

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2017

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Members Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, Greg Snedeker

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant; Janet Masucci, Kent Alexander, John Miner, Eddie Ambo

Highway Department 2009 Sterling Truck: John Miner and Eddie Ambo of the Gill Highway Department met with the Selectboard to discuss the 2009 Sterling truck and problems with the vehicle. Miner has been the principal operator of the truck since it was acquired by the Town in July 2015. Miner distributed a 9-page document which outlines repairs and maintenance issues, along with repair costs, mileages, and engine hours.

Miner highlighted the issue with the regen light coming on at unpredictable intervals. When the light comes on, usually when plowing in a snowstorm, the truck loses power, and he soon starts to feel nauseous, and smells exhaust fumes in the cab. When this first happened, the truck was brought to Rose Ledge for diagnosis, and then later brought to Porter's Diesel Services in Winchester, NH, which is the nearest dealer for Cummins engines. During one visit to Porter's, the diagnostic computer read a code for "excessive crank case pressure," which might be an indication of engine trouble. The crank case breather was replaced in February 2016 and again in March 2017.

When Porter's has worked on the engine's regen unit, they have needed to activate it several times in order to burn out the accumulated carbon. The truck operates properly afterwards, but only for one or two storms before the regen unit acts up again.

Miner said that with only 37,000 miles on it, the truck needs a new clutch, as the current clutch cannot be adjusted. He said that Porter's told him the truck needs a motor job, and the cost for that won't be known "until you get in there."

Miner estimated that the Town has spent \$80,000 on the truck and repairs so far, and guessed at another \$5,000 for a clutch job and at least \$10,000 for a motor job. When asked, he said that Fred Chase has not been consulted about the truck and its problems, as Chase is not a Cummins dealer.

A handout was reviewed with questions from the Selectboard about exhaust in the cab, and answers that were supplied by Highway Superintendent Mick LaClaire. It was noted that Porter's installed a carbon monoxide detector in the truck cab during the last visit to their shop. Miner said the truck has not been operated since it returned from Porter's the last time, and that he has no intention of getting back in the truck. "I'm done being sick."

Miner was asked to contact Porter's and get their best estimate of the cost of an engine job and a clutch job. (It was later reported by Miner to Ray to be \$25,000 and \$5,000, respectively.) John Ward offered to contact Cliff Porter to discuss next steps with the vehicle.

Bucket Truck: The Selectboard asked Miner and Ambo about the usefulness of the bucket truck that Gill co-owns and shares with the towns of Northfield, MA and Vernon, VT. It is a 1-ton truck, and has been in need of some body work. Northfield is purchasing its own larger bucket truck, and Vernon no longer wants use of the truck. The truck has been offered to Gill for \$3,000. Ambo commented that the truck is very useful to the Town for safety during tree trimming.

Miner and Ambo left the meeting at 5:53 PM.

Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the minutes of 3/20/17. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sewer I&I Study: Town Counsel has not completed her review of the two ideas about ways to identify houses with illicit sump pumps connected to the sewer system.

Gill Elementary Well: No progress last week.

Mariamante Property/Community Solar: Nothing to report.

Annual Reports: The FY11 and FY13 reports have been sent to the Jail for printing.

Oak Street Easement: The easement survey has been received from the surveyor and forwarded to Town Counsel to draft the easement language and warrant article.

Sanctuary City: Nothing new to discuss; it will be on the agenda for the 4/18 meeting.

MassDOT & Gill Mobil Sidewalk: Ray reported that Summit Distributing has filed at the Registry of Deeds the sidewalk maintenance agreement between Summit and the Town. With that filing complete, the Town can now issue its statement to the MassDOT accepting responsibility for snow removal and maintenance of the proposed new sidewalk to be constructed along Route 2 as part of the Gill Mobil redevelopment. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to authorize John to sign the statement to MassDOT. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative, and the statement was signed.

Bucket Truck, part 2: The Selectboard continued its discussion of the offer from Northfield to sell the bucket truck to Gill for \$3,000. There is great hesitance to accept the offer, considering the truck was purchased by the towns in 2010 for \$3,200. There are also questions about the wisdom of adding another piece of equipment to the Town's fleet, when we already are struggling to keep up with maintenance and replacement of the equipment we have. If the bucket body could be transferred to another truck chassis, similar to the government surplus truck that the Fire Department outfitted as a brush truck, then owning the bucket truck might make a little more sense. Ray noted that it would cost \$681 per year to add the bucket truck to Gill's insurance policy. It was suggested that Northfield be asked for a list of repairs to the vehicle, as well as an accounting of the maintenance account that all three towns contributed to annually.

FRCOG Traffic Counts: The FRCOG has again offered to do traffic counts for member towns this spring/summer, on a first come, first served basis. Ray suggested North Cross Road, based on several complaints from residents last year about high traffic volume and speeds during one or two sports camps held at NMH. Randy suggested requesting a study to identify vehicle stopping habits at the West Gill Road/Main Road stop sign.

Appointments: Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg to appoint Marcus Aucoin, Gene Beaubien, Steven Connell, Jason Edson, Stuart Elliott, Matthew McCarthy, Scott Nicholas, Greg Parody, Kenneth Sears, Paul Sweeney Jr., and Eric Vassar to the Fire Department Board of Engineers for a term of May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to appoint Jakob Dubreuil as a Firefighter through June 30, 2017. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to appoint Daniel Larvey as a Part-time Police Officer through June 30, 2017, contingent upon receipt of acceptable results of a recent medical evaluation. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to appoint Judd Greenstein to the Cultural Council through April 3, 2020. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Regional Dispatch Feasibility Study: The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Greenfield Police Chief Robert Haigh requesting the Town support Greenfield's application to the State 911 Department for grant funds to conduct a feasibility study to establish a Regional Emergency Communications Center to serve all 26 towns of Franklin County. Ray noted that Gill's Police Chief and Fire Chief have both indicated support for Gill's participation in the feasibility study. Greg made a motion, seconded by Randy, to authorize John to sign a letter of support for the feasibility study. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the letter was signed.

