



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., August 14, 2023

***Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting

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

Location: Town Hall, 2nd floor meeting room, 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)

5:30 PM Nuisance Dog Hearing for two dogs licensed to David Powlovich, 29 West Gill Rd

Old Business

- Review of Minutes: 8/29/22, 9/12/22, 10/11/22, 11/21/22, 12/5/22, 12/19/22, 1/30/23, 2/13/23, 2/27/23, 3/13/23, 3/28/23, 3/30/23, 4/10/23, 4/24/23, 5/8/23, 5/22/23, 6/5/23, 6/20/23, 7/3, 7/17
- Route 2 Update
 - MassDOT's rapid response to repairing & reopening Route 2 in both directions
 - French King Bridge – barrier installation is complete
- Riverside Sewer System
 - Update on process to expand Sewer Commission to include appointed members
 - Purchase Order request – 1 pump w/ impeller & 1 impeller from Kats Pump Service, cost not to exceed \$6,000

New Business

- Updates from the Tree Warden, Joe Williams
- Town Clerk – Request for authorization to use new ImageCast Tabulator at all future state election and to continue to hand count ballots at all local elections
- Joint Meeting with Slate Memorial Library Trustees
 - Joint vote to appoint Jake Morrow, Gilder Way, to fill the vacant elected Library Trustee position through May 20, 2024 (date of next town election)
 - Discussion of expanding number of Library Trustees from 3 to 5
- Appointments – Diana Pedrosa as a Firefighter through 6/30/24
- Sewer Abatement Requests
 - Karen & Mark Timberlake, 28 French King Hwy, \$97.67, topping off swimming pool
 - Linda Welcome, 2 Grove St, \$43.92, startup of swimming pool
 - Jeff Suprenant, 25 Oak St, \$16.39, filling spa
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Sat., Sept. 23 @ GCC. Pre-registration required
- Warrants
 - FY23 # 28 Vendors (\$42,022.94) – reviewed & signed by Chair on 7/18/23
 - FY24 # 2 Vendors (\$64,469.75) & Payroll (\$36,130.84) – reviewed & signed by Chair on 7/18/23
 - FY24 # 3 Vendors (\$227,132.70) & Payroll (\$44,732.93) – reviewed & signed by Chair on 8/1/23
 - FY24 #4 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon. 8/28	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 9/11	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 9/25	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall

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August 7, 2023

David Powlovich
29 West Gill Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Mr. Powlovich:

This letter is to inform you that at the request of Animal Control Officer Judie Garceau the Selectboard of the Town of Gill will hold a public hearing regarding a complaint of your dogs being a nuisance due to excessive barking.

Pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 157, the hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall, 325 Main Road, Gill. Please be advised the Selectboard meetings are usually covered by newspaper reporters and video recorded for later broadcast on a local cable access television channel.

You have the right to bring witnesses and to be represented by legal counsel. If the charges are proven, the Selectboard may make such order concerning remedial action to ameliorate the cause of the nuisance behavior.

This is a serious matter and you are encouraged to give it your full and immediate attention.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 413-863-9347.

Sincerely,

Ray Purington
Town Administrator

Cc: Judie Garceau, Regional Animal Control Officer
Chris Redmond, Police Chief
Complainants

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highway@gillmass.org

TO: Selectboard
FROM: John Miner, Highway Superintendent
CC: Ray Purington, Town Administrator
DATE: August 9, 2023
REASON: Riverside Sewer Pump Station – Purchase Order for spare pump and 2 impellers

As you know, on Sunday August 6th we had a pump at the Sewer Pump Station get bound up with clothing. This caused the impeller bolt to fall out and the impeller fell off. We were not able to fix the issue because the impeller from the spare pump (a pump that was kept when new pumps were installed in 2011) was so rusted it couldn't be removed. Simultaneously, we had to pull the other pump because it was lagging and also had clothing bound in the impeller.

At this time, I am requesting authorization to purchase a spare pump and two spare impellers. The pump can be used in either the Pump 1 or Pump 2 position. The impeller on Pump 1 spins in the opposite direction as the impeller on Pump 2, so there will be one spare impeller for each pump.

As of this time I have not received a quote from Derek Kats (whose company does our pump maintenance). The last 2 pumps we purchased in April and May of 2022 for \$4,953.50 and each came with one impeller. For this purchase order we will only need to purchase one extra impeller for the other position/direction.

