



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

Mon., April 22, 2024

***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

- 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, 12/4, 1/2, 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8

New Business

- Sorrel Hatch – request to plant shade trees around Gill Elementary School
- Energy Commission topics
 - Application for Turners Falls High School for MassCEC's BETA Commercial Buildings Pilot program (BETA = Building Electrification and Transformation Accelerator)
 - Request that Selectboard sign on to Stop Project Maple petition against the expansion of the existing Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) gas transmission line spanning New York, Connecticut, Mass, and Rhode Island. April 25th deadline.
- Award contract for 2024 lawn mowing & cleanup services
- Appointments – Board of Fire Engineers for 5/1/24 – 4/30/25
- Review & sign warrant for May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting
- Review & sign warrant for May 20, 2024 Annual Town Election
- Request from Town Clerk to use ImageCast vote tabulator for Sept 3rd state primary & Nov 5th state election
- Review & sign Sewer Commitment #2024-003, \$_____, bill date of _____
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
 - Bulky Waste Recycling Day – Sat. May 11th 9A-Noon at Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive
- Warrants
FY24 #21 Vendors (\$28,350.22) & Payroll (\$29,676.64) – reviewed & signed on 04/08/24
FY24 #22 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 5/6	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 5/6	7:00 PM	Annual Town Meeting part 1	Town Hall
Mon 5/20	10A-6P	Annual Town Election	Town Hall
Tues 5/21	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting (reorganization)	Town Hall

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: sorrel hatch <slh53z@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard
Subject: Re: Tree Planting

Great! Yes, I can come the 22nd.

Those are great suggestions, I love the Katsura & Sycamore ideas, and I'll maybe rule out Beech & Catalpa for now, there are so many possibilities it's actually helpful to eliminate options:) Beech blight is a woolly aphid that looks fascinating from an entomology perspective, but I think best to avoid attracting.... :)

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 11:50 AM Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org> wrote:

Hi Sorrel,

I think it's a great idea to present this to the Selectboard. Everybody needs to hear this kind of good news more often, and I thank you for taking the initiative on this. Does Monday, April 22nd at 5:30 PM work for you?

I love the couple of large, tall catalpa trees that grow on my property, especially when they are in bloom. But I'm very glad they aren't growing in/near any of my lawns. The leaves are big, and there can be a lot of them. And the bean-pods look like they'd be a nuisance to clean up.

I also love the color of beech leaves in the fall. But I've heard about beech blight, and would suggest checking into that, in case it doesn't bode well for the long-term success of the tree.

One of my brothers coordinated a tree order this spring for three of us brothers, and the order was inspired by the Katsura trees he's admired on the Deerfield Academy campus. https://foxrivervalleynursery.com/Japanese-Katsura-Tree- p_134.html

One last suggestion – American Sycamore, aka Buttonball Tree. It's the tree on the Town Common. Giant leaves on mature trees, sometimes the size of a dinner plate or larger.

Ray

From: sorrel hatch [mailto:slh53z@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 08, 2024 10:03 AM

To: Walter Huston <Walter.Huston@gmrds.org>

Cc: Heath Cummings <heath.cummings@gmrds.org>; Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>; Christopher Polatin <cpolatin@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Tree Planting

Hello All,

I'd like to try again to plant some shade trees around the Gill School.

Attached is a map with arrows in the spots I would like to plant. I'd like to prioritize the shade tree for the front yard for this spring. Other planting sites will be for future years.

I've done some research looking for long-lived, disease resistant shade trees recommended by Arbor Day Foundation and [Umass Extension](#). I'm looking to add species diversity (the back of school is almost entirely old declining sugar maples), creating wide-spread beautiful shade canopies for future generations.

Here's some possibilities:

[Red Sunset Maple](#) - for front of school , this spring - large wide canopy but not tall enough to threaten building

[Japanese Pagoda Tree](#)

[Northern Catalpa](#)

[American Beech](#)

Weeping Willow - (furthest back of soccer field, far from septic)

open to other suggestions.....