DEP Grant Contract: Ray presented a zero dollar grant contract from Mass DEP that will be used as the basis for the next 10 years of any grants the town might receive from that agency. Greg made a motion, seconded by Randy, to authorize John to sign the contract signature listing and for Ray to sign the contract and other related documents. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Liberty Tree Project: The Selectboard reviewed an invitation from Senator Stan Rosenberg to participate in the Liberty Tree Project. The Project is organized by a group of Marines and overseen by the Home of the Brave (a 501(c)(3) corporation). It seeks to plant one tree in a public location for every Massachusetts soldier who lost his/her life serving our country. Private donors will provide the funding for the trees; towns just need to identify places to plant them. Greg made a motion, seconded by Randy, to participate in the Liberty Tree Project. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. It was suggested that once more details are known about the project, it would be good to seek input from residents about potential locations for trees.

FRCOG Bike Rack Grant: Ray presented information on a grant program through the FRCOG that will provide free bicycle racks to towns and schools. While all of Gill's town buildings, including the school, already have bike racks that were installed through the Green Community grant, the main entrance to the Town Forest does not have any bicycle parking. The grant will provide the racks at no cost, but the Town will be responsible for installation. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to participate in the FRCOG's bike rack grant. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Town Forest Committee will be consulted about rack styles and quantities.

Sewer Abatement: The Selectboard reviewed a request from Robert Callery for a \$350 abatement on his most recent sewer bill for 2 Oak Street. There was a leak at the bottom of the toilet tank that allowed water to drain onto the bathroom floor. Abatements are allowed for an "excessive reading due to broken water pipes (must prove that excess water did not enter sewer system)." Ray's analysis of the 12 most recent sewer bills for the property indicated that the requested amount was reasonable. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the \$350 sewer abatement to Robert Callery. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Annual Town Meeting: The Selectboard set May 1st as the date of the Annual Town Meeting, with a start time of 7:00 PM. The financial portion of the meeting will be continued to June 12th. (It was later determined that the second part of the meeting would be held on June 5th.)

Kent Alexander left the meeting at 6:44 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2017 warrant #20.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

Signed copy on file. Approved 04/18/2017

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

2009

STERLING

VIN #2FZAASBS59AAF9964

TRUCK BOUGHT AND REGISTERED 7-10-15

34000 MILES

FILTERS FOR TRUCK

OIL FILTER NAPA 1748XD

FUEL FILTER NAPA 3936

FUEL FILTER NAPA 3788

AIR FILTER NAPA 6556

HYDRAULIC FILTER NAPA 1759

ISSUES WITH TRUCK WHEN WE RECEIVED IT-

ON SPOT CHAINS WORE OUT (BEARINGS AND BUSHINGS ALL FROZEN AND OBLONGED.-NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

WINDSHIELD WILL NOT PASS INSPECTION. ALL SCRATCHED. NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

SANDER SPINNER ASSEMBLY FRAME WORK
BENT AND TWISTED. NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

SANDER CHAIN, BEARING AND SPROCKETS
WORE OUT. NEED TO BE REPLACED.

CANVAS COVER ARMS ROTTED AND BENT.
CANVAS COVER RIPPED. NEEDS TO BE
REPLACED.

DRIVERS SEAT WORE OUT. CUT AND RIPPED.
NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

REAR TIRES ARE NOT THE SAME SIZE AS THE
FRONT TIRES. TIRES SHOULD BE REPLACED FOR
WINTER MONTHS. (LOW TREAD)

SANDING SPOT LIGHTS WERE PAINTED OVER.
ALL NEED TO BE REPLACED.

NO BODY ALARM PRESENT ON TRUCK. NEED TO
ADD ONE FOR INSPECTION.

NO SIDE BOARDS PRESENT ON BODY. NEED TO
BE ADDED.

ARM ON WING IS BENT. NEEDS TO BE
REPLACED.

PLOW IS ROTTED AND NUMEROUS CRACKS AND BREAKS. ESTIMATE FROM STEVE'S WELDING IS AT LEAST \$4000.00

NO BODY GRATE ON TRUCK FOR SANDER. NEED TO PURCHASE.

7-8-15

Replaced Battery Cables \$43.72

7-8-15

Replaced Hydraulic Hoses and Quick Connects on Spinner. \$190.24

7-17-15

Made Side Boards for Dump Body \$80.00

7-21-15

Replaced Air Brake Lines \$78.92

7-21-15

Installed Body Alarm \$74.57

7-22-15

Replaced Coupling \$45.32

7-22-15

Replaced Quick Connect \$23.88

8-3-15

Replaced Windshield (Doug's Auto) \$255.20

8-6-15

Replaced Left Front Wheel Seal, Check Truck Over, Fixed Piston Slapping by putting a tire around piston, Lined Up Wheels. (Bubbles in Some of the Tires, need to be replaced) (Raymond's) \$454.29

8-19-15

Replaced Directional Switch, Replaced Wiper Motor, Repair Wipers, Fix ABS Light. (Raymond's) \$649.54

8-25-15

Replaced Drivers Seat \$469.16

10-9-15

Replace Starter, Check Batteries, Replace Clutch Spring. (Raymond's) \$509.76

10-19-15

Replace Hydraulic Hose on Dump Body \$192.80

11-11-15

Replaced All Six Tires (Pete's) \$3273.80

12-18-15

Installed Insta-Chains (Madigan's) \$2812.23

12-24-15

Purchased New Power Angle Plow Serial #IU10718
\$9800.00

Installed Carbide Blade On front plow.(Madigan's)
\$906.00

12-28-15

Removed and Replaced Conveyor Chain, Bearings,
Sprockets and Shafts. Replaced Spinner Assembly,
Mounted a Spreader Chute, Added Screens on Top of
Sander Body, Removed and Replaced Tarp System,
Removed and Replaced Front Wiper on Tilt Floor,
Removed and Replaced Lower Wing Arm, Removed and
Replaced Three Steel Lines with Stainless to Rear of
Truck, Installed New Poly Fenders on Rear of Truck.
(Madigan's) \$15350.00

10-27-15

Install Mirror for Wing Plow \$45.55

1-7-16

Replace Circuit Breaker for Heater \$5.95

2-13-16 35119 Miles

Brought Truck to Porter's. Motor kept surging. Kept
trying to die. When coming to a stop sign re-gen light

would come on. Fills Cab With Fumes. Checked truck for fault code. Found code 0555. Excessive Crankcase Pressure. Replaced Crankcase filter in valve cover. Changed Fuel Filters. \$612.17

2-18-16 35304 Miles 3304 Hours

Replaced Hydraulic hose to tilt body. \$41.84

2-18-16 35304 Miles 3304 Hours

Greased Truck, Added a Regular Steel Blade to Carbide Blade on Plow, Rolled Plow Forward One Hole.

