	156 52 20	336 52 18	N. 23 08 W.	205.5	674
35	Gill-Northfield 4	42 40 20.72	72 28 38.06	G-N 5	150 11 09	330 11 04	N. 29 49 W.	320.4	1051
35	Gill-Northfield 5	42 40 29.73	72 28 45.05	G-N 6	146 25 41	326 25 36	N. 33 34 W.	289.1	949
35	Gill-Northfield 6	42 40 37.54	72 28 52.08	G-N 7	126 47 14	306 47 09	N. 53 13 W.	189.6	622
35	Gill-Northfield 7	42 40 41.22	72 28 58.74	G-N 8	71 58 00	251 57 54	S. 71 58 W.	218.4	716
	GILL-NORTHFIELD LINE - Con.								
35	Gill-Northfield 8	42° 40' 39.02"	72° 29' 07.86"	G-N 9	6° 26' 32"	186° 26' 31"	S. 6° 27' W.	182.0	597
35	Gill-Northfield 9	42 40 38.16	72 29 08.76	G-N 10	18 39 13	198 39 10	S. 18 39 W.	302.4	992
35	Gill-Northfield 10	42 40 23.88	72 29 13.01	G-N 11	109 54 54	289 54 47	N. 70 05 W.	252.2	827
35	Gill-Northfield 11	42 40 26.66	72 29 23.42	G-N 12	174 47 10	354 47 08	N. 5 13 W.	664.4	2180
35	Gill-Northfield 12	42 40 48.10	72 29 26.07	B-G-N	72 59 47	252 59 32	S. 73 00 W.	521.8	1712
27	Bernardston-Gill-Northfield	42 40 43.16	72 29 47.99						
	GREENFIELD-MONTAGUE LINE								
35	Gill-Greenfield-Montague			D-G-M	Follows middle	of Conn. river	to mouth of Deerfield river.		
29	Deerfield-Greenfield-Montague								

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Jan Ameen-FCSWMD [fcswmd@crocker.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Bernardston BOS; Buckland BOS; Charlemont BOS; Colrain BOS; Conway BOS; Wendy Foxmyn; Tom Sharp; Gill BOS; Hawley; Heath BOS; Leverett BOS; Leyden BOS; Frank Abbondanzio; New Salem BOS; Northfield BOS; Orange BOS; Shelburne BOS; Margaret - Sunderland; Warwick BOS; Wendell BOS; Whately BOS; Rowe BOS
Subject: CIC grant
Attachments: CIC grant support.pdf

Hi,

Many of you are aware that the District received a DEP grant to conduct a pilot program for recycling agricultural plastic and wood pellet bags. I used some of those funds and funds from the COG to hold three collection events a couple of weeks ago. I got a lot of farm plastic from only a handful of operations at each site. There is a lot more out there and I'd like to continue the program permanently. In order to do that I need to bale the material so the NY recycling company will pick it up for free. I am planning to submit a CIC grant at the end of November (due the 22nd). I think the application will be for \$30,000-\$40,000.

I just became aware of the support document form for the CIC grant. I am hoping that each District town will sign the support form so I can attach 22 forms to my application. I have pre-filled the first page and have attached it with the signature page. I would appreciate it if your town signed page 2 and returned it to me as soon as possible.

Feel free to contact me if you want more specifics on the project and/or the CIC application.

Sincerely,
Jan Ameen

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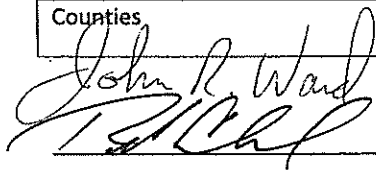
Community Innovation Challenge Grant

APPLICATION

Sign on behalf of the Applicants:

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Special municipal districts	Directors or equivalent
Counties	Commissioners



Signature

Entity Gill Selectboard

Print Name

John R. Ward
Randy Crochier

Title

Selectboard Chair
Selectboard Member

Community Innovation Challenge Grant

APPLICATION

LOCAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION FORM

Project Title: Regional Collection and Recycling of Agricultural Plastics

Lead applicant primary contact:

First Name, Last Name: **Jan Ameen**

Name of Municipality, School, RPA or COG: **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District**

Phone Number: **413-772-2438**

Email Address: **fcswmd@crocker.com**

List all participating entities: Towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, Whately.

