



SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE

March 9, 2026

***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: 2025: 3/24, 4/7, 4/22, 5/5, 5/20, 6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 8/11, 8/18, 9/8, 9/17, 10/6, 10/16, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/15, 12/29; 2026: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9
- Board of Assessors – hiring recommendation for Assistant to the Assessors position
- Rural & Small Town Housing Choice Community Designation – application submitted on 2/25

New Business

- Highway Department
 - PO request for back-up camera & radio for new Kubota tractor. \$3,026.81 from Procom Services (Adams, MA)
 - Notice of anticipated shortfall in FY26 Snow & Ice budget & request for approval to deficit spend (deficit may be closed by year end budget transfers or raising within FY27 tax rate)
 - List of equipment to be declared as surplus & recommended disposal method(s)
- MassDOT – email notification that North Cross Road bridge over Dry Brook – bridge has been selected for first round of FAIR (Funding for Accelerated Infrastructure Repair). MassDOT will design, procure, and administer a bridge preservation project, no cost to Town, with a goal of advertising for construction this year.
- Renewal of Seasonal Restaurant Liquor License for 2026 – Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein
- Mass Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) – “Notice of Proposed Acquisition”
 - MDAR proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction (APR) on approx. 7.2 acres located on Boyle Road and owned by Susan Kramer, Trustee of Kramer Investment Trust
 - MDAR is requesting Town’s consent to reduce 120-day notice period to not less than 60 days
 - MDAR is requesting Town’s assistance with a local contribution of \$14,250 (5% of the APR value of \$285K). Any funds not contributed by Town are taken as bargain sale by landowner
- Memo from Historical Commission re unknown status of presence of asbestos at Riverside Municipal Building
- Appointment – Holly Grosvenor, 10 Cross Road, to the Cultural Council through 3/9/2029
- FY27 Diesel Fuel buy order to lock in pricing for 5,100 gallons
- FY27 Heating Oil buy order to lock in pricing for 2,400 gallons
- Planning Board update – public hearing for proposed changes/additions to Zoning Bylaws
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any

- Warrants
 FY26 #18 – Vendors (\$60,383.22) & Payroll (\$38,110.22) – reviewed/signed by Chair on 2/24
 FY26 #19 – review & sign

Adjournment

Other Invitations/Meetings:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 3/23		MVP Public Listening Session – as part of Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 3/23	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall
Mon 4/6	5:30 PM	Selectboard meeting	Town Hall

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



www.gillmass.org
highway@gillmass.org

TO: Town of Gill Selectboard
CC: Ray Purington, Town Administrator
FROM: John Miner, Highway Superintendent
DATE: February 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Request for Purchase Order – Kubota Tractor Upgrades and Preventative Maintenance

Dear Town of Gill Selectboard,

I am writing to respectfully request approval for a purchase order to cover the installation of a back-up camera, a two-way radio, and preventative maintenance for town equipment. These upgrades are essential for ensuring the safety and effective communication of our staff, particularly given the cell phone dead zones throughout Gill.

We recently received the new Kubota Tractor on February 2, 2026, and are grateful for this investment, which will serve the town for many years. To maximize its utility and safety, I propose the following enhancements:

- **Back-up camera and installation for Kubota Tractor:** \$1,184.73
- **Kenwood two-way radio for Kubota Tractor:** \$1,262.08
- **Preventative maintenance for all two-way radios in town vehicles and equipment:** \$580.00
 - This includes antenna checks, frequency programming, and general tune-ups to address on-going communication issues and improve reliability.

Total requested: \$3,026.81

The quote for these services (Quote #4731) was provided by Procom Services of Adams, MA, a vendor with whom we have had consistently positive experiences. A copy of the quote is attached for your reference.

Funds for these purchases and installations are available in the Highway Department Budget, which currently has a balance of \$175,509.84.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. I kindly ask for your approval to proceed with these purchases.