2-25-16 35422 Miles 3312 Hours

Brought Truck to Porter's. Motor keeps surging. When coming to a stop the re-gen light keeps coming on. Fills Cab With Fumes. Forced Re-gen on computer. Replace Two Exhaust Pipes under Passenger Door. \$849.18

11-28-16

Rebuilt Wing Plow Piston- Rose Ledge \$210.63

12-8-16 36090 Miles

Rose Ledge Company tried to adjust clutch. Clutch is frozen and cannot adjust. Will need clutch.

12-22-16

Truck brought to porters. Keeps filling cab with fumes.

Check truck because check engine light on.

Found Particular filter in exhaust plugged and needed to be removed and burnt out, removed filter and found flanges where the 3 sections clamp together rotted away and leaking, replaced filter assembly and all necessary parts, tubes, and sensors.

Cleared codes from ECM

Check heater motor, keeps quitting

Replaced heater motor and resistor assembly.

Test run. (\$8616.96)

1-20-17

Brought truck to Porters. Cannot get grease in front spring shackles. Truck keeps filling with fumes. Regen and check engine lights keeps coming on.

Replaced cab air filter

R & I air dryer to get to spring pin

Replaced spring bushings and shackles kits on rear of front springs, grease front end

Update ECM calibration to latest calibration

ReGen exhaust system

Check truck for check engine light

Come on once, found excessive crankcase pressure, ordered new updated oil separator breather

Check heater motor, keeps quitting

(\$1687.29)

2-28-17

Brought Truck to Porters. Regen and engine light on.

Cab filled with fumes

\$1309.06

3-07-17

Front Pin on Wing Plow Bent-Made New Pin and Replaced. \$8.76 for Material

2009 Sterling truck

Exhaust in cab – Questions from Selectboard 3/20/17, answered 3/30.

What are the operating conditions and/or scenarios when there has been exhaust fumes in the cab of the truck?

The operating conditions are while driving the truck, mostly during operations of plowing and sanding.

Was the heat on or off? Heating what zones (floor/feet, defrost, chest level,...)?

The heat is on because you need to try and keep the windshield defrosted.

When first noticed, had the truck been climbing hills, going down hill, driving on the flat?

When the fumes are noticed, it's to the point where the driver is already sick because the CO has been present for a while. The truck is of operating. We have all, hills and flats. We have to run the truck to its most potential due to the under power and kind of transmission.

Were the cab windows up or down?

The windows are both up and down trying to regulate the heating/ defrosting conditions.

When first noticed, approximately how many hours had the truck been in use?

There are no definitive times it happens. It's hard to say how many hours it's been in use. It's noticed at all different times, to the point that it gets parked. The driver takes about 3 days to start to feel better after the fumes have consumed him.

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April 3, 2017

Patrick Paul, District Highway Director
MassDOT
811 North King Street
Northampton, MA 01060

RE: Sidewalk Construction along Route 2 by Summit Distributing, LLC (“Gill Mobil”)

Dear Director Paul:

With reference to the application to MassDOT by Summit Distributing, LLC to construct a sidewalk within the Route 2 right-of-way as part of their redevelopment and expansion of the “Gill Mobil” gas station, and by virtue of a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement between Summit Distributing, LLC and the Town of Gill filed at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds on March 29, 2017, the Town hereby affirms to MassDOT that it will assume the responsibility of snow removal from and maintenance of the to-be-constructed sidewalk that is part of the redevelopment project.

Sincerely,

John R. Ward, Chair
Gill Selectboard

Cc: Tom Frawley, Summit Distributing, LLC
Mitchell LaClaire, Sr., Highway Superintendent

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Mick LaClaire/Gill Highway <highway@gillmass.org>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 11:36 AM
To: administrator@gillmass.org
Subject: bucket truck

Ray, can you please forward this to the Board,

Good Morning, as you are aware we own a third of the bucket truck used for tree work, the other parties involved are the Town of Northfield, and the Town of Vernon Hwy. I have been approached by Northfield Highway Supt, Tom Walker, he states that Northfield and Vernon want to sell the Town of Gill their portions of the truck. Northfield is getting a bigger truck and Vernon does not wish to stay in the program. with that being said: The bucket truck has proven to be an instrumental part of our tree work, the safety portion to protect our employees speaks for itself. However the truck has had some issues over the years, but has been repaired, it just recently has had a new fuel tank, cab corners and rocker panels installed. when this truck was purchased Gill and Northfield split the cost of the truck at \$1600.00 each and Vernon agreed to pay for the annual boom inspection. Northfield is asking for \$ 3000.00 that's being split \$ 1500 each. I am asking you review this info and we can speak later at a board meeting regarding this.

Thank you. Mick.

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments

March 16, 2017

Subject: Traffic Counting

Dear Selectboard Members, Highway Superintendents and Municipal Officials:

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) performs traffic counts, annually, free of charge for Franklin County communities. The FRCOG makes every effort to fulfill all traffic count requests each season. Traffic counts will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. All count requests should be submitted to the Transportation Planning Engineer in writing, either by post, fax or e-mail.

As we begin to develop our 2017 count calendar, we ask that you think about any traffic counts you would like performed in your community and use the attached form to request these counts. The FRCOG has the ability to measure traffic volumes, vehicle classification, speed and vehicle turning movements (intersection counts). We also have the ability to count bicycle and pedestrian traffic on dedicated pathways.

Thank you for your involvement and participation in our traffic counting program. Please contact me at the number or email below with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Scarbrough", written in a cursive style.

Laurie Scarbrough
Transportation Planning Engineer
Franklin Regional Council of Governments
12 Olive Street, Suite 2
Greenfield, MA 01301
Tel: 413.774.3167, Extension 139
Fax: 413.774.3169
lscarbrough@frcog.org



**2017 Traffic Count Request Form
Franklin Regional Council of Governments**

The FRCOG provides traffic counts, free of charge, for all Franklin County communities who request them, on a first come, first serve basis. Please fill out **one form for each count request location** and return it via mail, fax or email to the Transportation Planning Engineer.