This is an important purchase, as we presently have no backup pump. The funds for this purchase are available within the FY24 budget for the Sewer Pump Station.

Thank you,
John Miner
Town of Gill
Highway Superintendent

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Town Clerk

Thursday, August 10, 2023

RE: Use of ImageCast Tabulator at all State Elections

I would like to request that the Selectboard take a vote to authorize the use of our new ImageCast Tabulator at all future State Elections pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 54, Section 34. The Election Bureau would like to have documentation of your decision on file. In recent years, we have been using the Accuvote at all State Elections. This letter will also inform the State of our intentions to continue to hand count ballots at all local elections.

With your vote, I will no longer have to notify the Election Bureau within 120 days before each State Election regarding the choice to use the ImageCast.

If you agree, please sign below and I will send this documentation to the Secretary of State.

Members of the Selectboard, Town of Gill, August 14, 2023

Thank you,

Doreen J. Stevens

Doreen J. Stevens, Town Clerk



Gill Fire Department

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July 20, 2023

Gill Selectboard:

On July 20, 2023 the Gill Fire Department Board of Engineers approved for appointment to the Gill Fire Department the following name:

Firefighter:

Diana Pedrosa

Fire Chief

Gene Beaubien



TOWN OF GILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT



Date: _____

Personal Information:

Name: Diana Pedrosa

Home Phone: _____

Address: 107 Ave A. # 3

Cell Phone: _____

(No. Street / City / State)

Email Address: dpa

SSN: _____

Are you eighteen (18) years of age or older? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a valid Massachusetts Driver's License? ☒ Yes ☐ No List state, number, expiration date, and type/endorsement: _____

Education and Training:

Name/Location	Course of Study	Years Completed	Degree
High School: <u>Mohawk</u>			
College: <u>GCC - Community College of RI</u>			<u>Associates</u>

Please list any information regarding your qualifications, skills, and experience in FIRE/EMS positions such as licenses, trainings, certifications, etc. Include copies of all certificates if possible.

CDL

Employment History:

Present employer: F.M. Kuzmeskus

Address: 52 Main Rd. Gill MA.

Supervisor: Charity PAM

Telephone: 413-863-2595

Position Title and Duties: School BUS Driver

Reason For Leaving: _____

Dates of Employment: May 2022 - present

Past Employer: Mesa Verde

Address: 10 Fiske Ave.

Supervisor: Amy McManis

Telephone: 413-772-2531

Position Title and Duties: Service

Reason For Leaving: Covid / Had a Baby

Dates of Employment: 2006 - 2020 (off and on)

Past Employer: Hope & Olive

Address: 44 Hope St.

Supervisor: Jim Zaccara

Telephone: 413 774-3150

Position Title and Duties: Service

Reason For Leaving: Had a Baby / pregnant

Dates of Employment: 2015-2020

May we contact the employers listed above? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, indicate which: _____

Please Read And Complete Carefully:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1 If hired, can you provide proof of citizenship and legal right to work? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2 Have you ever been fired or asked to resign from any job? If yes, please list employer, date, and reason below. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3 Is there any reason that you could not adequately perform the essential duties of the position for which you have applied? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4 Have you been cited for any moving violations in the last three years? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5 Have you had any motor vehicle accidents in the last three years | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6 Has your driver's license ever been suspended, revoked, denied, or canceled? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7 Has your medical certification (EMTs) ever been investigated, suspended, or revoked? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Explain in full detail all "Yes" answers below (other than #1 above).

Are you currently charged with or have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Include any finding or plea of guilt.) If yes, provide a detailed description including dates, locations, charges, and disposition. Additional documentation may be necessary.

No

Additional Information:

Briefly describe why you wish to become a member of this department.

This is exactly the training I would like to have.
Contribute to my community.
Interested in being more involved with large vehicles.

Please provide at least three (3) professional/work-related references to whom you are not related.

	Name	Employment/Job Title	Contact Number
1	Forester Menson		413 835 1987
2	DAVID JENSON		413 834 4878
3	Andrew Howell		413 824 8081

You may provide any other information that you feel is relevant to the review of your application.

Thank you!

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that any false information or omission may disqualify me from further consideration and may result in my immediate dismissal if discovered at a later date.