Sincerely,
John Miner
Highway Superintendent
Town of Gill



Procom Services
 26 Overlook Terrace
 Adams MA 01220

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
2/9/2026	4731

Name / Address
Gill Highway John Miner 196C Main RD Gill MA 01367

Ship To
Gill Highway John Miner 196C Main RD Gill, MA 01367

P.O. No.	Terms	Rep	Project
	Net 30		

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
K7000B	Ecco Electronic K7000B Backup camera with monitor	1	604.73	604.73T
PRO LABOR	PRO LABOR PER TECHNICIAN (HOURLY)	4	145.00	580.00
	*****CAMERA INSTALL LABOR*****			
PRO LABOR	PRO LABOR PER TECHNICIAN (HOURLY)	3	145.00	435.00
NX-1700HDVK	Kenwood 136-174 MHz VHF 50W, 260 Ch / 128 Zones Mobile Radio	1	537.08	537.08T
Install Kit Radio	Mobile Radio Installation Kit, Coax, Antenna, Connector and simple mount	2	145.00	290.00T
	*****KABOTA RADIO INSTALL LABOR*****			
PRO LABOR	PRO LABOR PER TECHNICIAN (HOURLY)	4	145.00	580.00
	*****PREVENT MAINT CHECK LABOR*****			

Thank you for your Consideration	Subtotal	\$3,026.81
	Sales Tax (0.00)	\$0.00
	Total	\$3,026.81

Price Quotation is valid for 60 Days

Signature _____

Phone #	E-mail	Web Site
413-743-8100	accounting@pcsradios.com	www.pcsradios.com

Snow and Ice Budget

From John Miner/Gill Highway Superintendent <highway@gillmass.org>

Date Thu 2/26/2026 11:50 AM

To Ray Purington/Gill Town Administrator <administrator@gillmass.org>

 1 attachment (148 KB)

Snow and Ice Budget.docx;

Hi Ray,

I am writing to advise you that the Snow and Ice Budget is nearing depletion as a result of an unusually demanding winter season.

This winter has involved a high number of ice events and low-accumulation storms, conditions that require frequent and repeated roadway treatments. These circumstances have led to significantly higher material usage than originally projected.

While most budget categories are still on track, material costs have exceeded expectations due to bid prices coming in at a higher than expected price and the frequent and repeated need of roadway treatments. Additionally, as a standard operational practice, the department refills the salt shed at the end of the season to ensure readiness for the following winter. This necessary step will result in an additional end-of-season expense. For additional context, I have spoken with the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sunderland, whose Snow and Ice Budget was depleted earlier this season, requiring an additional \$30,000 appropriation, which has already been expended.

For your reference, I have attached a letter prepared for the Board that outlines the budget situation in more detail. Please feel free to make any adjustments to the letter as you see fit.

I am seeking your advise on how you would like me to proceed in addressing the resulting budget shortfall.

John

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highway@gillmass.org

TO: Town of Gill Selectboard
CC: Ray Purington, Town Administrator
FROM: John Miner, Highway Superintendent
DATE: February 26, 2026
RE: Snow and Ice Budget Status

The current winter season has resulted in a substantially higher number of snow and ice events than experienced in recent years. Consequently, the Town of Gill's Snow and Ice Budget, which began the fiscal year with an appropriation of \$106,522.00, has been significantly expended.

Following the submission of Warrant 26-18 on February 20, 2026, the remaining balance in the Snow and Ice Budget was \$29,830.68. Subsequent expenditures include salt in the amount of \$17,463.48, payroll costs totaling \$4,233.28, and plow parts totaling \$445.64. These expenses amount to \$22,142.40, leaving a current balance of \$7,688.28.

The Snow and Ice Budget also funds diesel fuel purchases associated with winter operations. From the first snow event on December 2, 2025, to date, a total of 2,159 gallons of diesel fuel have been purchased at a cost of \$6,813.42.

At this time, the Highway Department is in need of purchasing additional salt to maintain adequate inventory for ongoing winter operations. It has been longstanding practice to conclude the winter season with the salt shed fully stocked, so that the Town is not required to purchase salt at the outset of the following snow and ice season. This practice supports operational readiness, promotes cost stability, and ensures the Highway Department's ability to respond promptly at the beginning of future winter weather events.

In light of the remaining budget balance, the anticipated need for additional salt purchases, and the likelihood of further winter weather events, it is recommended that the Selectboard consider appropriate budgetary adjustments to ensure the continued ability of the Highway Department to meet operational demands for the remainder of the winter season. Such adjustments may include the transfer of available funds from other accounts or the authorization of supplemental appropriations, as deemed appropriate.