Mail: Transportation Planning Engineer, FRCOG, 12 Olive Street, Suite 2, Greenfield, MA 01301

Phone: 413-774-3167 ext. 139 **Fax:** 413-774-3169

E-Mail: lscarbrough@frcog.org

Date of Request: _____ Town: _____

Town Contact Person: _____

Town Contact Phone: _____ Town Contact Email: _____

Type of Count: ATR (volume, class, speed) **OR** TMC (intersection turning movement count)

Roadway (Indicate if gravel or dirt road):

Between: _____ and _____

Near Landmark: _____

Location Description: _____

Special Notes or Comments: (e.g. *count requested during school year, include weekend traffic...*):

FRCOG Use Only. Count Request was received on: _____ via: _____

Town of Gill
Board of Fire Engineers
196A Main Road
Gill, Massachusetts 01354
(413)863-8955

16 March 2017

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

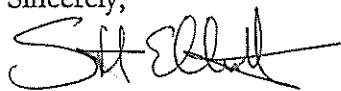
Dear Sirs:

The Board of Fire Engineers is pleased to nominate the following members of the Gill Fire Department for appointment to our Board for 2017-18:

Marcus Aucoin
Gene Beaubien
Steve Connell
Jason Edson
Stuart Elliott
Mathew McCarthy
Scott Nicholas
Greg Parody
Kenneth Sears
Paul Sweeney
Eric Vassar

These nominations are the result of our regular monthly meeting held on 16 March 2017 at the Gill Fire Station.

Sincerely,



Stuart Elliott, Clerk



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GREENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robert H. Haigh Jr.

Chief of Police

William F. Martin
Mayor

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Phone 413-773-5411 ext. 1304 • Fax 413-774-6969
haighr@greenfieldpd.org

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

To: Franklin County Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs
Re: Letters of Support for Feasibility Study for Regional Emergency Communications Center

Greetings Chiefs:

I am writing you all as a follow up to our respective meetings where I presented a proposal requesting your support for a grant-funded feasibility study. My agency is applying for a grant from the State 911 Department to pay for a feasibility study on the creation of a true county-wide Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) that would include the towns of Greenfield and Montague in it. We know that all towns except Greenfield and Montague currently receive dispatching services from Shelburne Control, which is funded through both State 911 and the State Police budget and hosted by the Massachusetts State Police, and that these services are currently provided at no cost to the communities. For reasons I will outline below, I would like to explain why I believe a new RECC would be beneficial to all of Franklin County, why we are looking into this now and asking for your support with this tight deadline, and what we hope this feasibility study will accomplish.

I explained in both the police chiefs and fire chiefs meetings the history of this discussion so far. We have received much support from both the Secretary of EOPSS and the Executive Director of 911 about our goal, but it is fair to say that the messages have been mixed and inconsistent at times regarding what we need to do to begin working towards this goal. That being said, in just the past few weeks we learned that supporting documentation is required, in the form of a "Letter of Attestation" from as many Franklin County towns as possible, stating that they would agree to participate in a feasibility study if one is approved. It is important to emphasize to you that this letter does not commit the town to join this proposed RECC, if it should happen and in whatever form, nor does it require any financial commitment from your town; the letter simply states that the town agrees that the concept is worth looking into with the grant money that Greenfield is requesting from State 911.

There are many potential benefits to having all of Franklin County's emergency communications in one consolidated center. First and foremost, I believe it will make our first responders safer in a variety of ways. Communications between multiple agencies can happen instantaneously since all emergency dispatchers would be sitting in the same work area. Mutual aid requests could be fulfilled much faster, and resource coordination and deployment would be streamlined and efficient. Situational awareness with what is currently going on in bordering towns would be able to be made known immediately to neighboring agencies, which would result in quicker assistance to the responding agency. Police commonly have incidents or investigations which take them into neighboring towns and require immediate assistance, and I believe that this assistance would be more reliably and consistently secured if a single communication point is in use. Every person reading this letter can think of a major incident you've been involved in, where help was needed immediately and then transitioning to a longer, prolonged time period. In the police arena this can come in the form of a serious crime investigation, such as a homicide or armed robbery, or an active search for a dangerous fugitive, where all of the town's policing resources are committed to the task, and outside assistance is needed, and critical information needs to be relayed to surrounding towns.

Franklin County has had some devastating fires in the past year, and all of us know the kind of demands that are put on a dispatch center during a working fire call, hazmat situation, or a mass casualty incident. I am convinced that by having a county RECC, it would ensure the added help will be available that is not always there right now, help that the first responding officers or firefighters might not know that they can even ask for.

Another benefit I see to forming a RECC is the opportunity to have a combined and centralized Records Management System (RMS) created. This would allow for record sharing between agencies, as well as real-time mobile communication abilities between all working responders in the county who are logged in at any given time. This would allow not only the RECC, but also those working in the field, to easily communicate with each other and see who is working and what type of situation they are currently involved in.

There are many other benefits to consolidating into a larger RECC, but allow me to move on to explaining the “why now” piece. First, to be able to get the grant money for this feasibility study, our application needs to be in by May 15th. This is why we are asking for letters of attestation to be received by May 1st. It was not our preference to be under such a tight deadline, but we also realize that this step to begin this study is just the first of many steps to come. If the RECC project ultimately happens, it is realistically still years away from going live, and there would still be much more time for discussion and planning in the future.

In Greenfield, we feel that now is the best time to begin this discussion because we are planning to build a new Public Safety Complex that will house the Police and Fire departments, as well as our Communications Department. When Deputy Chief Williams and I began looking at proposed design plans for this building, we realized that we could now have the opportunity to incorporate into the design of the new building a modern emergency communications center with the space, equipment, and technological capabilities identified as necessary for a county-wide RECC. The State 911 Department offers grant funding to assist with the construction of new RECC’s; however, we were also told early on that they no longer will fund the construction of stand-alone centers, and will only offer assistance to renovate or construct new centers within existing public safety facilities. I believe that Greenfield’s Public Safety Complex will be built, but even if that does not happen, I believe that the current Greenfield Police Department building could house the RECC with some renovation to its current space.

