



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

August 17, 2020

Location: Teleconference - access info in the agenda

***Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting

bold underlined time = invited guest or advertised hearing
(all other times are approximate)

This meeting is being conducted remotely by all participants due to the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 and under the “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting, G.L. c. 30A, §20” issued by Governor Baker on 3/12/20. FreeConferenceCall.com is being utilized for the teleconference. It is audio only. Anyone wishing to participate may call 712-775-7031 and then enter the Access Code of 883-045-865. The toll-free number is 844-800-5000 – the Town is charged by the minute per caller, so please use this only when necessary.

5:30 PM Call to Order (If the meeting is being videotaped, announce that fact. If remote participation will occur, announce member & reason, & need for roll call voting)

COVID-19 Topics

- Updates from Gill’s Emergency Management Team
- Town Hall – request to re-open building to public effective Saturday, August 22nd (coinciding with last day to register to vote & first day of early voting). Re-opening plan will be approved by Health Agent.
- Police Department – Discussion of continued 3rd fulltime officer for COVID-related coverage

Old Business

- Review of Minutes: 5/26, 6/8, 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3

New Business

- Cielito Lindo – 2020 Food Concession Trailer License at 24 French King Hwy
- Fire Department – Annual Purchase Orders for FY21
- Election Warrant for September 1, 2020 State Primary – Review & Sign
- FY21 “Monthly Budget” for September 2020 - \$305,367 (min. amount per Dept of Revenue)
- Gill Rec equipment stored at Gill Elementary
- Sewer Abatements – metered water used to fill swimming pools
 - Cathleen Demars, 10 Walnut St, \$142.00
 - Karen Timberlake, 28 French King Hwy, \$76.77
 - Linda Welcome, 2 Grove St, \$11.24
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, Sept 26th @ GCC Main Campus, pre-registration required by September 18th.

Warrants

FY21 #3 Vendors (\$563,044.79) & Payroll (\$24,689.14) – reviewed & signed by the Chair on 8/4
FY21 #4 – to be reviewed & signed by the Chair and reported on at the next meeting

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/31	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	TBD
9/1	7AM - 8PM	State Primary Election	Town Hall 2 nd floor
9/14	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	TBD

NUMBER

192

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GILL

FEE

\$30.00

This is to certify that Cielito Lindo LLC, located at 24 French King Highway, Gill, MA 01354 is hereby granted a license for the annual operation of a food concession trailer at the address noted above in compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit dated March 10, 2020.

This license is granted in conformity with the statutes and ordinances relating thereto, and expires December 31, 2020 unless sooner suspended or revoked.

NOTE: This business is also required to obtain a Food Service permit issued by the Gill Board of Health and/or the Cooperative Public Health Service.

Signed by the Gill Selectboard on August 17, 2020

THIS LICENSE MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE UPON THE PREMISES.



Gill Fire Department

196A MAIN ROAD • GILL, MA 01354 • (413) 863-8955 • FAX: (413) 863-0126

Memorandum

To: Gill Selectboard
From: Chief Gene Beaubien
Date: July 5, 2020
Re: PO's for Annual Expenses FY-21

Per my conversation with Ray, I am submitting a list of annual expenses that go over the \$500.00 Purchase Order limit. Instead of submitting individual PO's I am submitting one list.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments County radio maintenance contract	\$2981.00 (July)
High Pressure Systems Annual service on SCBA refill compressor	\$700.00 (July)
ESO Software Systems Software maintenance for state mandated reporting	\$700.00 (July)
KME New York Chassis Service and Pump Service	\$4,000.00 for 2 trucks (September/October)
KME New York Pump Testing	\$1,500.00 (October)
Firematic Supply Annual Air Pack/Mask Testing	\$1,500.00 (July)

IPS Annual Jaws testing	\$650.00 (September)
IPS Genesis Jaws Testing	\$1,000.00 (September)
Firematic Supply 3 sets of turn out gear	\$7,200.00 (October)
Fail Safe Hose & Ladder Testing	\$3,300.00 (July)
Service Rosenbauer Tanker	\$1,500.00 (October)
Emergency Services Iam Responding app	\$725.00 (December)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE PRIMARY

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of GILL

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at: Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road.

on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN, & WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE. FRANKLIN COUNTY

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mount Hermon; The Gill Store, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said Election.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of August, 2020.