Let me know if I have your approval or anything else I need to do to prepare. Would you like me to present to selectboard Ray?

Thanks,

Sorrel

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 7:33 PM Walter Huston <Walter.Huston@gmrds.org> wrote:

| Thanks, Heath!

Have a great day,

Walter G. Huston, Ed.D.

Principal

Gill Elementary School

48 Boyle Rd

Gill, MA 01354

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Please remember when writing or responding, the Massachusetts Secretary of State has determined that email is a public record.

From: Heath Cummings <heath.cummings@gmrtd.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 5:55 PM

To: Walter Huston <Walter.Huston@gmrtd.org>; Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>

Cc: sorrel@upinngil.com <sorrel@upinngil.com>; sorrel hatch <slh53z@gmail.com>; Christopher Polatin <cpolatin@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Tree Planting

Here are the "No plant" Zones due to infrastructure and future planned work. Everything else should be OK. Once you determine a place, I will need a Digsafe ticket on file before any shovels go in (its the law!).

Heath

From: Walter Huston <Walter.Huston@gmrds.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 8:12 AM
To: Heath Cummings <heath.cummings@gmrds.org>; Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org>
Cc: sorrel@upinngil.com; sorrel hatch <slh53z@gmail.com>; Christopher Polatin <cpolatin@gmail.com>
Subject: Tree Planting

Heath and Ray,

Some of our parents here in Gill, Sorrell Hatch, and Chris Polatin, would like to have the current 6th-grade plant a tree on the property. I know we have done this in the past by a class in the 90s. The tree is no longer there but the plaque is. It was planted in the front of the building. Sorrel feels that planting it in the back would provide additional shade for the students on hot, sunny days. I believe she is planning on some kind of maple tree. Before we break ground, I told her that I needed to check with others. I know this is last minute, but it would be great if we could plant it tomorrow, the last day of school before the sixth graders leave us. However, I do understand if we need to wait. I know if you have any questions, Sorrel would be more than happy to answer them for you. She is willing to care for it during the summer months.

Thanks for your support with this project.

Have a great day,

Walter G. Huston, Ed.D.