Greenfield is open to the idea of joining Shelburne Control, but we have been told in the past that Shelburne Control cannot take on Greenfield or Montague either, as it is currently constituted. If the state can change the situation and make Shelburne Control an option for Greenfield, then I will gladly consider joining there. However, while messages conveyed to us were mixed, one of the messages we were told is that the Massachusetts State Police would prefer to move away from dispatching for municipalities. We know that the Governor, Secretary of EOPSS, and Executive Director of State 911 all believe in regionalization, and 911 has directed its financial resources towards RECC’s and is encouraging the formation of new ones. The funding received from 911 wireless calls is going to change, both in a reduced amount received per call, but also with the introduction of NexGen 911. I believe that wireless 911 calls will start being directed away from State Police call takers and directed to the local dispatch centers; in fact in Greenfield I have already submitted an application to the state for our current center to answer 911 wireless calls. I believe the funding available to the State Police from taking these calls will change. With that change there will be increased pressure for the State Police to either eliminate municipal dispatching altogether, or to begin assessing towns they do serve a fee for their services. Even though the State Police have not stated so, the State could reassign or re-purpose the existing employees in Shelburne Control to dispatch only for state agencies. As such, I believe this underscores the need that Franklin County look ahead and prepare for alternative options for dispatching in case either one of these scenarios plays out.

I am hoping this feasibility study will answer many questions I have about a potential Franklin County RECC, including, but not limited to: the size needs of the facility; the equipment and technology needs; the number of staff members needed; the optimal management structure within the center; determine who the employer is (municipal, state, or create a “911 district”); and identify the funding source for both the creation and sustained operation of the RECC.

As I said in our meetings, my goal is to incorporate Greenfield into a county-wide RECC, and I am hoping that the study gives us a clear idea of how to make that happen. If the feasibility study says that a county-wide RECC cannot happen with Greenfield in it, then I would look at other options for Greenfield. If the study says that Greenfield could join in with Shelburne Control, then I would work to make that happen. If the study says that Shelburne Control is best left alone as it is, but Greenfield and Montague could see a benefit from consolidating their dispatch centers, then I will try to pursue those options. I simply believe there is a better way to support the entire county than we are now. I believe that three dispatch centers for a county of our size and makeup is duplicitous and inefficient, and that by working together we can all achieve greater safety for ourselves and the residents of Franklin County.



*The Town of Greenfield is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer,
a designated Green Community and a recipient of the “Leading by Example” Award*

I believe Greenfield is a logical place to host the RECC whether it is a new center, or a move and expansion of Shelburne Control. However, as I said in past meetings with you, I do not have an interest or desire to manage the RECC. We will wait to see what the results of the study, but based on the research I've done on other existing RECC's, I believe that it will best be managed day to day by an Executive Director with working Supervisors within the center. The RECC could have a Management Board overseeing it, probably made up of Town Managers or Select Board members. More importantly to us as Chiefs, I foresee it having a supervisory Operations Board which would be made up of Chiefs. I am hoping the study gives us a clear idea of the best way to set up the management and operational structure within the RECC.

In Franklin County, we are blessed to have a team of highly skilled, dedicated, and professional dispatchers working in Shelburne Control, Greenfield and Montague. I am confident that if a RECC is formed we will have plenty of qualified employees to start with it with and that they will find their work is more satisfying in a new environment. With Shelburne Control, we have an excellent foundation of working knowledge and well established practices to build on, with 24 towns already used to a unified dispatching model. This should make the transition to a new RECC much easier for us. The new RECC will do more than a 911 answering and dispatching, and I am confident that we will be able to create a center that provides the services you are looking for.

I am asking for your support as Chiefs for this study, and that you kindly explain your support to your Town Administrators and Select Boards. Please have them, or you if authorized to do so, place the attached sample Letter of Attestation on your respective town letterhead with the appropriate identifying information, and return them to Deputy Chief Mark Williams at the Greenfield Police Department by May 1, 2017. They can be mailed to his attention to 321 High St., Greenfield MA 01301, or a signed copy can be emailed to him at williamsm@greenfieldpd.org.

Please feel free to call or email me, or Deputy Chief Williams, with any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert H. Haigh Jr.

Robert H. Haigh Jr.
Chief of Police

TOWN OF GILL

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www.gillmass.org

April 3, 2017

Frank Pozniak, Executive Director
State 911 Department
151 Campanelli Drive, Suite A
Middleborough MA 02346

RE: Regional Dispatch Feasibility Study for Franklin County

Dear Director Pozniak:

The Town of Gill agrees to participate in a feasibility study to establish a Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) to serve all 26 of the communities of Franklin County, as well as the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. We agree that public safety services could be enhanced for our town, and the county as a whole, by consolidating all emergency communication in one location. We believe that this feasibility study will help all town governments, in conjunction with our public safety partners, get a better understanding of what a RECC could do for our county. We respectfully ask that your department fund this study as requested in the grant application.

We understand if the grant is funded, there will be no cost to participate in the feasibility study, and participation does not require our town to make a future commitment or make a statement of agreement regarding expansion of the current regional dispatching service. We understand a requirement of the feasibility study will be to assess how expansion of the system can occur with no future cost to municipalities.

I further attest that I have the full authority to commit my town to its participation in this study.

Sincerely,

John R. Ward, Chair
Gill Selectboard

Cc: David Hastings, Police Chief
Gene Beaubien, Fire Chief
Mark Williams, Deputy Chief, Greenfield P.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY LISTING

Issued May
2004



CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME: *Town of Gill*
CONTRACTOR VENDOR/CUSTOMER CODE: *VC6000 191798*

INSTRUCTIONS: Any Contractor (other than a sole-proprietor or an individual contractor) must provide a listing of individuals who are authorized as legal representatives of the Contractor who can sign contracts and other legally binding documents related to the contract on the Contractor's behalf. In addition to this listing, any state department may require additional proof of authority to sign contracts on behalf of the Contractor, or proof of authenticity of signature (a notarized signature that the Department can use to verify that the signature and date that appear on the Contract or other legal document was actually made by the Contractor's authorized signatory, and not by a representative, designee or other individual.)