RANDY CROCHIER, CHAIR _____

JOHN R. WARD _____

GREGORY M. SNEDEKER _____

Selectmen of: GILL

A true copy. Attest: Doreen J. Stevens _____, Town Clerk
Date: _____

Franklin, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies thereof at Town Hall, Main Road, Post Office, Mount Hermon; The Gill Store and Tavern, Main Road, and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2 in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said Election

_____, 2020.
Constable (month and day)

Warrant must be posted by **August 25, 2020**, (at least *seven days prior* to the **September 1, 2020** State Primary).

		A	B	C	D	E	F		G	H		
		TOWN OF GILL										
		Monthly Operating Budget Request for	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY21	cumulative	Notes for September
		September 2020	Approved	Approved	Approved	"One Twelfth"	"One Twelfth"	"One Twelfth"	Total	% of		
Line #	Account Code		with COLA	with COLA	with COLA	for July	for August	for September	Year to Date	FY20		
1		GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
2	114-*	Moderator (Stipend & Expenses)	335.00	440.32	447.19	149.00	28.00	-	177.00	40%		
3	122-5100	Selectboard Stipends	7,272.28	7,418.48	7,626.72	-	-	1,907.00	1,907.00	25%	First quarter stipend payment is week of 9/28/20	
4	122-5400	Selectboard Expenses	4,560.90	4,266.30	4,241.44	1,002.00	295.00	295.00	1,592.00	38%		
5	123-*	Town Admin & Admin Clerk (Salary&Exp.)	59,614.26	75,142.36	83,993.99	5,336.00	5,336.00	5,336.00	16,008.00	19%		
6	131-5400	Finance Committee	150.00	150.00	150.00	135.00	-	-	135.00	90%		
7	132-5400	Reserve Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	375.00	25%		
8	135-5400	Accountant Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00	17.00	17.00	-	34.00	17%		
9	141-5100	Assessors Stipends	8,830.80	9,008.68	9,261.24	-	-	2,316.00	2,316.00	25%	First quarter stipend payment is week of 9/28/20	
10	141-5400	Assessors Expenses	11,699.60	12,750.00	13,040.00	3,837.00	837.00	837.00	5,511.00	42%		
11	141-5111	Assessors Clerical Salary	21,629.72	22,064.64	22,686.93	1,712.00	1,712.00	2,247.00	5,671.00	25%		
12	145-5110	Treasurer Salary	21,534.30	21,965.84	22,581.00	1,737.00	1,737.00	2,171.00	5,645.00	25%		
13	145-5400	Treasurer Expenses	8,350.00	8,880.00	9,425.00	786.00	786.00	786.00	2,358.00	25%		
14	146-5110	Tax Collector Salary	23,881.58	24,359.66	25,042.16	1,927.00	1,927.00	2,406.00	6,260.00	25%		
15	146-5400	Tax Collector Expenses	8,685.00	8,807.00	9,104.00	4,922.00	381.00	381.00	5,684.00	62%		
16	151-5400	Legal	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	-	250.00	1,250.00	25%		
17	155-5400	IT Committee	4,220.00	4,260.00	4,260.00	355.00	355.00	355.00	1,065.00	25%		
18	161-5110	Town Clerk Salary	21,205.60	21,630.18	22,236.76	1,711.00	1,711.00	2,137.00	5,559.00	25%		
19	161-5400	Town Clerk Expenses	1,825.00	1,925.00	2,204.00	276.00	176.00	176.00	628.00	28%		
20	162-5400	Elections/Registrars	6,573.00	9,333.00	9,417.00	785.00	1,785.00	1,785.00	4,355.00	46%	Postage, early voting, primary election	