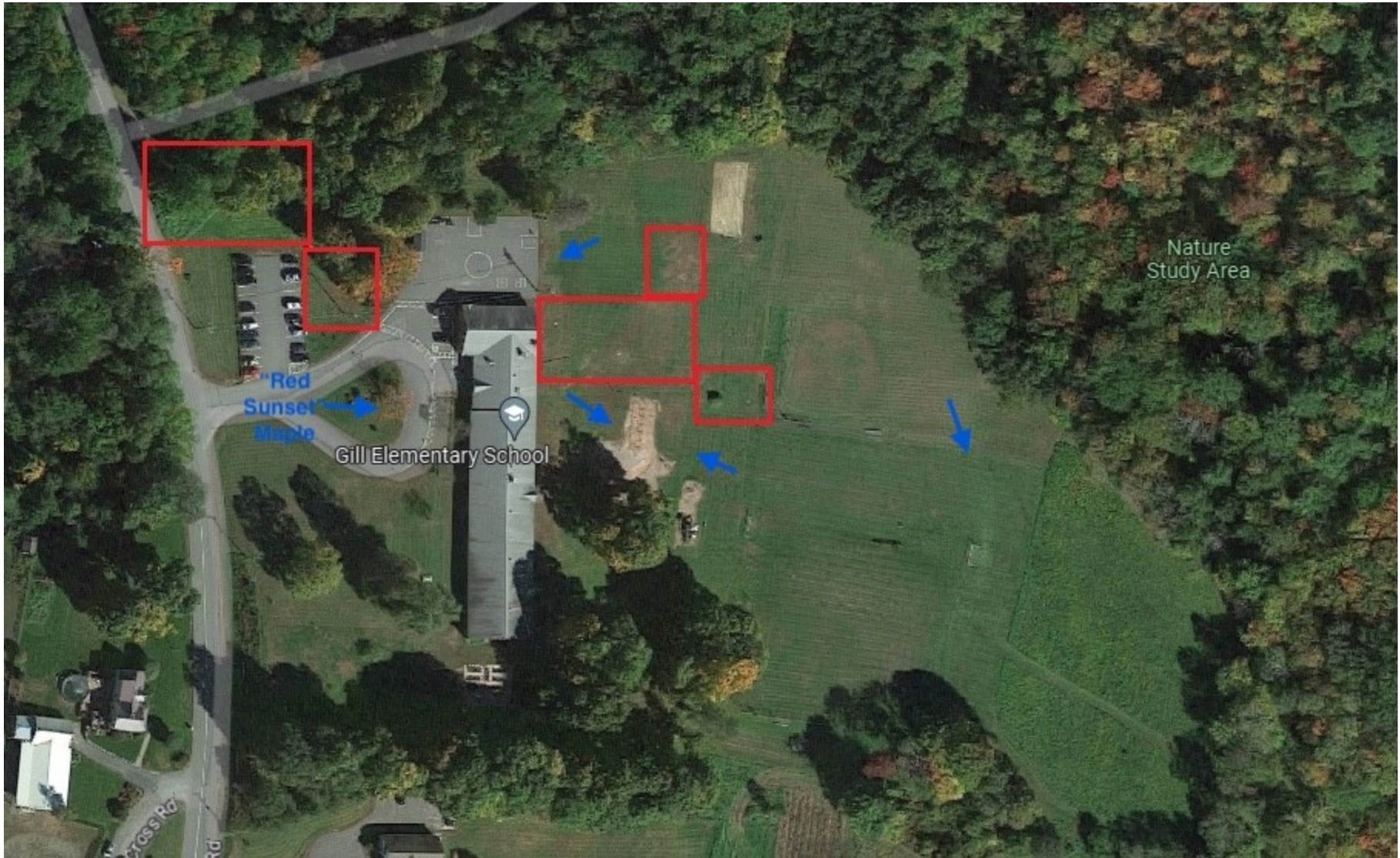
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Project Maple

Enhancing the energy future of New England by providing a direct connection to clean and abundant regional supplies of natural gas



Open Season Notice for Firm Service

September 12 , 2023 – November 17 , 2023

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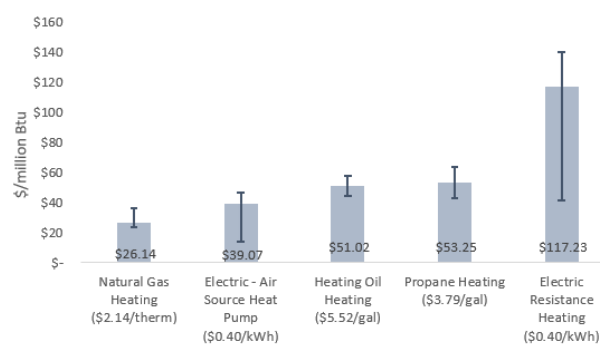
Open Season

Due to input from the New England market and in response to recent FERC technical conferences held in the region, Enbridge's Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("Algonquin"), a leading provider of natural gas transportation to New England, is announcing an open season ("Open Season") for its Project Maple. Project Maple will provide much needed supply reliability during peak daily demand, while stabilizing energy prices in the region and supporting New England's continued journey to Net Zero. Through this Open Season, Algonquin seeks to identify parties desiring to obtain firm transportation service from receipt points on the west end of Algonquin's system ("Ramapo Receipt Point") and on the east end of Algonquin's system ("Salem Receipt Point"). The Ramapo Receipt Point path is scalable with expansion capacity up to 500,000 Dth/d, depending on market commitments. The Salem Receipt Point path has an anticipated capacity of 250,000 Dth/d opening up more access to in-region LNG services to meet end users peak demand. Algonquin anticipates that Project Maple will have a target in-service date as early as November 2029.