NOTICE: *Acceptance of any payment under a Contract or Grant shall operate as a waiver of any defense by the Contractor challenging the existence of a valid Contract due to an alleged lack of actual authority to execute the document by the signatory.*

For privacy purposes **DO NOT ATTACH** any documentation containing personal information, such as bank account numbers, social security numbers, driver's licenses, home addresses, social security cards or any other personally identifiable information that you do not want released as part of a public record. The Commonwealth reserves the right to publish the names and titles of authorized signatories of contractors.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY NAME	TITLE
<i>John R. Ward</i>	<i>Selectboard Chair</i>
<i>Randy P. Crochier</i>	<i>Selectboard Clerk</i>
<i>Gregory M. Smedeker</i>	<i>Selectboard Member</i>
<i>Ray Prington</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>

I certify that I am the President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer, Corporate Clerk or Legal Counsel for the Contractor and as an authorized officer of the Contractor I certify that the names of the individuals identified on this listing are current as of the date of execution below and that these individuals are authorized to sign contracts and other legally binding documents related to contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of the Contractor. I understand and agree that the Contractor has a duty to ensure that this listing is immediately updated and communicated to any state department with which the Contractor does business whenever the authorized signatories above retire, are otherwise terminated from the Contractor's employ, have their responsibilities changed resulting in their no longer being authorized to sign contracts with the Commonwealth or whenever new signatories are designated.

John R. Ward

Signature

Date:

Title:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

[Listing can not be accepted without all of this information completed.]

A copy of this listing must be attached to the "record copy" of a contract filed with the department.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ~ STANDARD CONTRACT FORM



This form is jointly issued and published by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (ANF), the Office of the Comptroller (CTR) and the Operational Services Division (OSD) as the default contract for all Commonwealth Departments when another form is not prescribed by regulation or policy. Any changes to the official printed language of this form shall be void. Additional non-conflicting terms may be added by Attachment. Contractors may not require any additional agreements, engagement letters, contract forms or other additional terms as part of this Contract without prior Department approval. Click on hyperlinks for definitions, instructions and legal requirements that are incorporated by reference into this Contract. An electronic copy of this form is available at www.mass.gov/osc under Guidance For Vendors - Forms or www.mass.gov/osd under OSD Forms.

CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME: TOWN OF GILL		COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME: Department of Environmental Protection MMARS Department Code: EQE	
Legal Address: (W-9, W-4,T&C): 325 MAIN ROAD, GILL, MA 01354		Business Mailing Address: 1 Winter Street Boston MA. 02108	
Contract Manager: RAY PURINGTON, ADMIN. ASS'T.		Billing Address (if different):	
E-Mail: administrator@gillmass.org		Contract Manager: Winifred Prendergast	
Phone: 413 863 9347 Fax: 413 863 7775		E-Mail: Winifred.Prendergast@state.ma.us	
Contractor Vendor Code: VC6000191798		Phone: 617-292-5596	Fax: 617-292-5832
Vendor Code Address ID (e.g. "AD001"): AD 001 (Note: The Address Id Must be set up for EFT payments.)		MMARS Doc ID(s): EQE PO 2GHIJ	
		RFR/Procurement or Other ID Number:	
___ NEW CONTRACT		___ CONTRACT AMENDMENT	
PROCUREMENT OR EXCEPTION TYPE: (Check one option only) ___ <u>Statewide Contract</u> (OSD or an OSD-designated Department) ___ <u>Collective Purchase</u> (Attach OSD approval, scope, budget) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Department Procurement</u> (includes State or Federal grants 815 CMR 2.00) (Attach RFR and Response or other procurement supporting documentation) ___ <u>Emergency Contract</u> (Attach justification for emergency, scope, budget) ___ <u>Contract Employee</u> (Attach <u>Employment Status Form</u> , scope, budget) ___ <u>Legislative/Legal or Other:</u> (Attach authorizing language/justification, scope and budget)		Enter Current Contract End Date <u>Prior</u> to Amendment: _____, 20____. Enter Amendment Amount: \$ _____, (or "no change") AMENDMENT TYPE: (Check one option only. Attach details of Amendment changes.) ___ <u>Amendment to Scope or Budget</u> (Attach updated scope and budget) ___ <u>Interim Contract</u> (Attach justification for Interim Contract and updated scope/budget) ___ <u>Contract Employee</u> (Attach any updates to scope or budget) ___ <u>Legislative/Legal or Other:</u> (Attach authorizing language/justification and updated scope and budget)	
The following <u>COMMONWEALTH TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u> (T&C) has been executed, filed with CTR and is incorporated by reference into this Contract. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Terms and Conditions ___ Commonwealth Terms and Conditions For Human and Social Services			
COMPENSATION: (Check ONE option): The Department certifies that payments for authorized performance accepted in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be supported in the state accounting system by sufficient appropriations or other non-appropriated funds, subject to intercept for Commonwealth owed debts under 815 CMR 9.00. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Rate Contract</u> (No Maximum Obligation. Attach details of all rates, units, calculations, conditions or terms and any changes if rates or terms are being amended.) ___ <u>Maximum Obligation Contract</u> Enter Total Maximum Obligation for total duration of this Contract (or <u>new Total</u> if Contract is being amended). \$ _____			
PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS (PPD): Commonwealth payments are issued through EFT 45 days from invoice receipt. Contractors requesting accelerated payments must identify a PPD as follows: Payment issued within 10 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 15 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 20 days ___ % PPD; Payment issued within 30 days ___ % PPD. If PPD percentages are left blank, identify reason: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agree to standard 45 day cycle ___ statutory/legal or Ready Payments (G.L. c. 29, § 23A); ___ only initial payment (subsequent payments scheduled to support standard EFT 45 day payment cycle. See Prompt Pay Discounts Policy.)			
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE or REASON FOR AMENDMENT: (Enter the Contract title, purpose, fiscal year(s) and a detailed description of the scope of performance or what is being amended for a Contract Amendment. Attach all supporting documentation and justifications.) For Sustainable Materials Recovery Program and other solicitations for proposals that the Department may issue for grants to municipalities and other governmental entities for technical assistance, equipment and the support of efforts in waste and toxicity reduction, air quality, climate protection/adaptation and resilience, sustainable development and water conservation and quality. Execution of this contract does not guarantee that an award will be made to the signatory entity.			
ANTICIPATED START DATE: (Complete ONE option only) The Department and Contractor certify for this Contract, or Contract Amendment, that Contract obligations: ___ 1. may be incurred as of the <u>Effective Date</u> (latest signature date below) and <u>no</u> obligations have been incurred <u>prior</u> to the <u>Effective Date</u> . ___ 2. may be incurred as of _____, 20____, a date <u>LATER</u> than the <u>Effective Date</u> below and <u>no</u> obligations have been incurred <u>prior</u> to the <u>Effective Date</u> . ___ 3. were incurred as of _____, 20____, a date <u>PRIOR</u> to the <u>Effective Date</u> below, and the parties agree that payments for any obligations incurred prior to the <u>Effective Date</u> are authorized to be made either as settlement payments or as authorized reimbursement payments, and that the details and circumstances of all obligations under this Contract are attached and incorporated into this Contract. Acceptance of payments forever releases the Commonwealth from further claims related to these obligations.			
CONTRACT END DATE: Contract performance shall terminate as of <u>6/30/2022</u> , with no new obligations being incurred after this date unless the Contract is properly amended, provided that the terms of this Contract and performance expectations and obligations shall survive its termination for the purpose of resolving any claim or dispute, for completing any negotiated terms and warranties, to allow any close out or transition performance, reporting, invoicing or final payments, or during any lapse between amendments.			
CERTIFICATIONS: Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the "Effective Date" of this Contract or Amendment shall be the latest date that this Contract or Amendment has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor, the Department, or a later Contract or Amendment Start Date specified above, subject to any required approvals. The Contractor makes all certifications required under the attached <u>Contractor Certifications</u> (incorporated by reference if not attached hereto) under the pains and penalties of perjury, agrees to provide any required documentation upon request to support compliance, and agrees that all terms governing performance of this Contract and doing business in Massachusetts are attached or incorporated by reference herein according to the following hierarchy of document precedence, the applicable <u>Commonwealth Terms and Conditions</u> , this Standard Contract Form including the <u>Instructions and Contractor Certifications</u> , the Request for Response (RFR) or other solicitation, the Contractor's Response, and additional negotiated terms, provided that additional negotiated terms will take precedence over the relevant terms in the RFR and the Contractor's Response only if made using the process outlined in <u>801 CMR 21.07</u> , incorporated herein, provided that any amended RFR or Response terms result in best value, lower costs, or a more cost effective Contract.			
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE CONTRACTOR:		AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:	
X: Date: <u>4/5/17</u> (Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)		X: _____ Date: _____ (Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)	
Print Name: <u>RAY PURINGTON</u>		Print Name: ___ <u>Bawa Wavezwa</u>	
Print Title: <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>		Print Title: ___ <u>Dir.COM Fisca Management Division</u>	

