



# **SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE**

**Mon., November 21, 2022**

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

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall, 325 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 & 11/07/22

New Business

- Request from Highway and Fire Department to close a portion of Pisgah Mountain Road and/or River Road to vehicle traffic for the winter
- Recommendation from Personnel Committee regarding hourly pay for Fire Chief when responding to calls for service
- Declaration of Surplus Equipment: Fire Department
  - 17 sections of 2 ½” hose, 50 feet each
  - 26 sections of 1 ¾” hose, 50 feet each
- Appointment – Vicky Jenkins, 76 River Road, as Gill’s Representative to the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District through June 30, 2023
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
  - Poets at the Slate (featuring Gill’s Amy Gordon), Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Warrants  
 FY23 # 10 Vendors (\$41,889.02) & Payroll (\$37,728.97) – reviewed & signed on 11/07/22  
 FY23 # 11 – review & sign

Adjournment

**Other Invitations/Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon 12/5	5:30 PM	Gill Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Mon 12/19	5:30 PM	Gill Selectboard meeting	Gill Town Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor

# 2022-2023 Winter Road Closure



Wallace/Watson residence  
143 River Road

Approximate location  
to discontinue winter  
road maintenance

Block with Jersey  
barriers at tree line &  
edge of farm fields

Approx. location to  
discontinue winter  
maintenance & block with  
Jersey barriers

Draper/Shiloh residence  
38 Pisgah Mtn Rd



# *Gill Fire Department*

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Chief Gene M. Beaubien E-mail: [firedept@gillmass.org](mailto:firedept@gillmass.org)

Selectboard:

The Gill Fire Department is requesting that the following hose be declared surplus as it has surpassed the recommended expiration date July 1987.

17 -50' lengths of 2 ½ "

26- 50' lengths of 1 ¾ "

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene M. Beaubien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gene M. Beaubien

# TOWN OF GILL

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



## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

*November 7, 2022*

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM at the Slate Memorial Library. The Selectboard expressed their thanks to the Library Trustees for the use of the library. The Town Hall was not available due to the State Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Members Present: Charles Garbiel, Randy Crochier and Greg Snedeker      Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator; Janet Masucci, Kate Savage, Richard French, Emily Samuels, and Phil Gilfeather-Girton

Review of Minutes: Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Use of Town Hall on Nov. 17: By consensus the Selectboard approved a request from Gill resident (and Assessor) Pamela Lester to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall on November 17<sup>th</sup> for a meeting of the Greenfield Garden Club and a public presentation on “Winter Sowing.”

Offer of Land Donation: Richard French and Emily Samuels met with the Selectboard to discuss their offer to donate to the Town 10.5 acres of land located at the north end of Mountain Road. Phil Gilfeather-Girton, Chair of the Conservation Commission, presented a letter from the Conservation Commission recommending favorable action by the Selectboard on the donation offer. The letter describes the property’s potential use for hiking and walking trails, and its unique geologic feature of glacial cliffs that were once part of the shoreline of glacial Lake Hitchcock. According to the letter the property is already subject to a permanent Conservation Restriction held by the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.

French pointed out the property abuts the Town’s Public Safety Complex property, and a wetland at the base of the glacial cliffs is the beginning of Beaver Brook. Gilfeather-Girton noted the opportunity for public trails and environmental education are important factors for lands managed by the Conservation Commission. The ConCom’s letter recommends the property become the responsibility of the Conservation Commission. The letter also states the current assessed value of the property is \$1,460, with an annual tax bill of roughly \$25. It was felt the loss of the tax revenue would be more than offset by adding another outdoor recreation property for residents’ use.

French stated it would be helpful if Town Meeting approval of the donation could happen soon, so that the transfer of the land could take place prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> for tax purposes. Randy made a motion, seconded by Greg, to endorse the offer of the land donation by French and Samuels and to schedule a Special Town Meeting as soon as practical. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. French, Samuels, and Gilfeather-Girton left the meeting at 5:42 PM.

Riverside Water District to Charge for Water Use at RMB: The Selectboard reviewed and discussed an October 31, 2022 letter from the Riverside Water District advising the Town of the District’s decision to begin charging the Town for water use at the Riverside Municipal Building retroactive to the water meter reading of July 5, 2022. Historically, there has been a “handshake” agreement between the Town and the District whereby the Town is not charged for water use at the building. In exchange, the District does not pay rent for the office space and basement storage space it has in the building.

The Selectboard took the letter under advisement. It was suggested going forward it may be “cleaner” if the Town pays for the water and charges the District an appropriate rent for the spaces it uses. A chart was provided showing approximately five years of water meter readings at the building, and what the corresponding water bill would have been. On average, with some variation due to the COVID-19 impact on use of the building by the Four Winds School, the quarterly water bill is around \$35. It was felt that amount would not have a significant impact on the Town’s budget for FY23.

Kate Savage left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed and signed the FY 2023 warrant # 10 with totals of \$41,889.02 for vendors and \$37,728.97 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator*

*Signed copy on file. Approved on 11/21/2022*

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Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

**TOWN OF GILL**  
**M A S S A C H U S E T T S**



**SELECTBOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
*November 14, 2022*

The meeting was conducted remotely by all participants using the Zoom online meeting platform. The meeting was hosted by the Montague Selectboard and included attendees from Montague's Finance Committee, the Six Town Regionalization Planning Board (STRPB), Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) leadership and School Committee members, Franklin County Technical School leadership, local press, and others.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Selectboard Members Present: Randy Crochier, Charles Garbiel, and Greg Snedeker     Members Absent: None  
Finance Committee Members Present: Claire Chang, Tupper Brown, Sandy Brown, and Peter Turban  
Members Absent: None     Others Present: Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Alan Genovese, Chair of the STRPB, recapped a brief history of the STRPB since its inception in the fall 2019. A 12-minute narrated slideshow (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4UGipgPy58>) was played.

During the questions & answer period that followed, topics included:

- Transportation times for middle and high school students
- Enrollment of the combined district and the opportunities for broader programming. It was noted this is a big undertaking, and there was concern the combined enrollment still might not be big enough to provide long-term success.
- Future status of existing elementary schools, and what the process/protections might be for closing a school.

At the end of the Q&A Genovese explained there will be more community forums in the next couple of months, as well as other opportunities for community members and local officials to provide feedback. The STRPB has applied for another Regionalization & Efficiency Grant from the state. If the STRPB decides to recommend moving forward with the regionalization to the six towns, the grant funding will be used to develop a proposed regional agreement for the new district. For the new district to be established, the regional agreement will need to be approved by Town Meeting votes in all six towns.

Adjournment: Greg made a motion, seconded by Randy, to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous (3-0) roll call vote. The meeting was ended by the host before the Finance Committee could vote to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Town Administrator*

*Signed copy on file. Approved on 11/21/2022*

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Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

Adopted by the Finance Committee in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes on \_\_\_\_\_.