Existing pipeline infrastructure has played a critical role in the emissions reduction success New England has achieved to date; however, natural gas demand in New England continues to grow and additional pipeline capacity will be required to maintain a reliable and affordable supply of energy. According to ISO New England's 2022 annual markets report "Natural gas generation continued to account for the largest share (52%) of native electricity generation..."¹. Although over 60 percent of New England's natural gas-fired generation fleet is directly connected to Algonquin and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., these generators hold only approximately six percent of the primary

firm natural gas transportation quantities on a contractual basis needed to support their peak demand requirements.² This untenable disconnect drives New England's energy prices higher, limits economic competitiveness and growth, strains the region's bulk power system to the detriment of public safety, reliability and security during times of winter peak energy demand, and often necessitates that the electric system resort to using less-environmentally-friendly fuel oil for generation.

LDCs continue to see growth as natural gas remains the lowest cost delivered energy making it the first choice for business and industry. According to an analysis by the MA Department of Energy Resources for the 2022/23 winter Natural Gas heating was 30% less expensive than the next least costly heating alternative, and almost 80% less than the most costly heating alternative for residential consumers, shown in the chart below³. Overall, annual demand on a peak day basis on Algonquin continues to increase and LDC growth alone is estimated at an additional 6.5% over the next five years.⁴



Source: DOER Analysis

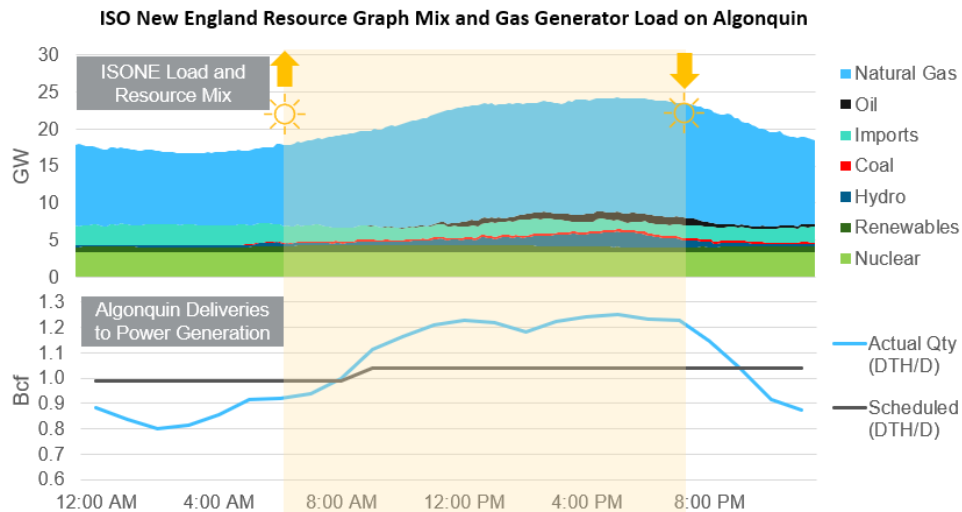
¹ ISO NE Internal Markets Monitor, 2023, ISO NE, <https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2023/06/2022-annual-markets-report.pdf>

² ISO-NE's 2023 CELT report indicates the Winter Nameplate Capacity interconnected with Algonquin and M&N systems of 9,495 MW and 1,755 MW respectively. Approximately 2.2 Bcf/day of firm capacity would be required to serve this load at an assumed aggregate heat rate of 8 Dth/MW. 136,000 Dth of Firm capacity is held by

power generators on the Algonquin and M&N systems. 2023 CELT Report at 2.3 (May 1, 2023), available at <https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/system-plans-studies/celt>.