I authorize the investigation of any or all statements contained in this application and also authorize and hold exempt any person, school, current and past employers (except as previously noted), and organizations from any legal liability in making such statements. I hereby fully waive any rights or claims I have or may have against all current and/or former employers and their agents, employees, and representatives, and damages that may directly or indirectly result from the use, disclosure or release of any information by any person or party, whether such information is favorable or unfavorable to me. I further waive any claim against the Town of Gill, the Gill Fire Department and its agents and representatives, and any outside agency utilized by the Town of Gill or the Gill Fire Department as a result of any information which is obtained in this investigation.

I understand that this application or subsequent employment does not create a contract of employment nor guarantee employment for any definite period of time. If accepted for employment, I understand that I have been hired at the will of the Town of Gill and the Gill Fire Department and my employment may be terminated at any time with or without cause and with or without notice, at the option of the employer or myself.

The Town of Gill is an Equal Opportunity employer.

Signature:

Date:

6/15/23

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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM (Revised 03/03/22)

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: 7/18/23

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: start up of pool

Usage History:

Date	"A" Meter Reading Before (Cu. Ft.)	"B" Meter Reading After (Cu. Ft.)	"C" # of Cubic Ft (B - A)	"D" Sewer Rate (from bill) 0.3278 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3278</i>	<i>28.85</i>
June 5, '23	33600	33734	134	0.3278	43.92
				0.3278	
				0.3278	
				0.3278	
				Total requested	\$ 43.92

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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature signature was submitted on old 2020 form Today's Date 7/20/23
Name Linda Welcome Account # (from bill) 7100
Address 2 Grove St.
Gill, MA 01354
Tel. 413-863-9208
Email _____
Meter location if different from above address _____

Submit this completed form to the Sewer Commissioners (Selectboard):

Mail: 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354

Email: administrator@gillmass.org

Do not send this form with your sewer payment. Do not send sewer payments with this form.

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

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

Date received by Sewer Commissioners 7/24/23 (Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

Sewer bill is paid & no outstanding sewer charges? YES NO Tax Collector signature RP

Sewer Commission response: Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Sewer Commissioners _____

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Sewer Bill Date: 7-18-23 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: Topping pool off for summer 2023

Usage History:

Date	"A" Meter Reading Before (Cu. Ft.)	"B" Meter Reading After (Cu. Ft.)	"C" # of Cubic Ft (B - A)	"D" Sewer Rate (from bill) 0.3278 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3278</i>	<i>28.85</i>
5/28/23	142185	142386	201	0.3278	65.88
5/29/23	142395	142492	97	0.3278	31.79
				0.3278	
				0.3278	
				Total requested	\$97.67

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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature

Mark Timberlake

Today's Date

8-10-23

Name

Mark Timberlake

Account # (from bill)

1400

Address

28 French King Highway

Gill, MA 01354

Tel.

413-522-4859

Email

markatimber@comcast.net

Meter location if different from above address

Submit this completed form to the Sewer Commissioners (Selectboard):

Mail: 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354

Email: administrator@gillmass.org

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Date received by Sewer Commissioners

8/10/23

(Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

Sewer bill is paid & no outstanding sewer charges?

YES

NO

Tax Collector signature

ILP

Sewer Commission response:

Approved

Denied

Date

Sewer Commissioners

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Sewer Bill Date: 7/3/23 Sewer Bill #: 6450

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: SPA FILLED

Usage History:

Date	"A" Meter Reading Before (Cu. Ft.)	"B" Meter Reading After (Cu. Ft.)	"C" # of Cubic Ft (B - A)	"D" Sewer Rate (from bill) 0.3278 \$/cu. ft.	\$ Requested for Abatement (C x D)
<i>Example</i>	<i>075074</i>	<i>075162</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0.3278</i>	<i>28.85</i>
<u>7/2/23</u>	<u>31600</u>	<u>31650</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0.3278</u>	<u>16.39</u>
				<u>0.3278</u>	
				<u>0.3278</u>	
				<u>0.3278</u>	
Total requested					<u>\$ 16.39</u>

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SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM, page 2

Signature

Jeffrey Suprenant

Today's Date

7/20/22

Name

JEFFREY SUPRENT

Account # (from bill)

Address

25 OAK ST

GILL, MA

Tel.

417-522-2385

Email

Meter location if different from above address

Submit this completed form to the Sewer Commissioners (Selectboard):

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Date received by Sewer Commissioners

7/24/23

(Town has 90 days from receipt to process abatement.)

Sewer bill is paid & no outstanding sewer charges?

YES

NO

Tax Collector signature

RP

Sewer Commission response:

Approved

Denied

Date

Sewer Commissioners