In my tenure as Highway Superintendent, I have not previously encountered a fully exhausted Snow and Ice Budget. Accordingly, I respectfully request the Selectboard's guidance and recommendations on how best to proceed. I further request that the Selectboard consider taking formal action and vote to authorize the necessary funding to support continued winter operations.

Respectfully submitted,

John Miner
Highway Superintendent

Telephone 413-863-2324

196C Main Road, Gill, MA 01354
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highway@gillmass.org

TO: Town of Gill Selectboard
CC: Ray Purington, Town Administrator
FROM: John Miner, Highway Superintendent
DATE: 02/23/2026
SUBJECT: Request for Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Members of the Selectboard,

I respectfully submit this request for your consideration and approval to declare the following equipment, currently held by the Town of Gill Highway Department, as surplus:

- 2005 Everest 9' Power Angle Poly Plow
- 1983 Kubota Tractor, Model MS5950DT
- Epoke Calcium Spreader (year unknown)
- Tarco Highlander Jr. Spreader (year unknown)
- 1995 GMC Sierra 3500

These items are no longer required for the operations of the Highway Department. In accordance with established procedures and in the best interest of the Town, I recommend that these assets be disposed of through public auction. I further propose that the Town utilize Auctions International, a vendor with whom we have previously had successful transactions, to facilitate the sale of these items.

Attached to this request are photographs, detailed descriptions, and records of prior use for each item to assist in your review and decision-making process.

Should you require any additional information or clarification regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

John Miner
Highway Superintendent
Town of Gill

**2005
Everest 9' Power Angle Poly
Plow**

**Plow came new with purchase of Ford
F550. Truck has been retro-fitted with
bucket assembly**

Plow is no longer used



**1983
Kubota Tractor
Model MS5950DT
Hours 6255**

Purchased replacement tractor



Year Unknown
Epoke
Calcium Spreader

Was used to spread calcium chloride on
dirt roadway.

No longer used



**Year Unknown
Tarco Highlander Jr.
Spreader**

**Sander was purchased used in 2020
when old sander was no longer able to
be used.**

**Sander was used on Ford F550 which has
been retro-fitted with bucket assembly**



1995
GMC Sierra 3500
(had bucket assembly)

**Bucket assembly was removed and
installed on our Ford F550**



Notification of 1st Round FAIR (Funding for Accelerated Infrastructure Repair - GILL - North Cross Road over Dry Brook

From Leavenworth, Patricia (DOT) <Patricia.Leavenworth@dot.state.ma.us>

Date Fri 2/13/2026 5:26 PM

To Ray Purington/Gill Town Administrator <administrator@gillmass.org>; John Miner/Gill Highway Superintendent <highway@gillmass.org>

Good afternoon,

MassDOT is evaluating eligible communities for the first round of FAIR (Funding for Accelerated Infrastructure Repair), formerly known as the Municipal Rapid Repair and Replacement Program. Below is a link to the Governor's press release announcing the program, along with other municipal investments.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/at-mma-governor-healey-announces-major-infusion-of-support-for-municipal-transportation-projects-local-aid>

A bridge in your community has been selected for the first round of this program. The bridge in your community that has been chosen is **Gill - North Cross Road over Dry Brook (Bridge No. G-04-011(OPY))**

This is a bridge preservation program, not a bridge replacement program. Therefore, the proposed work will consist of bridge preservation work such as beam and concrete repairs and we expect no Right of Way impacts and minimal environmental permitting. The goal of this program is to prevent bridge closures, remove or reduce existing restrictions or weight limits, and extend the useful life of your structure.

MassDOT will design, procure, and administer the construction of this work at no cost to your community, and our goal is to advertise this work for construction this year. Therefore, we are currently performing preliminary investigations, so you may notice activity at your bridge, such as Engineers or Survey Crews.

Inclusion in this program does not alter any maintenance or ownership responsibilities, nor does it alleviate the town's responsibility to respond to any emergencies in the interim.

I am planning to host a "town hall" style meeting in early March, with the 9 MassDOT District 2 communities chosen for the first round of this FAIR program where we can discuss the program in more detail and discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. We are planning to hold this in person, at our District 2 Office in Northampton, but with a virtual option through MS TEAMS.