³ Massachusetts Household Heating Costs, November 30 2022, <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-household-heating-costs#comparison-of-heating-fuel-cost-effectiveness>

⁴ Natural Gas Demand Forecast through 2032 and Natural Gas Topology Tool, ICF (March 2023), available at: [a13_b_rca_daily_gas_pipeline_forecast.pdf](https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/system-plans-studies/celt/a13_b_rca_daily_gas_pipeline_forecast.pdf) (iso-ne.com)



Additional pipeline capacity dedicated to gas-fired power generation is also essential to providing rapid ramping capability as they are increasingly called upon to offset the supply gaps that occur as solar production wanes coincident with the peak day demand in the evening. With further proliferation of solar and wind resources, in combination with increased electrification of the economy, this phenomenon will become even more prevalent in winter months when considerably less natural gas pipeline capacity is available to meet demand similar to what is experienced on the peak summer days, as illustrated above from August 8, 2022. Project Maple offers an opportunity for this gap to be closed with dedicated capacity right sized for gas-fired generators needs.

Project Maple will provide New England with an opportunity to secure a cost effective, regionally produced, environmentally responsible source of clean-burning natural gas to support the current and future demand for energy.

The Algonquin system is experiencing near full utilization on an annual average basis relative to its available west-end capacity. In addition, a lack of pipeline capacity to satisfy growing peak day needs in the region results in Algonquin city gate prices substantially higher than the production area in periods of moderate-to-peak demand, such as in 2021/22 where the region saw prices 9 times higher than prices in Western Pennsylvania. This has led to a reliance on globally supplied Liquefied Natural Gas, coal, and oil, all of which have a higher carbon footprint than domestically produced natural gas. Pipeline infrastructure is needed to ensure reliability of the energy systems New England consumers depend on, especially as the projected LDC growth coupled with increased electric demand and variable resources is realized over the next several years.

With most of the construction expected to occur within or adjacent to existing rights-of-way and at company-owned facilities, Project Maple can be developed with minimal impacts to landowners, local communities, and the environment. Project scope will be comprised of a combination of replacing existing smaller diameter pipe with larger diameter pipe, extending pipeline loops in parallel to existing pipeline facilities, and adding compression at existing compressor stations, depending on subscribed volumes.

Through this Open Season, Algonquin invites parties interested in being a part of Project Maple to submit a Service Request Form.

Project Service

Project Maple will provide firm transportation service to subscribing shippers via two potential receipt points: the Ramapo Receipt Point interconnect with Millennium Pipeline and the Salem Receipt Point interconnect with the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline. Both receipt points will offer delivery to existing meters on the Algonquin mainline and/or lateral systems.

Algonquin may consider offering service enhancements or other flexibility based on requests made by interested shippers on the Service Request Form.

Project Rates

The illustrative rates for each receipt point may be updated based on the subscribed volume at the conclusion of the Open Season.

Salem receipt with service to meters on the J and G systems and in path meters \$1.05 Dth/day.⁵

Ramapo receipt with service to head of G and J system and in path meters \$2.75 Dth/day.⁶

Shippers will have the option of paying the applicable recourse rates of Algonquin for service on Project Maple facilities or mutually agreed-upon negotiated rates for such service, if available, plus any applicable fuel and applicable charges and surcharges.

Nomination Process

During the Open Season period (4:00 p.m., EST, Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, to 5:00 p.m., EST, on Friday, November 17th, 2023), interested parties must submit a Service Request Form, which specifies the Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity (MDTQ), contract term, and desired primary receipt and delivery points. The Service Request Form is included in this package. The completed Service Request Form must be executed by a duly authorized representative and mailed or emailed in pdf format to Algonquin's office at:

890 Winter Street, Suite 320, Waltham, MA 02451
Attn: Blair Hastey, Business Development
Blair.Hastey@enbridge.com

⁵ Rates Expressed in 2023 dollars.

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Algonquin reserves the right to reject any Service Request Form that is not received by 5:00 p.m. EST, on Friday, November 17th, 2023.

Contracting for Service

Once determined, Algonquin representatives will contact all parties who submitted valid requests and were awarded capacity for the Project.

By submitting a Service Request Form in this Open Season bidding period, a bidder is committing to execute a binding precedent agreement that incorporates the terms set forth in the bidder's Service Request Form with Algonquin within 90 days of the conclusion of the Open Season bidding period.

