



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., December 4, 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)

Old Business

- Michael Edwards, Public Services Manager with the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management – possible scope of a Community Compact “Efficiency & Regionalization” grant program for assistance exploring alternative models for police services
- 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, 2/27, 3/13, 3/28, 3/30, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/20, 7/3, 9/11, 9/25, 11/06, 11/27

New Business

- Fire Department topics
 - Cost estimate to replace counter/desk in radio room and to complete floor/decking above Chief’s office and men’s bathroom to expand space used for training and storage
 - Purchase order - \$2,875 from Fire Dept budget for drop tank for new engine
 - Brush truck update – delivery anticipated for Jan 2024, need to finalize source of funds for purchase (NMH Donation & ARPA)
- ARPA Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Relief Spending Plan
 - Consider repurposing \$6,000 of ARPA Funding from Town Hall Multi-Function Copier Replacement to Fire Department Brush Truck
- Annual vote to close a portion of Pisgah Mountain Road and/or River Road to vehicle traffic for the winter – suggested dates of 12/5/23 – 4/1/24
- Resignation – Tom Hodak from Cable Advisory Committee effective 11/21/23
- Request from Tim Batchelder for exemption under MGL Chapter 268A, Section 20 to allow him to hold multiple appointed positions (Administrative Clerk and PEG Access Videographer)
- Policy on flying flags on Town-owned flagpoles
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
 - Letter of support for Comcast’s application to Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program for funds to provide additional buildout to unserved locations
- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants
FY24 #11 Vendors (\$47,079.34) & Payroll (\$32,292.30) & #11A Vendors (\$67,600.00) – reviewed & signed by Chair on 11/20/23
FY24 #12 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 12/18	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall

Mon 1/1		New Years Day holiday	
Tues 1/2	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 1/15		Martin Luther King holiday	
Tues 1/16	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 1/29	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall







FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO., INC.

23 Birch Street, Milford, Mass. 01757

978-490-9902

SGarland@firematic.com

WebSite: www.firematic.com

Quote



DATE	PAGE
11/11/2023	1

QUOTE NUMBER QT112615

EXPIRE DATE 12/29/2023

Quoted

To

GILL FIRE DEPT
196 MAIN ROAD
GILL, MA 01354

Ship

To

GILL FIRE DEPT
196 MAIN ROAD
GILL, MA 01354

CUSTOMER NO. 3049	CONTRACT NO. PSE01	PHONE NO. (413)863-8955	SALESPERSON SCOTT GARLAND	CUSTOMER PO. NO.
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LINE NO.	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY ORDERED	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	FOLFDA210022FR	FOL-DA-TANK 2100 GALLON ALUMINUM FRAME TANK, RED HPR	1	2,130.00	2,130.00
99	FREIGHT IN	FREIGHT FROM MANUFACTURER ON FOL-DA-TANK ONLY, FREIGHT ESTIMATED BY FOL-DA-TANK	1	745.00	745.00

Comments PRICING AS PER MA STATE CONTRACT PSE01.

Amount
By:

2,875.00
SCOTT GARLAND

Gill, MA

Contact Name: William Kimball

Company/Dept Fire Department

Street Address 196 Main Rd A

City, State, Zip: Gill, MA 01354

Phone: (413) 863-8955 (s.) (413) 522-1839 (C.)

 E-Mail: kimballw22@gmail.com

Date: 10.25.2022

Valid Through : 60 days *

Customer #:

 Contract: **PCC 20-24**

Sales Rep: Steven Anderson

CONTRACT LINE REFERENCE	LINE DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY.	EXTENDED PRICE
X4H/650A	[Fleet] 2023 Ford Super Duty F-450 DRW (X4H) XL 4WD SuperCab 168" WB 60" CA	\$ 54,781.00	1	\$ 54,781.00
PQ	Exterior 1:Race Red	\$ -	1	\$ -
AS	Interior:Medium Earth Gray, HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	\$ -	1	\$ -
99N	Engine: 7.3L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas	\$ -	1	\$ -
44G	Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic	\$ -	1	\$ -
X8L	Limited Slip w/4.88 Axle Ratio	\$ 387.10	1	\$ 387.10
TGJ	Tires: 225/70Rx19.5G BSW A/P	\$ -	1	\$ -
90L	Power Equipment Group	\$ 1,078.00	1	\$ 1,078.00
67B	397 Amp Alternators	\$ 112.70	1	\$ 112.70
86M	Dual 78 AH Battery	\$ 205.80	1	\$ 205.80
52B	Trailer Brake Controller	\$ 294.00	1	\$ 294.00
41P	Transfer Case Skid Plates	\$ 98.00	1	\$ 98.00
67H	Heavy-Service Front Suspension Package	\$ 122.50	1	\$ 122.50
63A	Utility Lighting System (Req. w/90L)	\$ 156.80	1	\$ 156.80
18B	Platform Running Boards	\$ 436.10	1	\$ 436.10
61L	Front Wheel Well Liners (Pre-Installed)	\$ 176.40	1	\$ 176.40
872	Rear View Camera & Prep Kit	\$ 406.80	1	\$ 406.80
	Remainder of Factory Equipment for this Trimline		1	\$ -
	PCC Ford Contract Total :			\$ 58,255.20
	VentVisor 4 piece VentShades	\$ 160.00	1	\$ 160.00
	Tough Country "Rancher" Style Bumper	\$ 2,750.00	1	\$ 2,750.00
	Whelen M4 DUO w/L bracket (each) front facing on PB M4DW* / M4LBKT /PB Sides	\$ 255.00	6	\$ 1,530.00
	Whelen Inner Edge FST WCX Duo 12 Lamp	\$ 1,271.19	1	\$ 1,271.19
	Whelen CORE Siren/Switch Controller C399	\$ 1,100.00	1	\$ 1,100.00
	Whelen CORE 2020 Ford Super Duty Gateway Kit C399K5	\$ 70.00	1	\$ 70.00
	Whelen CORE CCT7 3 Section Control Head and 21 Push-Buttons, 4-Position Slide Switch	\$ 325.00	1	\$ 325.00
	Whelen WeCanX Expansion Module CEM16	\$ 195.00	2	\$ 390.00
	Whelen CV2V WeCanX™ Vehicle To Vehicle SYNC Module, Includes Internal Antenna	\$ 249.00	1	\$ 249.00
	Whelen "Photo-Cell" (needed on "Slicktop" with CanTrol) - CANLITEB	\$ 92.50	1	\$ 92.50
	Whelen wig wag	\$ 125.00	1	\$ 125.00
	Whelen M4 DUO - Body sides/Rear	\$ 458.47	8	\$ 3,667.76
	Whelen Pioneer Nano NP6BB 2 Side, 2 top Rack, 2 under rear body	\$ 223.00	6	\$ 1,338.00
	Whelen 100W Composite Siren Speaker SA315p / SAK*	\$ 259.27	1	\$ 259.27

	Magnetic Mic Clip(s) #MMSU1	\$ 45.00	2	\$ 90.00
	Whelen DUO LED Dome Lights (ea.) - front seats 3SRCCDCR / PLSW30	\$ 97.92	1	\$ 97.92
	Havis #C-2410 & C-TMW-24, 24" console with 24" track mount F150-550/Exped	\$ 525.00	1	\$ 525.00
	Dual 12v outlets w/dual USB CLP2PS1USB	\$ 127.11	1	\$ 127.11
	Havis Side Mount Arm Rest CARM102	\$ 83.00	1	\$ 83.00
	Havis Adjustable Dual Internal Cup Holder CUP21001	\$ 73.49	1	\$ 73.49
	9'6" Steel Platform Body	\$ 5,975.00	1	\$ 5,975.00
	Upgrade body to Aluminum	\$ 2,200.00	1	\$ 2,200.00
	Aluminum Cab Guard for Platform Body	\$ 1,340.00	1	\$ 1,340.00
	Whelen Spot Light, Arges 5 Degree Remote Spotlight w/ Mount Model ARGES1 w/ ARG*** Mount and ARGCH* Control Head	\$ 842.45	1	\$ 842.45
	Install / Transfer Cust. Supplied 2-way Radio(s) EACH	\$ 275.00	1	\$ 275.00
	Install / Transfer Cust. Supplied Skid Unit	\$ 395.00	1	\$ 395.00
	PCC AfterMarket Equipment Contract Total :			\$ 25,351.69

Cost per Unit : \$ 83,606.89

Qty. : 1.00

Trade : \$ -

TOTAL: \$ 83,606.89

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*This quote is valid for 60 days from the date of quote. Any purchase orders or approved quotes received outside of the 60 day quote period may be subject to price adjustments. By signing this quote, the customer is agreeing to pay, in full, for all items listed above. Any requests for changes, modifications, replacements, removals or additional items may be subject to additional fees and/or adjusted delivery dates.