21	171-5400	Conservation Commission	833.24	668.00	668.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	168.00	25%		
22	172-5400	Agricultural Commission	400.00	400.00	400.00	34.00	34.00	33.00	101.00	25%		
23	175-5400	Planning Board	1,814.98	745.00	745.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	189.00	25%		
24	176-5400	Zoning Board of Appeals	1,625.96	200.00	200.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	50.00	25%		
25	191-5400	Energy Commission	500.00	500.00	500.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	126.00	25%		
26	192-5400	Town Hall/Riverside Bldg Operations	23,799.64	23,155.78	23,413.10	1,952.00	1,952.00	1,952.00	5,856.00	25%		
27	192-5823	Building Repairs & Maintenance	18,000.00	18,250.00	18,500.00	1,542.00	1,542.00	1,542.00	4,626.00	25%		
28	192-5419	Garage/Public Safety Bldg Operations	19,765.00	20,357.00	20,677.00	1,724.00	1,724.00	1,724.00	5,172.00	25%		
29		GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	283,805.86	303,377.24	317,520.53	31,242.00	22,638.00	28,938.00	82,818.00	26%		
30												
31		PUBLIC SAFETY										
32	210-*	Police Department	194,342.34	190,498.56	206,716.77	21,966.00	16,796.00	16,796.00	55,558.00	27%		
33	220-*	Fire Department	80,755.30	86,236.42	88,631.72	14,024.00	6,783.00	12,433.00	33,240.00	38%	Annual service on one Engine, annual test 2 Jaws of Life	
34	291-*	Emergency Management	6,500.00	5,900.00	6,571.40	686.00	536.00	421.00	1,643.00	25%		
35		PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL	281,597.64	282,634.98	301,919.89	36,676.00	24,115.00	29,650.00	90,441.00	30%		
36												
37		PUBLIC WORKS										
38	294-5400	Trees and Forestry	8,111.00	8,291.00	8,626.00	719.00	719.00	719.00	2,157.00	25%		
39	422-*	Highway Department	249,479.50	244,584.10	250,616.06	20,885.00	20,885.00	20,885.00	62,655.00	25%		
40	423-*	Highway Dep't. - Snow & Ice Removal	63,970.00	63,970.00	63,970.00	5,331.00	5,331.00	5,331.00	15,993.00	25%		
41	424-5400	Bridges and Street Lights	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	167.00	167.00	167.00	501.00	25%		
42	433-5410	Solid Waste & Recycling	70,731.00	71,730.00	71,730.00	9,997.00	9,997.00	9,997.00	29,991.00	42%		
43	433-5420	Solid Waste District Assessment	2,320.00	2,419.00	3,675.00	1,388.00	-	-	1,388.00	38%		
44	433-5430	Hazardous Waste Collection	500.00	750.00	750.00	-	-	-	-	0%	September event, will be invoiced in October	
45	440-5400	Sewer	96,065.00	159,065.00	163,100.00	13,592.00	13,592.00	13,592.00	40,776.00	25%		
46	491-5400	Cemetery Commission	4,500.00	6,000.00	12,200.00	1,017.00	2,034.00	2,034.00	5,085.00	42%	Majority of budget is for lawnmowing in 6 months of year	
47	491-5421	Memorial Committee	834.00	874.00	874.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	219.00	25%		
48		PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	499,010.50	560,183.10	577,541.06	53,169.00	52,798.00	52,798.00	158,765.00	27%		