Capacity Allocation Process

In the event Algonquin receives valid requests for service that exceed the quantity of pipeline, point or segment capacity that Algonquin is willing to propose for Project Maple, then Algonquin will allocate such capacity on a not unduly discriminatory basis to shippers that have executed binding precedent agreements. Algonquin will allocate capacity on a net present value basis among such other shippers based on rate, contract term and MDTQ nominated, with Algonquin having the discretion to grant capacity to any bid or combination of bids that provides the highest net present value.

Limitations and Reservations

Algonquin reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to decline to proceed with Project Maple, or any portion thereof. Algonquin also reserves the right to proceed with one or more projects that will be defined through the contracting process and to develop alternative projects from the requests received during this Open Season that may be more representative of the timing and the points requested and markets served. Algonquin also may request a nominating party to modify its proposed point(s), to the extent Algonquin determines that the nominated point(s) will unduly increase the cost of the overall Project or otherwise adversely affect the scope of the Project. Algonquin reserves the

right to negotiate with only those parties that submit valid bids as part of this Open Season.

Without limiting the foregoing, Algonquin may, but is not required to, reject any request for service in which the Service Request Form is incomplete, is inconsistent with the terms and conditions outlined in this Open Season Notice, contains additional or modified terms, or is otherwise deficient in any respect. Algonquin reserves the right to reject any bid requesting an in-service date that is later than November 1, 2031. Algonquin also may reject requests for service in the event requesting parties are unable to meet the pipelines' creditworthiness requirements. No request for service shall be binding on Algonquin unless and until duly authorized representatives of a requesting party and Algonquin have executed a binding precedent agreement. Algonquin reserves the right to reject any party's valid Service Request Form, in the event a duly authorized representative of such party has not executed a binding Precedent Agreement on or before the date that is 90 days after the last day of the Open Season.

Communications

At any time during the Open Season, interested parties are encouraged to contact their Algonquin account manager or Blair Hastey at (617) 560-1436 to discuss any questions or to seek additional information.

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TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



April 8, 2024

Art Kaczinski
Artscape Landscape & Design
3 Rose Lane
Erving, MA 01344

Bidder Contact Info

Name: Art Kaczinski
Company: Artscape Designs
Address: 3 Rose Lane
Erving, MA 01344
Phone: 413-834-7001
Email: artscapelandscapeanddesigns
@verizon.net

The Town of Gill invites you to bid on providing mowing and cleanup services for the Town for the 2024 mowing season.

Every-other-week mowing of most parcels is generally sufficient, with monthly mowing of the ball field behind the Riverside Municipal Building, depending on rainfall. The Selectboard hopes there is sufficient flexibility in your schedule to be able to mow the Town's lawns as warranted by growing conditions, rather than on a rigid "every other Wednesday" (for example) basis. For economic and environmental reasons, they hope to avoid over-mowing.

Typically every other week, as needed and/or depending on rainfall:

- Public Safety Complex (town garage), 196 Main Road..... \$ 30 per mowing
(including mowing/string-trimming along property line/wooden fence on north side driveway)
- Sewer pump station, 51 Riverview Drive..... \$ 30 per mowing
& Island at Gill end of Turners Falls-Gill Bridge
- Riverside Municipal Building, 54 French King Hwy..... \$ 35 per mowing
- Town Hall and Town Common, 325 Main Road..... \$ 40 per mowing
- Slate Memorial Library, 332 Main Road..... \$ 35 per mowing
(including lawn behind & adjacent to veterans monuments)

Typically monthly, depending on rainfall:

- Ball field behind the Riverside Municipal Building..... \$ 35 per mowing

Spring & Fall Cleanup.....\$(attached) per hour

If you are interested in bidding to provide this service, please submit this completed form to me by mail or fax to the address or number below, or emailed to administrator@gillmass.org. **Completed forms are due by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2024.**

Proof of insurance will be required from the winning bidder.

