



# **SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, May 21, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

## Reorganization

- Election of Chair & Clerk
- Appoint Representative to Personnel Committee (currently Randy Crochier)
- Appoint Representative to FRCOG (currently Greg Snedeker)
- Appoint Representative to Franklin Regional Planning Board (currently John Ward, with Greg Snedeker as alternate)
- Appoint Representative to FRTA (currently Randy Crochier, and Ray as alternate)
- Appoint Representative to Cable Advisory Committee (currently Charles Garbiel thru 6/30/24)

## 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, 4/22, 5/6
- FirstLight relicensing
  - Comments to FERC due on 5/22 – possible topics include Invasive Species Plan, Traditional Cultural Properties & Historical Properties Management Plan, Non-Project Use of Project Lands, and Erosion.
  - Due to 5/22 deadline, consider having Gill’s comments support and/or borrow liberally from FRCOG’s comments on same topics
  - Mass DEP hearings & comments on 401 Water Quality Certificate
    - Hearings to receive testimony are via Zoom at 1:30 PM & 7 PM on Wed, May 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Written comments due Mon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; can re-use FERC comments where appropriate
    - Consider authorizing Town Administrator to testify and submit comments

## New Business

- Bill Tomb – timing of June 11<sup>th</sup> town meeting
- Town Election outcomes on elected-to-appointed positions and expanded Sewer Commission; next steps
- 2024 Public Gathering Permit for Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein (clam bakes, car shows, and grounds rentals)
- Invitation to Memorial Day ceremony – Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM, Gill Church & Veterans Monuments
- Sewer Commitment - \$50.62 for bill date of 5/2/24 (sale of 26 French King Hwy)
- Sewer Abatement – Jeff Suprenant, \$17.46 for water used to fill spa
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.

- Public Service Announcements, if any
- Warrants  
 FY24 #23 Vendors (\$47,884.67) & Payroll (\$31,231.98) – reviewed & signed on 05/06/24  
 FY24 #24 – review & sign

Adjournment

**Other Invitations/Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon 6/3	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Tues 6/11	7:00 PM	Annual Town Meeting part 2	Town Hall
Mon 6/17	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Wed 6/19		Juneteenth holiday	

# TOWN OF GILL

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



## INTEREST IN APPOINTMENT TO TOWN COMMITTEE

Individuals who are interested in participating in town government are asked to complete this form and hand deliver, email ([administrator@gillmass.org](mailto:administrator@gillmass.org)), fax (413-863-7775), or mail it to the Selectboard's office, 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354.

Completed forms will be kept on file for consideration/notification when an opening occurs. Applicants for a position on a specific committee may expect to be interviewed by the appointing body.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Availability per week/month: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience relevant to committee work: \_\_\_\_\_

Past & Present Organizational Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Education or Special Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment/Work Experience, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

1) Name of Applicant/s Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein

Address 55 Barton Cove Road Phone 413-863-2686

2) Name of Sponsoring Organization Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein

Address 55 Barton Cove Road Phone # 413-863-2686

3) Purpose of Gathering Various Grounds Rentals-Clambakes

4) Date/s of Gathering Clam Bakes-5/19/2024 and 9/15/2024 Car Cruises 5/23, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/17

5) Location of Gathering Club Grounds

6) Gathering Start Time Clam Bakes-Noon Car Cruises 4pm Ends 8pm

7) Is entertainment provided? Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, describe in detail the entertainment and equipment to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Number of people expected: Bakes-600 Cruises 300 Are tickets being sold? Yes (X) No ( ) Bakes Yes Cruises No

If Yes, where are they being sold? Members

How many have been printed? 600

9) Describe sanitary facilities to be used Club exterior bathrooms and one handicapped portable unit

10) Is food to be provided or sold? Yes (X) No ( ) If Yes, described the food and kitchen facilities to be used to provide safe and sanitary storage and preparation of all foods: Clubs comercial kitchen

11) Describe all buildings, tents or other structures to be used, including whether the buildings, etc. are fire resistant, number of exits and seating capacity: Seasonal tent - 30'x60'

12) Describe proposed parking site Club owned 3 acre site

How many vehicles can be parked safely? 250 What precautions will be taken to ensure vehicles park only in designated locations? Members directing vehicles

Will there be any off road parking? Yes ( ) No (X )

What are the main points of access to and from the site: Route 2 to Barton Cove Road leading to grounds

13) Who will provide crowd control and security coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership/Police Detail if crowd is larger than Town By-Law Limit

14) Are alcoholic beverages to be sold or furnished Yes (X) No ( ) If Yes, Describe \_\_\_\_\_

Alcoholic beverages supplied via seasonal all-alcohol liquor license issued annually by the Town

15) Other information needed to completely describe the proposed activity and its effect on the public's health, safety and welfare: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby applies to the Selectboard of the Town of Gill, 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354 for a Public Gathering Permit pursuant to the provisions of the Town bylaw as follows:

**PUBLIC GATHERING**

Passed October 24, 1978  
Amendment Passed May 12, 1979  
Amendment passed November 6, 1989  
Amendment passed April 10, 1990  
Amendment passed June 7, 2004

No individual, group of people, or corporation shall conduct or participate in any gathering of more than three hundred people unless a permit for such gathering has been obtained from the Board of Selectmen. A written application for a permit shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed gathering on a form provided by the Selectmen. Payment of Thirty-Dollars (\$30.00) shall accompany the application.