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Ted Harvey [Harvey@frcog.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:59 AM
Subject: Franklin County Fire Service CIC Grant Proposal
Attachments: FC_Fire_CIC_Proposal.pdf

Dear Town Official,


As we continue to work on the county-wide fire services report with the Franklin County Fire Chiefs, a sub-committee of Chiefs that I have been working with has been looking at possible options for future collaborative projects between fire departments. We have an excellent opportunity with the third year of Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) state grant funding to plan and implement programs to meet some of the needs expressed by departments. We have developed a proposal (please see attached) for what we are tentatively calling the Franklin County Initiative for Regional Excellence in Response) or *FIRE Response*. This opportunity is open to all departments in Franklin County. You will notice there is no budget yet. A significant portion of the budget will be based on the cost of fire reporting software for participating departments, which I am working on now. We therefore need a better understanding of the interested departments and an approximate cost of software. At the latest fire chief's meeting, 15 departments specifically expressed interest.

The due date for the CIC application is November 22nd. The final application will need to be signed-off by each town's Select Board or governing board (in the case of fire districts). Please read the proposal carefully and let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this program and grant application. I have already sent this proposal to all Fire Chiefs.

We believe this is an excellent opportunity to bring further collaboration between fire departments to improve services within the county. Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

Ted Harvey

Ted Harvey, MPA
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Franklin Regional Council of Governments
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FIRE Response (Franklin County Initiative for Regional Excellence in Response) CIC Grant Proposal

Background

Fire Departments in Franklin County face many issues in continuing to provide a high level of service and protection. A major issue in continuing to provide this level of service is that volunteer/call fire departments have a shrinking number of participants making it more difficult to respond to calls with the appropriate number of trained firefighters. While mutual aid has worked adequately, increased formalization of collaborative efforts is needed to better meet the National Fire Protection Association standards related to incident response and occupational safety.

To begin to work towards meeting these needs, (NUMBER) Franklin County Fire Departments and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, are applying for a state Community Innovation Challenge Grant to fund the Franklin County Initiative for Regional Excellence in Response (*FIRE Response*). The three main goals of the initiative are to provide greater ease in sharing data; development of shared performance measurements; and development of collaborations to improve response (such as automatic aid agreements)

Sharing Data:

- Provide a consistent software platform across all participating departments
- Easier to share data between departments, assisting in timely response and greater efficiency

Performance Measurement:

- Develop performance measures for participating departments based on standards (including NFPA standards)
- Measures will allow departments to show more clearly where they are currently meeting standards and where they need improvement.

Collaborations to Improve Response:

- Using the data, departments will thoroughly assess resource availability to begin the process of developing collaborations, including automatic aid agreements, between departments.
- The goals of the automatic aid agreements will be to help fire departments better meet the National Fire Protection Association standards for response time (standard 1710 and 1720) and occupational safety (standard 1500).

FAQ

Who is involved in this project?

- **Fire Department Representative:** any fire department is eligible to participate in the Initiative; one representative from each participating will work with FRCOG staff to develop performance measures and collaborative agreements, like automatic aid.
- **FRCOG staff:** will manage the project, including grant reporting, task force meeting facilitation, provision of technical support on budgeting and drafting legal documents.

Where is the funding coming from?

- **CIC funding:** for staff time to develop performance measures and work with participating departments to formalize collaborations based on data; purchase software for participating departments and fund training on software

What are the actions that need to be taken if the Initiative is funded?