M.G.L c. 30B applies to the procurement of all commodities quoted. Contract items have been collectively purchased pursuant to M.G.L c 30B sec 1c and M.G.L c.7 sec 22B. The government body is responsible to determine the applicability of M.G.L. c30B to off contract items, but not limited to, off contract items that have already been properly procured under M.G.L. c30B sec 1c and M.G.L. c7 sec 22A (purchases from a vendor on contract with the Commonwealth), other contracts procured under M.G.L. c30B sec 1c and M.G.L. c. 30B contract between the vendor and the jurisdiction. All off contract items must be procured under M.G.L. c. 30B.

The terms and conditions stated herein and the provisions of any agreement between MHQ and Buyer, if applicable, shall constitute the complete and only terms and conditions applicable to any and all purchases by Buyer from MHQ. Any additional and/or different terms and/or conditions printed anywhere including on, or with, Buyer's order shall be inapplicable in regard to any purchase by Buyer from MHQ.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing this document you are agreeing to the above terms and conditions of this order from MHQ, Inc.

x **William Kimball**

PRINT NAME

x **Deputy Chief**

TITLE

x 

SIGNATURE

x **10/25/2022**

DATE

Quote provided by Steven Anderson, Account Manager at MHQ - Public Safety Team
(508) 573-2677 or sanderson@mhq.com





November 16, 2023

Board of Selectmen
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Gill Board of Selectmen:

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval for me to hold more than one appointed position with the Town.

In general, the conflict-of-interest law restricts municipal employees from holding more than one appointed town position, where at least one position is paid. However, in recognition of the difficulty small towns experience in finding people willing to serve in town positions, the law gives Boards of Selectmen the power to grant exemptions from that restriction.

The multiple appointed positions I wish to hold are:

- 1) Administrative Clerk, 17 hours per week at \$20.69 per hour; and
- 2) Videographer, \$20 per hour, hours vary depending on length of meetings.

Under § 20 of the conflict-of-interest law, G.L. c. 268A, in towns with a population of less than 3,500, the Board of Selectmen may allow a municipal employee to have more than one appointed position. Since our town has a population of 1,551 according to Massachusetts Census Data, you as the Board of Selectmen have the power to authorize me to hold all the positions listed above.

I hereby request that the Board of Selectmen approve the exemption under § 20 to allow me to hold all the listed appointed positions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Batchelder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy Batchelder
Administrative Clerk



Flag Policy

I. Introduction

This Policy is intended to address flags allowed to be flown on flagpoles owned by the Town of Gill. The Gill-Montague Regional School District shall determine the policy for flags that can be flown on flagpoles located at the Gill Elementary School.

II. Flags Allowed to Be Flown

The Selectboard authorizes the following flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles, as an official expression of the Town's governmental speech, to which the strictures of the First Amendment do not apply:

- The official flag of the United States of America;
- The official flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- The official flag of the Town of Gill;
- The official flags of the various branches of military services of the United States of America;
- and/or
- The official MIA-POW flag.

No other flags shall be allowed to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles, as those flagpoles and this policy are not intended to establish or serve to create a forum for private expression.

Adopted by vote of the Selectboard: December 4, 2023

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



December 4, 2023

Re: MBI Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program

To whom it may concern,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through its Capital Projects Fund has established the Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program. This program will fund broadband to unserved areas and the Town of Gill is very happy to hear that Comcast is planning to submit an application.

Comcast is an extremely valuable company and partner within the Town of Gill, which relies heavily upon Comcast's infrastructure. They have continually invested in their network providing a fast, secure and reliable product that can meet the growing business and residential needs.

Comcast services proved critical during the COVID pandemic. Most of our community was able to successfully transition to remote learning and working by utilizing Comcast's broadband network. However, there remain nearly a dozen homes without any access to broadband, and another dozen locations where distance and other logistical factors make the cost to extend Comcast's infrastructure prohibitively and astronomically expensive. Broadband continues to be integral to our community's needs and Comcast is the logical company to provide the "last mile" connections.

The Town also feels it is important to remind the team at MBI that Comcast did not receive any MBI grant funds in 2016-2018 for broadband expansion in Gill. The expansion that took place, amounting to 63 newly served addresses and an increase in Gill's "percent served" from 85% to 96%, was completely funded by a sacrifice the Town made while negotiating its last Comcast cable license renewal in 2016. In exchange for buildout, the Town dropped its PEG Access revenue percentage from 4% to 2.5% for the first nine years of the ten year license. We hope our turn for MBI-funded buildout has come at last.

We enthusiastically support Comcast's Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program application and recommend they receive the full funding needed to connect unserved residents and businesses within the Town of Gill.

Sincerely,

Randy P. Crochier, Sr.
Chair, Selectboard