The Selectmen may send a copy of the application to the Board of Health, Highway Superintendent, Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector for their review and comment. The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on the application within 21 days of the receipt thereof and shall grant the permit unless it determines that the proposed gathering would threaten the public health, safety or welfare.

The Selectmen shall given written reasons for any permit application that is denied by them and shall have the right to revoke any permit if the applicant does not abide with the conditions attached to it or if the application failed to completely and accurately describe the proposed activity and its effect on the public health, safety, and welfare. Whoever violates any provisions of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of \$200.00 for each offense. Each day that an individual, group of people, or corporation violates this bylaw shall constitute a separate offense.

The Select Board shall have the authority to issue a permit to an applicant which authorized the applicant to conduct a limited or unlimited number of gatherings during a period up to but not to exceed twelve (12) months in duration.

Approved by Attorney General January 12, 1979  
Amendment approved by Attorney General July 3, 1979  
Amendment approved by Attorney General February 6, 1989  
Amendment approved by Attorney General June 8, 1990  
Amendments approved by Attorney General July 19, 2004

By signing this application, the applicant states that the information supplied is true and complete and accurately described the proposed activity.

_____	John Miner	4/24/2024
Signature/s	Print name	Date
_____	johnpminer@comcast.net	
413-834-1251	Email address	
Telephone #		

**TOWN OF GILL**

The Board of Selectmen, Town of Gill, received an application for a Public Gathering Permit from Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein on May 10, 2024.

A public hearing is scheduled to be held on May 21, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall

A copy of this application has been submitted to the following departments for review and comment: *Returned ( X )*

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|---------|-------|------------|-------|
| Health  | ( X ) | Fire       | ( X ) |
| Highway | ( )   | Inspection | ( )   |
| Police  | ( X ) |            |       |

As a result of a Public Hearing and comments received, this application is hereby:

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| Approved | ( ) |
| Denied   | ( ) |

Subject to the following:

- All fire lanes must be kept open at all times for access by fire & medical services
- Per past practice (a police detail for crowds over 300 people), except the monthly car show shall have a detail officer as may be required by the Police Chief
- Maintain egress pathways and emergency lighting if required

Date: May 21, 2024

Gill Selectboard

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Gill Memorial Committee

Subject: Memorial Day Ceremony Invitation

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Memorial Committee would like to extend this invitation to attend the Town of Gill Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 26, 2024 beginning at 9:30 AM at the Gill Church. After the service at the church, we will proceed to conclude the observance with a rose ceremony, gun salute and taps at the Veterans Monuments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the members of the committee. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Gary & Merri Bourbeau 413/768-9543, 413/863-8613

Doug & Elaine Smith 863-3115

Tony Zager 413/522-6915

Memorial Committee

# TOWN OF GILL

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



## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS Sewer Use Charges and Inspection Fees

To: Town Accountant

You are hereby notified that COMMITMENT(S) as shown below has (have) this day been made by the Board of Sewer Commissioners to Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges. Bill date is May 2, 2024.

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To: Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges for the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin:

You are hereby required to collect from the several persons named in the list dated May 2, 2024, herewith committed to you the amount of the sewer usage charges assessed therein to each such person, with penalties, the sum total of such list being Fifty and 62/100 Dollars (\$50.62).

Given under our hands the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Gregory M. Snedeker

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Charles J. Garbiel II

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Randy P. Crochier, Sr.

Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Gill



# TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



## SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST FORM (Revised 02/15/24)

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: 02/08/24 <sup>4/22/24</sup> 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: FILL SPA

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### 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>	075074	075162	88	0.3491	30.72
02/14/24	34221	34221	53	0.3491	17.46
				0.3491	
				0.3491	
				0.3491	
				Total requested	\$ 17.46

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Signature Jeffrey Suprenant

Today's Date 5/1/24

Name JEFFREY SUPRENANT

Account # (from bill) 6450

Address 25 ORK ST

GILL, MA 01354

Tel. 413-522-2385

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Meter location if different from above address DRIVE WAY SIDE

**Submit this completed form to the Sewer Commissioners:**

**Mail: 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354**

**Email: [administrator@gillmass.org](mailto: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 5/8/24 (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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