- Convene committee of representatives from participating towns
- Develop RFP for shared procurement of software for a cheaper price
- Install the same fire reporting software for all participating fire departments
- Provide training to all participating fire departments on the software
- Develop performance measures based on NFPA standards and current data (response times, number of firefighters responding, etc.)
- Develop automatic aid agreements between departments based on resource availability provided by the data

What are we hoping to get out of this Initiative?

- Immediate access to shared data across participating departments
- Development of performance measurement standards based on data from software and NFPA standards
- Tracking current fire department assets and availability of resources
- Development of automatic aid agreements between fire departments based on data to meet national staffing and response times standards
- Increased efficiency in service and ease in sharing information among departments (vital in Franklin County where departments rely heavily on mutual aid)
- Ability to more completely fill out the state MFIRS reports
- Use data to assess gaps in service and areas of overlap to increase shared services where appropriate (ongoing focus on shared services and innovation in Franklin County fire departments)
- Meeting NFPA standards related to occupational safety (1500) and response (1710, 1720)

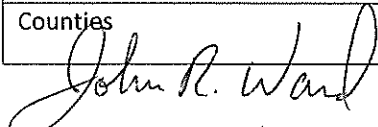
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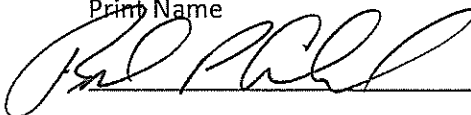

John R. Ward

Signature

Chair, Gill Selectboard

Entity

Print Name

 Randy P. Crochier

Signature

Title

Clerk, Gill Selectboard

Entity

Print Name

Title



MIIA Grant Program Application for Fiscal Year 2014

Applying for: ☒ Loss Control Grant - Safety Equipment
☐ Risk Management Grant – Process, Policy Development and Implementation

If applying for a Loss Control Grant, please answer questions 1 - 4 ONLY.

If applying for Risk Management Grant, please answer questions 1 – 3 and 5 – 6.

If applying for more than one grant, a separate application must be submitted for each grant.

If you need additional space you may submit your application in narrative form.

Please fill out entire form. Email completed form to miiagrants@mma.org.

MIIA Member: Town of Gill

Contact Person: Ray Purington Phone: 413-863-9347

E-Mail: administrator@gillmass.org Fax: 413-863-7775

1. Purpose and Description of Grant: Summarize what you plan to do, who will do it, and when it will be done.

We propose to purchase a Work Zone & Traffic Control Trailer that will be used by the Highway Department to restrict traffic access and establish safe work zones for road construction and repair projects on and along Gill's roadways. The trailer will come equipped with reflective traffic cones, barrels, and barricades. The trailer may also be used by the Highway, Fire, and Police Departments during emergency situations to safely and clearly close roads and/or detour traffic around hazards. We anticipate ordering the trailer within two week of receiving the grant award letter.

2. Loss History: Have you had losses in this area? If not, how would this grant prevent future loss?

The Town has been fortunate to have had no losses from traffic-related accidents at work zones, accident scenes, and detours. However, we are very aware of the risks, and believe that having all of the traffic control equipment stored in a single trailer will make it more convenient, and therefore more likely, that our employees will consistently establish a worker-safe and traffic-safe work zone.

3. Cost: Provide an estimate covering cost per item/training/consultation as well as total applied amount. Grant will not be considered without formal estimate (attach estimate).

The Work Zone Trailer has been quoted by Atlantic Broom for a cost of \$5,700.00, of which \$5,000.00 will be paid using the MIIA Loss Control Grant. If the Town's procurement process identifies a lower priced but equivalently equipped trailer from another vendor, the MIIA Grant will be applied to the first \$5,000.00 of the trailer's cost.

4. **Potential Improvements:** How will this grant be used to continue or increase your risk management or personnel management efforts moving forward?

Much of the Town's risk management efforts involve identifying a potential risk, developing a solution to reduce that risk, and then implementing the solution once funding is available. This grant will allow the Town to improve its employees' traffic and work zone safety immediately, rather than someday in the future.