In the meantime, it would be extremely helpful if you would **confirm receipt of this email**, and **identify any potential issues**, such as:

- Right-of-way issues
- Planned utility work or issues related to utilities

- Existing municipal efforts on this bridge (Chapter 85 design work, Chapter 90 maintenance work, etc.)
- Detour route or other traffic concerns we should be aware of.
- Anything else that may assist MassDOT with our evaluation of your structure.

Thanks, and we look forward to working with you on this important program.

Sincerely
Patty Leavenworth
District 2 Highway Director

*Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E.
District 2 Highway Director
MassDOT - Highway Division
811 North King St.
Northampton, MA 01060
(857) 368-2010 (Office)
(617) 279-7226 (Cell)*



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



Department of Agricultural Resources

225 Turnpike Road, 3rd Floor, Southborough, MA 01772

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January 30, 2026

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

Re: APR Project Name: The Kramer Investment Trust, Project ID # 26A03

The Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The applicable regulations require the disclosure of the Commonwealth's reasons for the proposed land acquisition at a public hearing held in the city or town in which such real property is located. To comply with this requirement, we ask that the Board of Selectmen announce that the Commonwealth is considering this acquisition for the above-stated purposes at its next regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting by reading the enclosed "**Notice of Proposed Acquisition**". The Board of Selectmen does not need to take any formal action on its part. Please document the announcement in the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes and **please complete and return the enclosed signed "Certificate of Notice"**. The date that you certify for the announcement starts the minimum 120-day (4-month) clock for closing on the APR.

The applicable regulations require that, 120 days prior to a purchase, an agency must notify certain public officials of its proposed action. The notification is for informational purposes only. Because of the Department's priority classification of this farmland for protection, we ask that your municipality agree to reduce the 120-day notification period to 60 days to expedite the process. The closing for this project is a time-sensitive matter, and **therefore ask that you agree to waive the 120-day notice period**. If in agreement, please **complete and return the enclosed "Consent to Reduction of Notice Period"**.

If you have any question regarding this proposed acquisition, I can be contacted at 617-921-0051.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michele Padula

Michele Padula, APR Acquisition Planner

Cc: Dorothy Du, APR Program Administrator

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION
ON PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF GILL

Date of this Notice: January 30, 2026

Notice of proposed acquisition is hereby given to:

- (X) Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of **Gill**, or
() Mayor or City Manager of the City of

Separate notice will be given by the Department to the appropriate: County Commissioners, Regional Planning Agency, and the members of the General Court representing the district in which the land is located.

In compliance with G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by Susan J. Kramer, Trustee of the Kramer Investment Trust and consists of parcel (s) located at Boyle Road in Gill **as approximately represented on the attached maps**. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily for hay.

Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws [Chapter 184, Sections 31], and the Regulations of the Department [330 CMR 22.00 et seq].

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, by:

Michele Padula

Michele Padula, APR Acquisition Coordinator

CONFIRMATION OF NOTICE
REGARDING PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION

In compliance with the G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, notice is hereby given that an announcement at a public meeting was held for the purpose of disclosing the conditions or reasons supporting the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on certain property in the Municipality of Gill as more particularly described in the attached NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION.

The date, time, and place of the public meeting are as follows: Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

I certify that this Confirmation of Notice Regarding Proposed Acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction was posted or published in the following manner:

I further certify that an announcement was held at the place, date, and time indicated in this Notice.

x _____
(name and title: _____)

<p><i>Please complete this form and return the original to:</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">Dorothy Du, APR Program Mass Department of Agricultural Resources 225 Turnpike Road, 3rd Floor Southborough, MA 01772</p> <p><i>Electronic copy can be emailed to:</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">dorothy.du@mass.gov</p>
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CONSENT TO REDUCTION OF NOTICE PERIOD

APR Project Name: The Kramer Investment Trust, Project ID # 26A03

As authorized by the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7C, Section 37, the undersigned and duly authorized representative(s) of the Town of Gill do hereby consent to a reduction of the 120-day notice period prescribed for the announcement at a public meeting on the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction referenced above to not less than 60 days.

Date: _____

_____ Signature	_____ Name	_____ Title

Additional signatures are required for a 60-day Waiver from legislators and Regional Planning Agencies. MDAR will attain those additional approvals.