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		TOWN OF GILL									
		Monthly Operating Budget Request for September 2020	FY18 Approved with COLA	FY19 Approved with COLA	FY20 Approved with COLA	FY21 "One Twelfth" for July	FY21 "One Twelfth" for August	FY21 "One Twelfth" for September	FY21 Total Year to Date	cumulative % of FY20	Notes for September
Line #	Account Code										
49											
50		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES									
51	512-5110	Board of Health Salaries	4,000.28	4,081.04	4,196.32	-	-	1,050.00	1,050.00	25%	First quarter stipend payment is week of 9/28/20
52	512-5400	Board of Health Expenses	3,778.28	2,970.68	2,996.23	250.00	250.00	250.00	750.00	25%	
53	541-5400	Council on Aging	8,040.00	8,662.00	9,096.00	758.00	6,662.00	-	7,420.00	82%	
54	543-5400	Veterans District Assessment	2,615.00	2,665.00	2,763.00	3,008.00	-	-	3,008.00	109%	
55	543-5417	Veterans Benefits	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	0%	No vets currently receiving benefits
56		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL	23,433.56	23,378.72	24,051.55	4,016.00	6,912.00	1,300.00	12,228.00	51%	
57											
58		CULTURE & RECREATION									
59	610-*	Library	27,603.48	28,647.96	29,676.97	2,474.00	2,474.00	2,474.00	7,422.00	25%	
60	634-5400	Recreation Committee	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	-	-	-	-	0%	Rec Committee is not currently active
61	691-5400	Historical Commission	860.00	875.00	895.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	225.00	25%	
62		CULTURE & RECREATION TOTAL	31,163.48	32,222.96	33,271.97	2,549.00	2,549.00	2,549.00	7,647.00	23%	
63											
64		FIXED COSTS									
65	193-5400	Town Insurance	41,668.00	41,613.00	43,061.00	43,410.00	-	-	43,410.00	101%	
66	710-5940	Mariamante Loan (debt exclusion)	14,651.00	14,936.00	32,015.00	-	-	-	-	0%	Loan payment is in November
67	710-5960	Energy Bond	10,786.00	8,467.00	8,967.00	-	-	-	-	0%	Loan payment is in November
68	911-5400	Retirement System	95,447.00	102,099.00	96,609.00	98,733.00	-	-	98,733.00	102%	
69	970-5963	OPEB (amount funded from taxation)	6,534.00	6,534.00	8,738.00	-	-	-	-	0%	
70	914-5400	Group Health and Life Insurance	93,750.00	122,883.00	120,679.00	10,518.00	10,518.00	10,518.00	31,554.00	26%	
71	422-5840	Backhoe Loan	7,360.00	7,234.00	6,108.00	-	-	-	-	0%	Paid off in FY20
72		FIXED COSTS TOTAL	270,196.00	303,766.00	316,177.00	152,661.00	10,518.00	10,518.00	173,697.00	55%	
73											
74		FRCOG ASSESSMENT									
75	199-5414	Statutory & Reg'l Services Assessments	9,970.00	10,276.00	10,063.00	2,543.00	-	-	2,543.00	25%	
76	199-5415	Accounting Program	23,618.00	24,301.00	25,454.00	7,386.00	-	-	7,386.00	29%	
77	512-5413	Health Agent/Cooperative Public Health	11,112.00	11,112.00	11,340.00	2,892.00	-	-	2,892.00	26%	
78	241-5400	Cooperative Inspection Program	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	1,900.00	-	-	1,900.00	25%	
79		FRCOG ASSESSMENT TOTAL	52,200.00	53,189.00	54,357.00	14,721.00	-	-	14,721.00	27%	
80											
81		EDUCATION									
82	310-5431	Gill-Montague Reg. Sch. Dist.	1,616,443.00	1,619,622.00	1,634,027.00	444,105.00	181,279.00	133,457.00	758,841.00	46%	September amounts for GMRSD & FCTS are necessary to get total monthly request up to the 1/12 required by DOR. These funds for the School Districts will not be spent until the 2nd quarter assessment is due in October.
83	310-5810	GMRSD Bldg Loan (debt exclusion)	14,294.00	10,548.00	8,968.00	2,434.00	-	-	2,434.00	27%	
84	320-5432	Franklin County Technical School	142,934.00	150,778.00	175,085.00	48,436.00	4,558.00	46,157.00	99,151.00	57%	
85		EDUCATION TOTAL	1,773,671.00	1,780,948.00	1,818,080.00	494,975.00	185,837.00	179,614.00	860,426.00	47%	
86											
87		OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	3,215,078.04	3,339,700.00	3,442,919.00	790,009.00	305,367.00	305,367.00	1,400,743.00	41%	
					Percent of FY20	22.9%	8.9%	8.9%			