Sincerely,

Ray Purington, Town Administrator

Artscape Landscaping & Design

Arthur Kaczinski, Owner and Operator

3 Rose Lane

Erving, MA 01344

Email: ArtscapeLandscapingDesign@verizon.net

Phone: 413-834-7001

QUOTATION

DATE

April 16, 2024

TO: Gill Town Properties

Attn: Ray Purington, Town Administrator

325 Main Rd

Gill, MA 01354

The following is a quotation for services for mowing and cleanups for the Town of Gill for the Spring, Summer and Fall of this year. Prices listed are per 1 service each and services will be invoiced as rendered. Mowing and other services will be conducted on an as-needed basis only, taking into account weather and growing conditions to help control your expenses.

As you know, the need for Spring and Fall cleanups are limited on some of your properties. Rather than an hourly rate, because of my experience handling your services in the past, I can offer you a set rate for only those properties that need spring and fall cleanups, below. Those rates are in **bold**. This will provide you the best ability to budget and control expenses. Please contact me with any questions.

Public Safety Complex/Town Garage/Police Station:

Mowing \$30

Sewer Pump Station and Island:

Mowing \$30; **Fall Cleanup (on Island only) \$50**

Riverside Municipal Building:

Mowing \$35; **Spring Cleanup \$100; Fall Cleanup \$100**

Town Common/Town Hall:

Mowing \$40; **Spring Cleanup: \$150; Fall Cleanup \$150**

Slate Memorial Library:

Mowing \$35; **Spring Cleanup \$100; Fall Cleanup \$125**

Municipal Ball Field:

Mowing \$35



Arthur Kaczinski II, Owner, Artscape Landscaping & Design



Gill Fire Department

196A MAIN ROAD • GILL, MA 01354-1605 • (413) 863-8955 • FAX: (413) 863-0126
Chief Gene M. Beaubien E-mail: firedept@gillmass.org

21 March 2024

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
325 Main Road
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Selectmen,

Today, the Board of Fire Engineers nominated the following candidates for appointment as members for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

Gene Beaubien
William Borcy
Stuart Elliott
Andrew Howell
William Kimball
Greg Parody
Mitchell Waldron
Forester Menson
Jake Whitney

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stuart Elliott, clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MAY 6, 2024

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road in said Town on Monday, the Sixth day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Four (05/06/2024) at 7:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1: To elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork or other purposes for the Fiscal Year 2025 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2025, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 1B, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 1B, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 54(b) to allow trust funds held in the custody of the Town to be invested in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 203C, the so-called "Prudent Investor Rule," or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 37A which will increase from \$437.50 to \$500.00 the annual real estate tax exemption provided to legally blind persons, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to recommend the Selectboard support a petition by the Northfield Mount Hermon School to the Executive Committee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments requesting the discontinuance of Mount Hermon Road, which is a county road of approximately seven tenths of a mile in length beginning and ending at its intersections with Main Road and which is abutted on both sides for its entire length by land owned by the School and which only provides access to the School and its facilities and programs, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Limit
Oil Burner Inspections	Fire Chief	\$2,000.00
Energy Commission Programs	Energy Commission	1,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)	ZBA, Administrative Clerk	3,000.00

Dog	Town Clerk, Selectboard	8,000.00
Conservation Commission Project Review	Conservation Commission	10,000.00
Cemetery Opening Fees	Cemetery Commission	2,000.00
Agricultural Commission Programs	Agricultural Commission	500.00
Solid Waste & Recycling	Board of Health, Town Administrator	5,000.00
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station	Selectboard, Town Administrator	4,000.00

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*A motion to continue the meeting until Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall is anticipated at this point. The additional time will allow the Town to complete the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025.*

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Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the several officers of the Town as follows, or take any action relative thereto.