Please complete this form and return the original to:

**Dorothy Du, APR Program
Mass Department of Agricultural Resources
225 Turnpike Road, 3rd Floor
Southborough, MA 01772**

Electronic copy can be emailed to:

dorothy.du@mass.gov

Project Name: Kramer - Soils
Gill, MA



Soil Type	Soil Acres	% Soil Type
All areas are prime farmland	5.51	76.1%
Likely Farmland of Local Importance	0.01	0.2%

APR area = 7.2 acres

- ▭ Prospective APR
- ▭ MassGIS Tax Parcels
- ▨ All areas are prime farmland
- ▨ Farmland of statewide importance
- ▨ Likely Farmland of Local Importance



0 62.5 125 250 Feet

Center: 72.499175°W 42.652208°N

Data Provided by MDAR, NCRS, & MassGIS 2021 Imagery



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Project Name: Kramer - Land Cover Gill, MA



Land Cover	Acreeage	Percent of area
Open Agriculture	5.7	79.3%

APR Project = 7.2 acres

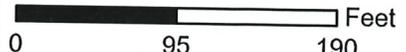
Data Provided by MassGIS, MDAR, Maxar 2023 imagery, and LCLU (2016)

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Prospective APR



Center: 72.499175°W 42.652208°N

Benefits of Co-holding an APR and Benefits of Agricultural Preservation

What are the benefits of a Municipality Co-holding an APR?

Co-holding an APR provides the municipal Co-Holder with approval and enforcement rights. For example, the APR document requires approvals for certain activities such as construction of structures or non-agricultural activities. **The municipality, as Co-Holder, has a right, but not an obligation, to enforce the terms of the restriction, depending on the terms of the specific APR document.** This can assure the community that their investment can still be protected via local control if/when needed (vs. relying entirely on the State and having no authority to enforce).

What are the community benefits of open space/agricultural preservation?

- **Cost savings to the Community:** In many communities the property taxes for residential properties do not cover the cost of community services such as fire, water, sewer, school, etc. – so open space is often fiscally advantageous from that perspective. There is quite a bit of research to support this in MA, New England, and Nationally.
- **Additional cost savings via Green Infrastructure & Ecosystem Services:** Open space provides green infrastructure and ecosystem services. These services are provided for FREE, in perpetuity by the natural processes provided by the open space land. Examples of such services and benefits include flood mitigation and storage, drinking water protection and filtration, protection of air quality, pollination services for agriculture, preservation of soils suitable for agriculture and forestry, wildlife habitat, and climate change mitigation.

Permanently protecting Ecosystem services is cost effective because securing the open space land (acquiring the APR or a CR) is a one-time expense vs. ongoing and often annual costs of traditional infrastructure maintenance (water treatment, flood control, street sweeping, etc.).

The Trust for Public Land analyzed lands conserved by Massachusetts and found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returns \$4 in economic value in natural goods and services.¹ Planning this “green infrastructure” of water supply, land, working farms and forests, viable wildlife habitats, parks, recreation areas, trails, and greenways is as important to the economic future of a community as planning for schools, roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure²

- **Public Health:** The importance of open space was highlighted by the COVID pandemic and research shows that time in nature and/or outdoor recreation has many associated physical and mental health benefits for both adults and children. Open space can provide opportunity for access to nature, educational opportunities, and recreational benefits such as trails, hunting, skiing, snowmobile, etc.
- **Local food security:** APR’s protect important agricultural lands, retaining the opportunity for local, fresh food.
- **Local Economy:** MA Farms produce \$500 million in agricultural products each year³. Farms support local economies because farmers spend money on local goods and services. Each year over \$215

¹[“The Return on Investment in Parks and Open Space in Massachusetts”](#) (TPL Study)

² [Open Space and Recreation Planner’s Workbook](#)

³ Resilient MA, Agricultural Sector, Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (resilientma.org)

**Benefits of Co-holding an APR
and
Benefits of Agricultural Preservation**

million is spent by farm operators on things like fuel, feed for livestock, seeds, and agricultural services (TPL Study). In addition, open space can bring tourism revenue to the community. A recent study by Harvard Forest shows land protection positively impacts local economies throughout New England.⁴ Further, quality of life has a major impact on the Commonwealth's ability to attract and retain workers and new businesses. Open spaces have ranked highly as a contributing to quality of life (TPL study).