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:27 PM
To: 'Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard'
Subject: FW: Park and Rec Equipment- Gill Elementary

From: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [mailto:administrator@gillmass.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:09 PM
To: 'Greg Snedeker (gksnedeker@gmail.com)' <gksnedeker@gmail.com>; 'John R Ward (johnrward.ward54@gmail.com)' <johnrward.ward54@gmail.com>; 'Randy Crochier (hxydad77@yahoo.com)' <hxydad77@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Park and Rec Equipment- Gill Elementary

I met with Heath Cummings at Gill Elementary today regarding his request (see below) to free up some space in the storage closet built into the outside wall of the All Purpose Room. I cleaned out a small amount of obvious trash, and took inventory of what's left. There's a lot of baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball equipment, but with no one clamoring to form a rec committee, I don't know how long we should keep it. The storage space is surprisingly dry and not musty.

Heath thought the school and/or District phys ed department would be able to use some of the equipment like soccer balls, basketballs, and mesh jerseys.

There's easily a few thousand dollars of equipment and uniforms. If we give it away or throw it away, that almost guarantees a new Rec Committee will form a month later. But if we keep it, the longer it sits, the less likely it will be used or usable. Jerseys get musty and look "old", balls stop holding air pressure, plastic and foam helmets and protectors deteriorate with age. However, with all the uncertainties of Covid, not having a town rec program has made for one less headache, concern, and liability.

I can include the topic and list on Monday's agenda, and we can start the conversation.

Ray

2 umpire foam chest protector
9 catcher's chest protector
14 pair shin guards
32 batting helmet without face cage
5 batting helmet with face cage
10 catcher's helmet
8 catcher's mitt
5 baseball mitt
12 softballs, new
20 softballs, used
39 baseballs, used
22 aluminum bats
3 large containers assorted baseball uniforms, new & used, tops & pants
1 small box of t-shirts and baseball caps

1 pair PUGG pop-up soccer goals
2 "Funnets" 3'x3' soccer nets

- 52 soccer balls
- 1 bag of assorted mesh jerseys

- 21 basketballs

- 20 small (~10") orange cones
- 4 med. (~16") orange cones
- 1 line painter
- 7 cans striping paint
- 1 line duster (powdered lime)

- 1 plastic tote of assorted plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils
- 1 10-gallon drink container

From: Heath Cummings [<mailto:heath.cummings@gmrtd.org>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>
Cc: Heath Cummings <heath.cummings@gmrtd.org>
Subject: Park and Rec Equipment- Gill Elementary

Hi Ray,

There is a room on the back side of the school that is filled with park and rec equipment. It's been reported to me that it has not been used in many years, and we would like to use that space to store some of our COVID response supplies. Would you be able to meet me there on Wednesday at 12:30 to look at this room and see what we can dispose of or how we can proceed with rectifying this?

Thanks,

Heath Cummings

Director of Facilities and Energy
Gill-Montague Regional School District
35 Crocker Avenue
Turners Falls, MA 01376
(413)-863-3261 (Office)
(413)-522-2065 (Cell)

heath.cummings@gmrtd.org



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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM (Revised 01/02/20)

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.

Abatement requests must be in writing to the Sewer Commissioners within 30 days of the Bill Date. (NOTE: 30 days of the Bill Date, NOT the Due Date.)

Sewer Bill Date: 7/21/20 Sewer Bill #: 35

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: _____

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) 0.3468 - 10% = 0.3121 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3121</i>	<i>27.46</i>
<u>6/15/20</u>	<u>055233</u>	<u>055688</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>0.3121</u>	<u>142.00</u>
				<u>0.3121</u>	
				<u>0.3121</u>	
				<u>0.3121</u>	
Total requested					\$ <u>142.00</u>

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Telephone 413-863-9347

325 Main Road, Gill MA 01354
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Fax 413-863-7775

SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature C. Demars

Today's Date 7/26/20

Name Cathleen Demars

Account # (from bill) 3800

Address 10 Walnut St.
Gill

Tel. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Meter location if different ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

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

Date received by Tax Collector 8/3/20 (Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

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

Tax Collector signature TAA

Sewer Commission response: Approved Denied _____ Date _____

Sewer Commissioners _____

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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM (Revised 01/02/20)

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Abatement requests must be in writing to the Sewer Commissioners within 30 days of the Bill Date. (NOTE: 30 days of the Bill Date, NOT the Due Date.)