*Constable(s) – Each Posting	\$22.00
*Moderator – Annual Town Meeting	\$152.00
*Special Town Meeting, Each	\$28.00
*Selectboard Chair	\$2,778.00
*2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$2,525.00
*Board of Assessors Chair	\$3,374.00
*2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$3,067.00
*Board of Health Chair	\$1,522.00
*2 nd & 3 rd Member, Each	\$1,393.00
Town Clerk	\$25,642.00
Tax Collector	\$28,876.00
Additional As Sewer Fee Collector	\$814.00
Treasurer	\$26,038.00
Registrars – Three members, Each	\$69.00
Town Clerk, as Chair	\$112.00

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation a sum or sums of money to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all appointed Town employees and certain elected officials, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town (the “Omnibus budget”) for Fiscal Year 2025, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amounts recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$1,769,126.00 to provide \$1,761,646.00 for its Fiscal Year 2025 operating assessment and \$7,480.00 for its Fiscal Year 2025 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from Released Overlay to add to the account to be used toward the costs associated with an appraisal of the real and personal property in the Town of Gill owned by FirstLight Power and an appraisal of the personal property in the Town of Gill owned by National Grid, New England Power Company, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; AND

Transfer a sum or sums of money from Released Overlay to add to the Board of Assessors Revaluation Account (001-142-5801), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (account 256) a sum or sums of money to add to the account (001-159-5846) previously established to provide for Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access operations and other municipal cable-related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be used by the Highway Department for the repair and maintenance of the various roads of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation a sum or sums of money to be used for the data conversion and annual license and cloud hosting fees for the accounting software used by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation a sum or sums of money for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) or other available funds and place said amounts into one or more of the following stabilization funds: Capital Stabilization Fund, Education Stabilization Fund, Energy Stabilization Fund, Fire Department SCBA/Air Packs Stabilization Fund, and General Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) or other available funds to be used to reduce the tax rate and stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2025, or take any action relative thereto.

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

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hand this 22nd day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty Four (04/22/2024).

Selectboard of Gill

Randy P. Crochier Sr., Chair

Gregory M. Snedeker, Board member

Charles J. Garbiel II, Board member

A true copy Attest:

Doreen J. Stevens, Town Clerk

Date: April 23, 2024

Individuals who may need auxiliary aids for effective communication for this meeting should call the Gill Town Hall at (413) 863-9347, or Telecommunications Relay Service at 711, or MassRelay at (800) 439-2370 for TTY devices.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Gill by posting up attested copies of the same at Town Hall, Main Rd.; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Tavern, Main Rd.; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

Fred O. Chase III, Constable of Gill

Date:

Annual Election: Monday, May 20, 2024

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Franklin SS

To any of the Constables of the Town of **GILL**

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections, to vote at Precinct 1, Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road

On **MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, 2024** from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Election for the candidates for the following offices and the following questions:

Selectman/Sewer Commissioner	—one three-year term
Board of Assessors	— one three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	— one three-year term
Moderator	— one three-year term
Library Trustee	— one three-year term
Library Trustee	-- one one-year term
Board of Health	— one three-year term
Town Clerk	— one three-year term

Shall the town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the town? Yes_____ No_____

Shall the town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the town? Yes_____ No_____

Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen appoint two additional members of the Sewer Commission? Yes_____ No_____

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 on this..... day of April, 2024

Randy P. Crochier Sr., Chair.....

Charles J. Garbiel II.....

Gregory M. Snedeker.....

Gill Selectboard

A true copy. Attest..... Town Clerk of Gill

Date.....

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..... **Constable of Gill** **Date**

TOWN OF GILL
MASSACHUSETTS



Town Clerk

Friday, April 19, 2024

RE: Use of ImageCast Tabulator for State Primary and Presidential Elections

I would like to request that the Selectboard take a vote to allow use of the ImageCast Tabulator for the State Primary and Presidential Elections.

Upon your signing below, I will notify the State within the 120-day timetable that we will be using the ImageCast tabulator for these two elections.

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

Members of the Selectboard, Town of Gill, April 22, 2024

_____ Randy P. Crochier, Chair

_____ Gregory M. Snedeker

_____ Charles J. Garbiel, II

Thank you,

Doreen J. Stevens, Town Clerk