- **Historic preservation**: Many open space and APR lands are historic and culturally important to the community, state, or even country.
- **Maintaining rural character/scenic beauty** of the community.
- **Open space plans and master plans** of communities have additional reasons that the community has identified for protecting ag/open space

⁴ [Assessing the local economic impacts of land protection
Study: Land Conservation Boosts Local Economies | Harvard Forest](#)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN OF GILL
MASSACHUSETTS



3/2/26

To: Ray Purington

From: Gill Historical Commission

Subject: Agenda item request for next Selectboard meeting

Ray,

The Gill Historical Commission (GHC) would like to meet with the Selectboard about a specific and timely issue now confronting the GHC, to add to the other known maintenance problems at the RMB. This issue pertains only to the very probable presence of asbestos in the building, which may rise above other issues in its implications for the future.

We have recently been researching this possibility through existing maintenance records regarding the RMB, such as Annual Town Reports, annual department or chairman reports and two Town of Gill history books. We have discovered published evidence of the application of asbestos in the building (Annual Town Report, 1938, p. 41). However, we haven't found any written indication that any asbestos has been removed.

In meeting with the Selectboard, we want to request that the Town of Gill hire a State of MA Certified Asbestos Inspector to survey the RMB building for the presence of asbestos, and what degree of hazard it poses if it is found there. We hope this can be done soon, as its potentially compelling findings will likely affect other decisions GHC and other users may need to make about their activities in RMB.

Down the road, as other future maintenance projects are undertaken, knowing this information would allow potential contractors to provide accurate estimates for their work. This information is undoubtedly required by law, and it would also help the town receive accurate contractor estimates for other Town budgetary considerations.

After much GHC deliberation, we believe this request would be the best way forward, to advance our efforts to meet our GHC mandates and thereby to benefit the Town.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to meeting with the Selectboard to discuss it.

Sincerely,

Kit Carpenter, GHC Chair

Bev Demars, Sherry Heldt, Lynda Mayo, Becky Minor and Bob Perry

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GILL 1938

Organization of the School Committee

Merwin D. Birdsall, Chairman	Term Expires 1939
Ethel H. Maddern, Secretary	Term Expires 1940
Mildred I. Schneider	Term Expires 1941

Superintendent of Schools

Linville W. Robbins, A. M.

School Physician

Allen H. Wright, M. D.

School Nurse

May B. LeVitre, R. N.
Evelyn Rosewarne R. N.

School Calendar

Schools Opened:	January 3, 1938	Closed:	February 18, 1938
" "	February 28	" "	April 15
" "	April 25	" "	June 10
" "	September 6	" "	December 21
" "	January 3, 1939	" "	February 17, 1939
" "	February 27	Close:	April 14
Schools Open:	April 24	" "	June 9 (16)
" "	September 5	" "	December 22
" "	January 2, 1940	" "	February 16, 1940
" "	February 26	" "	April 12
" "	April 22	" "	June 14

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Gill:—

Herewith I submit the report of the School Department for the year, 1938. This is the fourteenth report of the present Superintendent and covers the 145th year of the Public Schools of the Town of Gill.

The Schools:—Miss Pearl M. Kelley, the lower grade teacher in Riverside, resigned at the close of the year in June, to be married. We were sorry to lose her but our best wishes go with her. Mrs. Myrtle B. Parsons was transferred from the North School at her request. She was trained and experienced in lower grade work and the change was at her request. The vacancy at the North School was met by the election of Miss M. Genevieve Green, a trained teacher with several years experience. All the other teachers remained in their positions. The work in all the rooms is thorough, the discipline is excellent and the results are satisfactory.

Books and supplies have been received and distributed to the amounts available. Modern texts in the subjects called Social Science, which is History and Geography combined into one treatment, have been placed in the upper four grades. A newer method of teaching reading should be installed this fall. This would apply to the lower four grades.