5. **Risk Management Plan:** Detail your in-house risk management plan. Do you have a current Safety/Risk Management program in place? Detail your in-house, (non – MIIA) training efforts.

Answer not required for Loss Control Grant.

6. **Risk Management Improvements:** In what areas do you feel you need to improve your risk management program? Does this grant address this area? If so explain:

Answer not required for Loss Control Grant.

Grant Disbursement: MIIA members will be informed as soon as the review process has been completed. Available funds are limited and MIIA may not be able to fully fund individual grant requests. MIIA offers two options for grant disbursement. Regardless of the option chosen, each member must attest that all state and local purchasing regulations and guidelines are followed. To that end, MIIA requires that your Chief Procurement Officer sign the grant application attesting to the above.

Option 1. Member pays vendor directly, and MIIA reimburses the member.

Option 2. MIIA will pay the vendor directly upon receipt of a formal written estimate /or invoice and confirmation from your Chief Procurement Officer that all relevant state and local purchasing regulations and guidelines in the selection of the vendor have been followed.

By signing and submitting this application, I (we) attest that all applicable state and local purchasing regulations and guidelines have been followed.

Chief Executive Officer Signature: John R. Ward
Print: John R. Ward, Selectboard Chair

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: John R. Ward
Print: John R. Ward, Selectboard Chair

E-Mail: administrator@gillmass.org Phone: 413-863-9347

Date: 11/4/13

Questions: For **Loss Control Grant** please contact Jeffrey Siena at jsiena@mma.org and 1-800-882-1498, ext. 259 or Mary Ann Marino at mmarino@mma.org and 1-800-882-1498, ext. 262.

For **Risk Management Grant** please contact Lin Chabra lchabra@mma.org and 1-800-882-1498, ext. 250.



HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

ELECTRICITY

October 31, 2013

Dear Hampshire Power Profit-Sharing Customer,

We are writing to inform you that Hampshire Power has concluded that the Profit-Sharing Plan will be eliminated in December, 2013. Since the program's inception in 2007, Profit-Share customers received rebates totaling \$300,000 from Hampshire Power. However, with utility prices at rock-bottom levels during the past couple of years, there have been no profit rebates and the program itself has been pronounced unsustainable due to current and projected market conditions.

The Profit-Sharing plan will officially end in December, 2013. Our market analysis indicates that the program is unlikely to offer our customers any savings this coming winter. Hampshire Power representatives will be in contact shortly to walk you through your options. We are strongly recommending that all Profit-Share customers convert to our newly-announced Fixed Price product, which will allow you to budget your electricity expenses with the certainty that the price will not change throughout the life of your contract.

Fixed-Price Product. Hampshire Power is proud to announce our new and highly competitive Fixed Price product. We are compiling a group of customers to take to market in December and the more who join the better for all. **Please let us know if you would like to part of this group bid before November 22, 2013.** Remember, if we have a larger pool of interested customers, we are likely to get a better deal, so don't hesitate to let us know if you are interested in being part of this pool!

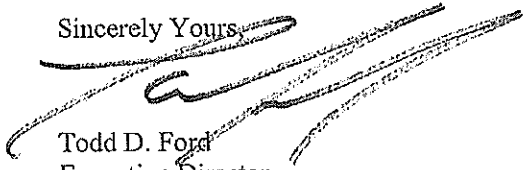
The Real-Time program will remain in place for those who choose to balance the possible cost-saving benefits of a variable priced product with the risk of unpredictable price shifts in winter.

We're Local. Hampshire Power is the only local supplier in Massachusetts, and the only one that is not a profit-making company. With Hampshire Power, your energy dollars stay in western and central Massachusetts, and you can be assured that our interest is in getting the maximum savings we can for all our customers. You are our shareholders and we work to serve you and you alone.

Please don't hesitate to contact our energy experts with any questions.

We appreciate your participation in Hampshire Power and look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely Yours,


Todd D. Ford
Executive Director
Hampshire Council of Governments

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