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Rosenberg, Stan C (SEN) <Stan.Rosenberg@masenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard (administrator@gillmass.org)
Subject: Liberty Tree project

Dear Ray,

Since the American Revolution, 37,000 residents of Massachusetts have been killed in the line of duty. A group of Marines headed by John MacGillivray has started the Liberty Tree Project to build living memorials for each and every one of them. Home of the Brave, a 501(c)(3), is overseeing its administration.

Under the project, one tree will be planted in a public location for every soldier who lost his life serving our country. A name plate, similar to a dog tag, will be placed on each tree so that everyone will be able to see which soldier is being honored. The trees will also beautify and help protect our environment.

I agreed to provide assistance in finding locations to plant trees in our Senate district. The Liberty Tree Project is not asking for funds from cities and towns, just places to plant trees. Private donors are providing all the necessary funding. A number of cities and towns are already stepping up, including Boston which will plant liberty trees in seven parks. I hope your community will consider participating in the project. Let me know, and I will inform them.

It is my hope that we will be able to plant Liberty Trees in every town in the Commonwealth, to honor our fallen soldiers and to help beautify and protect our environment. I hope you will join in this project to pay our respects. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Rosenberg, President
Massachusetts State Senate

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FRCOG Bicycle Parking Program

Agreement for Installation of Bicycle Parking Equipment Between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Towns and School Districts of Franklin County

This Agreement is entered into on this 3rd day of April, 2017, by and between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (hereinafter referred to as the FRCOG) and the Franklin County municipalities and school districts listed on the last page of this Agreement (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "participating municipalities/districts") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A.

The Purpose of the Agreement is to confirm that bicycle parking equipment provided to the participating municipalities/districts by the FRCOG will be installed by the participating municipalities/districts. The FRCOG will be providing bicycle parking equipment to all interested Franklin County municipalities and school districts upon request, provided that said equipment is installed according to the location and installation guidelines contained herein.

Now therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises contained herein, and intending to be legally bound by this agreement, the participating municipalities/districts agree as follows:

1. Effective Date

This agreement will become effective on the date written above, and each participating municipality/district will join the Agreement after it has received the necessary statutory authorization or approval and the appropriate signatories have signed this Agreement.

2. Term

This Agreement shall be in effect until December 31, 2017, subject to the termination right of each participating municipality/district as provided herein.

3. Equipment

The equipment to be installed under this agreement shall be selected from the Bike Parking Program Pricelist included in Exhibit 1, attached. The original equipment shall be purchased by the FRCOG and shall be delivered to an address specified by the participating municipality/district.

4. Installation

The equipment shall be installed by the participating municipality/district according to the FRCOG Bicycle Parking Program Location and Installation Guidelines included in Exhibit B, attached.

5. Proof of Installation

The equipment shall be installed and proof of installation shall be provided to the FRCOG within 60 days from the date the equipment is received by the participating municipality/district. The participating municipality/district shall take a photograph of each bicycle parking location before and after installation. The participating municipality/district shall also provide a written statement that the equipment is installed on public property, as described in the FRCOG Bicycle Parking Program Location and Installation Guidelines. The written statement should include the approximate address or geographic coordinates of the installed equipment. Photographs and written statements shall be submitted to the FRCOG, care of Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer, by email at lscarbrough@frcog.org, by fax at 413-774-3169, or by mail at 12 Olive Street, Suite 2, Greenfield MA 01301.

6. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. Applicable law: This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- b. Modification, Waiver or Change: No modifications, waiver or change shall be made in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by all parties hereto.
- c. Entire Understanding: This Agreement, together with the Exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire understanding of the parties.
- d. Severability: In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed invalid, unreasonable or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be stricken from the Agreement or modified so as to render it reasonable, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement or the modified provision as provided above, shall continue in full force and effect and be binding upon the parties so long as such remaining or modified provisions reflect the intent of the parties as of the date of this Agreement.
- e. Cooperation: Each participating municipality/district agrees to cooperate with the others in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of this Agreement.
- f. Violation of Law: The participating municipalities/districts shall strictly observe and comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. If any participating municipality/district violates any such laws or regulations, or is officially charged with such violations, the remaining participating municipalities/districts may treat such conduct as a breach of the whole Agreement and, in addition to any other remedies, may immediately terminate this Agreement.