Sewer Bill Date: 7/21/20

Sewer Bill #: 1400

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: _____

Topped off above ground pool when opening for season

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) 0.3468 - 10% = 0.3121 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3121</i>	<i>27.46</i>
5/22/2020	118128	118374	246	0.3121	76.77
				0.3121	
				0.3121	
				0.3121	
Total requested					\$ 76.77

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Signature Karen Timberlake

Today's Date 7/31/20

Name Mark and Karen Timberlake

Account # (from bill) 1400

Address 28 French King Highway

Gill, MA 01354

Tel. [Redacted]

Meter location if different from above address _____

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

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

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

Date received by Tax Collector 8/13/2020 (Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

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

Tax Collector signature [Signature]

Sewer Commission response: Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Sewer Commissioners _____

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Sewer Bill Date: 6/27/2020 Sewer Bill #: 7100

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: Pool water - for up & running - backwashing
etc.

Usage History:

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<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3121</i>	<i>27.46</i>
	<u>025024</u>	020060	<u>36</u>	<u>0.3121</u>	<u>11.24</u>
		<u>025060</u>		<u>0.3121</u>	
				<u>0.3121</u>	
				<u>0.3121</u>	
Total requested					\$ 11.24

Correct figure is 025060 based on water meter range of 24600 - 25680 for this bill. Informed Th L.W. on 8/14/20. RP

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Telephone 413-863-9347

MA 01354
City provider and employer.

Fax 413-863-7775

SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature Linda Welcome

Today's Date July 29-2020

Name Linda Welcome

Account # (from bill) _____

Address 2 Grove St.

Hill, Mass. 01354

Tel. ~~_____~~

Meter location if different from above address _____

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Date received by Tax Collector 8/13/2020 (Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

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

Tax Collector signature TJA

Sewer Commission response: Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Sewer Commissioners _____

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH

**Register online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org
or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.**

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

For residents and businesses of the following towns: Athol, Barre,*
Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley,
Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston,
Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland,* Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2020. Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal. For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.



Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place. Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place



all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not be collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.



WHAT TO BRING

Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION



- Paint (non-latex), spray paint, varnish, paint thinners, solvents
- Herbicides, pesticides, yard/garden chemicals, wood preservatives
- Asphalt sealer, roofing tar, household cleaners, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, automotive fluids
- Photo chemicals, arts & crafts supplies, furniture polish

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), latex paint, empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks)

For more information: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

The District is an equal opportunity provider.



Safe Home—Healthy Home

We are exposed to harmful chemicals in many ways—including products we use to clean our homes or maintain our yards. Only a small portion of the more than 80,000 chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been thoroughly tested for human health concerns. Many common chemicals found in our homes can have immediate toxic effects on adults, children, and pets if not used properly. Others may have long-term health effects after repeated exposure. Particles from detergents, cosmetics, pesticides, and other chemicals are found in the dust in our homes, potentially contributing to asthma.



We can make our homes safer by adopting some minor changes to the way we clean our homes or care for our lawns and gardens, and through proper storage, use, and disposal of household chemicals. Consider purchasing nontoxic or low-toxic products. When considering a chemical product, ask yourself if something else you already have will do the job. Common household items such as baking soda, vinegar, and plant-based soaps can often clean just as well as specialty cleaners.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be disposed of in the trash. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, none of these items will be accepted at the 2020 Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Thermometers and thermostats are accepted free of charge at Franklin County transfer stations; place in a bag and give to attendant. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Lowe’s Stores, at all District transfer stations, and at Greenfield Transfer Station (handle carefully and ask attendant).

Batteries (rechargeable, lithium, button) and cell phones are other common household items that should never be placed in the trash. If these batteries are burned in waste combustion facilities or buried in landfills they can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Proper disposal of these batteries and cell phones is free at all District transfer stations; hand them to the attendant. Towns that do not have transfer stations have collection boxes at town hall. Residents can bring vehicle batteries to automotive stores and most transfer stations for free recycling, or get paid at scrap metal dealers.

For information on alternatives to chemical products, and information about proper disposal of hazardous chemicals, mercury and sharps (needles): www.franklincountywastedistrict.org, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. The District is an equal opportunity provider. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Hazardous Waste Day Registration; submit by September 18, 2020 (or register online):

Please fill out this form completely and mail to:
 FCSWMD, 117 Main St, 2nd Floor, Greenfield MA 01301

Resident name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Town of residence: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Specify type and quantity of waste
Ex: 2 gallons gas, 5 lbs. pesticides
Please be specific!
