



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., November 7, 2022

***Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting
bold underlined time = invited guest or advertised hearing
(all other times are approximate)

Location: Slate Memorial Library, 332 Main Road, Gill

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)

Old Business

- Review of Minutes from 8/29/22 & 9/12/22 & 9/26/22 & 10/11/22 & 10/24/22

New Business

- Offer of Donation of Land – Richard French & Emily Samuels, 10.5 acre parcel (map 217, lot 22) at north end of Mountain Road
 - Land is permanently protected from development by a Conservation Restriction held by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust
 - Letter of support from Gill’s Conservation Commission
- Request to Use Town Hall – Pamela Lester, 9 Atherton Road, for a Greenfield Garden Club presentation on Winter Sowing – Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 PM (open to the public)
- Correspondence from Riverside Water District regarding instituting water use charges for Riverside Municipal Building effective with the 9/29/22 meter reading
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants
 - FY23 # 9 Vendors (\$78,531.56) & Payroll (\$35,029.96) – reviewed & signed on 10/24/22
 - FY23 # 10 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|-------------|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 11/14 | 6:00 PM | STRPB meeting with Gill & Montague Selectboards & FinComs | Zoom |
| Mon 11/21 | 5:30 PM | Gill Selectboard meeting | Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor |
| Mon 12/5 | 5:30 PM | Gill Selectboard meeting | Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor |
| Mon 12/19 | 5:30 PM | Gill Selectboard meeting | Gill Town Hall, 2 nd floor |

TOWN OF GILL

M A S S A C H U S E T T S



Conservation Commission

November 1, 2022

To the Selectboard of the Town of Gill:

The Gill Conservation Commission writes this letter on behalf of Emily Samuels and Dick French who are seeking to donate a parcel of 10.5 acres to the Town.

The parcel in question (Assessors' Map # 217, Lot #22) is at the northern end of Mountain Road on the west side of the road. The Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust holds a permanent Conservation Restriction (Registry of Deeds Book 3714, Page 291) on the parcel, and this restriction would remain in place with the donation to the Town. It is recommended that management of the land become the responsibility of the Gill Conservation Commission.

With an already existing wide logging road, the Conservation Commission feels confident that the property can be further developed for good walking through an attractive and well-established hardwood forest. Once the shoreline of Lake Hitchcock, the land also features glacial cliffs of geological interest. There is the potential as well to connect this property to existing trails in the Blake Town Forest, which continue to give enjoyment to many walkers.

The Conservation Commission can see no liabilities connected to acquiring this property. There is no potential for the land to ever be developed due to the Conservation Restriction, and with a current assessed value of \$1,460 the loss of roughly \$25 of annual real estate taxes should not have any impact to Town finances. We enthusiastically support ways in which those of us who live in Gill, as well as the wider public, can enjoy our town's considerable natural beauty.

The Conservation Commission strongly recommends the Selectboard act favorably on this offer. We recognize a Town Meeting vote is required to accept a gift of land and encourage the Selectboard to schedule a Special Town Meeting as soon as reasonably possible.

Sincerely,

Amy Gordon

[Signature]

Stephen Bastonick

[Signature]

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TOWN FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

Name: *Pamela Lester*
Greenfield Garden Club

Organization: _____

Address: *9 Atherton Rd*

Town/City: *Gill* State: *01354*

Daytime Phone: *413-863-4125* Evening Phone: _____

Facility Requested: *Town Hall*

Date(s) of Use: *Nov. 17th*

Hour(s) of Use: *6:00 - 8:00*

Nature of Event: *Winter Sewing*

Number of Attendees: *10-15 - ?*

A town employee, board member, or committee member must be present throughout the duration of the event. If you do not have such a member who volunteers to be present, a fee will be charged to provide one.

Is a town employee, board member, or committee member part of your organization? Y N

If yes, what is his/her name? *Pamela Lester, BOA member*

Fees:

- Individual resident Free
- Individual non-resident \$25 per event
- Non-profit organization \$10 per event
- For profit organization \$50 per event
- If a town employee is necessary \$25 per hour

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RIVERSIDE WATER DISTRICT
French King Hwy, Gill MA
P O Box 369
Turners Falls, MA 01376

October 31, 2022

Town of Gill
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Ray,

The Riverside Water District Commissioners have voted to bill the town for water use at the Riverside Municipal Building starting with the October billing, which will be added to the January bill. Water use has increased because of the Four Winds School and we must keep up with the billing we receive from Greenfield. Any questions you have may be discussed with Commissioner Jeff Surprenant. (413-522-2385).

Sincerely,



Priscilla Fowler, Clerk/Treasurer
413-863-9385

| Date | Consumption | per cf | 2.00 meter fee | 10.00 maintenance | Total |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 9/29/2022 | 137 | 0.063 | 8.63 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 20.63 |
| 7/5/2022 | 441 | 0.063 | 27.78 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 39.78 |
| 3/30/2022 | 928 | 0.062 | 57.54 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 69.54 |
| 12/31/2021 | no reading | 0.062 | | | |
| 10/2/2021 | 238 | 0.062 | 14.76 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 26.76 |
| 7/5/2021 | 412 | 0.062 | 25.54 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 37.54 |
| 3/30/2021 | 61 | 0.062 | 3.78 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 15.78 |
| 1/1/2021 | 134 | 0.062 | 8.31 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 20.31 |
| 3/28/2020 | 101 | 0.057 | 5.76 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 17.76 |
| 6/27/2020 | 278 | 0.057 | 15.85 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 27.85 |
| 4/6/2020 | 694 | 0.057 | 39.56 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 51.56 |
| 12/31/2019 | 545 | 0.057 | 31.07 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 43.07 |
| 9/28/2019 | 360 | 0.057 | 20.52 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 32.52 |
| 6/27/2019 | 751 | 0.057 | 42.81 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 54.81 |
| 3/28/2019 | 399 | 0.057 | 22.74 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 34.74 |
| 12/28/2018 | 431 | 0.057 | 24.57 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 36.57 |
| 9/26/2018 | 216 | 0.057 | 12.31 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 24.31 |
| 6/29/2018 | 273 | 0.057 | 15.56 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 27.56 |
| 3/30/2018 | 305 | 0.057 | 17.39 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 29.39 |
| 12/28/2017 | 170 | 0.0531 | 9.03 | 2.00 | 10.00 \$ 22.03 |