- g. Discrimination: The participating municipalities/districts agree that they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, gender, age, handicap, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, ancestry, veteran status or any other protected class under the law.

7. Termination

Each participating municipality/district may terminate its participation in this Agreement at any time, as provided in MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, so long as it gives written notice to the FRCOG. A participating municipality/district may be declared in default of this Agreement if that party has materially breached this Agreement and will be deemed terminated as a party to the Agreement.

If a participating municipality/district accepts delivery of bicycle parking equipment from the FRCOG and does not provide proof of installation before the end of the Term, the participating municipality/district shall reimburse the FRCOG for the cost of purchasing the equipment.

8. Insurance

Each participating municipality/district shall carry, at its own expense, an appropriate level of insurance coverage for the work provided for in this Agreement.

9. Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, each participating municipality/district agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and other participants against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, suits, demands, damages, judgments, losses, cost or expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out the work provided for in this Agreement. In agreeing to this indemnification language, the participating municipalities/districts do not waive statutory and other liability cap protections provided by MGL Chapter 258.

10. Dispute Settlement

In the event any disputes or questions arise between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the participating municipalities/districts as to the interpretation of the terms of this Agreement or the satisfactory performance by any of the parties of the responsibilities provided for in the Agreement, a meeting of the parties shall be held promptly, attended by individuals with decision-making authority regarding the dispute, to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

11. List of Potential Participating Municipalities:

Ashfield	Erving	Monroe	Shutesbury
Bernardston	Gill	Montague	Sunderland
Buckland	Greenfield	New Salem	Warwick
Charlemont	Hawley	Northfield	Wendell
Colrain	Heath	Orange	Whately
Conway	Leverett	Rowe	
Deerfield	Leyden	Shelburne	

12. List of Potential Participating School Districts:

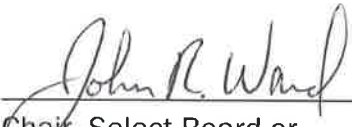
Conway	Gill-Montague	Pioneer Valley
Deerfield	Greenfield	Ralph C Mahar
Erving	Hawlemont	Rowe
Four Rivers Charter	Leverett	Shutesbury
Franklin County Regional	Mohawk Trail	Sunderland
Vocational Technical	New Salem-Wendell	Whately
Frontier	Orange	

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Town of or District of Gill


Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director


Chair, Select Board or District Superintendent

Date: 4/19/17

Date: 4/3/17

Mailing Address for Notices to Town

325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Email Address for Notice to Town

administrator@gillmass.org

To whom it concerns,

The reason why
I paid this bill late was
because I did not receive
it in a timely manner.

I moved to Vermont and
the Post Office did not
forward it to me until
1 week before I paid it.

I sincerely hope that this
does not disqualify me
from receiving an abatement.

Thank You
Robert Colley

I did pay on account # 5600

TOWN OF GILL
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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM (Revised 12/13/16)

If the usage figures are believed to be incorrect for the current billing cycle, an abatement form must be filled out, signed, and dated to allow the Town to respond and consider the request. **The bill must be paid before any abatement will be considered.** Sewer abatements will not be granted for the following uses: watering gardens; watering lawns; washing vehicles, buildings, driveways, etc.; no water meter reading or use.

Sewer Bill Date: 2-11-17 Sewer Bill #: 5600
(Abatement requests must be in writing to the Sewer Commissioners within 30 days of the bill date.)

Dear Sewer Commissioners: I am requesting abatement of my sewer bill for the noted reason(s).

- Metered water used for filling swimming pools or spas (complete chart below)
(Abatement shall not be granted if calculated amount is less than \$10.00)
- Inaccurate readings (must be confirmed by Water Commissioners)
- Excessive reading due to broken water pipes (must prove that excess water did not enter sewer system)
- Other (explain below)

Explanation: There was a leak in the toilet which because no one was living there used at least \$3.50.00 worth of excess leakage water that did not go down to the sewer

Usage History:

Date	"A" Meter Reading Before (Cu. Ft.)	"B" Meter Reading After (Cu. Ft.)	"C" # of Cubic Ft (B - A)	"D" Discounted Sewer-Rate (from bill) 0.1930 - 10% = 0.1737 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	075074	075162	88	0.1737	15.29
3/8-16	17830	18315	485	0.1737	80.03
9/8-16	7720	7870	150	0.1737	24.75
6-15-16	7485	7720	235	0.1737	38.78
- 1-11-17	?	?	?	0.1737	429.05
Total requested					\$ 350.00

These are more typical bills

in question

I misplaced original bill

see invoice

Continued on second page

SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature Robert Callery

Name Robert Callery

Account # (from bill) 5600

Address 2 Oak St

residence 811 Phillips Hill Rd, Jacksonville, VT

Tel. ~~802-368-~~ 1-413-768-1566

Meter location if different from above address 2 Oak St

*Submit this completed form to the Tax Collector
PO Box 784, Turners Falls, MA 01376*

-----Town Use Only Below This Line-----

Date received by Tax Collector 3/22/2017

Abatement deadline (90 days from receipt) _____

Sewer bill is paid & no outstanding sewer charges? YES NO

Tax Collector signature _____

Sewer Commission response: Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Sewer Commissioners _____

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Bucky Callery <buckyredsox@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard
Subject: Re: sewer abatement

Hello Ray, the leak came from the supply line at the bottom of the tank.. More specifically ,the washer valve on the bottom of the tank cracked and allowed water to leak. If this is not clear let me know and I will make an illustration. Thanks Bob Callery

From: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>
To: buckyredsox@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:09 PM
Subject: sewer abatement

Hi Bob,

I received your sewer abatement form and the note you sent with it. I'll present the information to the Selectboard the next time they meet, on April 3rd. I think they are going to want more information about the toilet leak – was the leak inside the tank from a flapper valve, or outside the tank from the fill pipe, or behind/beneath the wall/floor from the feed line? Or some other type of leak?

Thanks,

Ray

Ray Purington
Administrative Assistant
Town of Gill
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