The Buildings: From the Quintus Allen Fund an amount sufficient to do some very necessary work in and around the buildings in the center and north half of the town, was appropriated at a special meeting of the town. Very much was done at West, Sunnyside and some at the North School. There is still some more left to do. The West basement should be equipped with a drain to carry off the ground water which accumulates in the basement in rainy weather. At the Sunnyside School, the land at the back of the building ought to be cut away to prevent ground water from entering the basement. The work done in the south room of the North School prevents the leakage of air through the ceiling and walls and in that way is a distinct improvement in preventing drafts. The room is easily over-heated and not sufficiently ventilated. To overcome this the furnace should be moved nearer the west end of the basement and the heating duct brought up in the dressing room. The heat will dry the clothes of the pupils and allow the room to be heated to a uniform temperature.

The work in and around the Riverside building has completed the plans laid down by the architect who first planned the building. Pipes in the basement have been insulated with asbestos coverings and the boiler given a thick coating of similar material. The cement apron which was first laid in front has been laid completely around the building and minor work completed. The land surrounding the building has been completely under-drained and landscaped. Land and building form a picture not excelled in this part of the world. The desks in the middle and upper rooms came from the old building and are not of modern type. If the town would vote from the Quintus Allen Fund enough to equip these rooms with new and modern desks, the inside of the building would be as complete as the exterior.

Our High School Students: We have a somewhat smaller number attending High School but the cost per pupil has been increased so that our expenditure will be about as much as formerly. They are making honorable records in every high school which they attend. This fall we shall have a larger attendance as we have a large eighth grade to graduate compared with an exceptionally small one last year.

The town definitely placed itself on record as completely opposed to any centralization of its schools at Gill Center. Accepting this as final, the modernization of the present buildings must be carried to completion. Much has already been done and a report of the things necessary to do

ACE ASBESTOS
5 Camp Avenue
Greenfield, MA 01301

774-2730

Shearer and Snide Inc., DBA
Ace Asbestos Removal and Insulation Co.
PO Box 809
Greenfield, Ma. 01302

Date: 5/25/89

WORK PROPOSAL

Name Meetinghouse (blue bldg.) & police dept.
Address _____
City and State Pittsfield, MA Phone: _____

Bill to: Pittsfield Montague Town Hall
Main St.
Pittsfield, MA
attn: Mary

1. Removal all asbestos from:
pipes boiler _____ other _____ cost \$2985.-
Specify _____

2. Reinsulate:
Pipes _____ boiler _____ other _____ cost _____
Specify _____

3. Materials to be used for reinsulation _____

4. Encapsulation:
pipes _____ boiler _____ other _____ cost _____

Other specifications: Price includes air monitoring by
outside lab.

Signature Ereth B. Snide
Ereth B. Snide

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



July 6, 1989

Ace Asbestos Removal and Insulation Co.
P.O. Box 809
Greenfield, MA 01302

Dear Mr. Snide:

We are pleased to inform you that we have accepted your bid for \$2985. for the removal of all asbestos from pipes, including air monitoring by an outside laboratory, in the Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, Gill.

Per your telephone conversation on July 6th with Beverly Demars, Selectmen's Secretary, you have scheduled the removal of the asbestos for September 5, 1989 and September 6, 1989.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Haigis, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

PH/bd

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



MEMO

July 17, 1989

To:

From: Selectmen

Re: Removal of asbestos from Riverside Municipal Building

The Ace Asbestos Company will be removing the asbestos from the basement of the Riverside Municipal Building on September 5th and 6th of this year. You will be able to work in your rooms if necessary. We just wanted you to be aware of the fact that Ace Asbestos will be working in the building on those days.

Town OF Gill

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL BILLS PAYABLE

To the Town Accountant or Accounting Officer:—

The following-named bills of the Asbestos Removal / R.M. Buildings Department, amounting in the aggregate to Two thousand nine hundred eighty five 00 Dollars, have been approved by the [Signature], and you are requested to place them on a warrant for payment.

Date Sept 11 19 89

[Signature] Selectman (TITLE)

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Ace Asbestos	P.O. Box 809 Greenfield, Ma 01302	2985 00	2985 00

DATE	INVOICE NO. / DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
9/5/89	Removal of asbestos at Riverside Muni - eipal Bldg.	\$2985.00		\$2985.00
	BALANCE FORWARD			

ACE ASBESTOS
 P.O. Box 809
 GREENFIELD, MA 01302
 (413) 774-2730

Town of Gill
 Main Rd.
 Gill, Ma. 01376

TERMS: \$ 2985.00

STATEMENT 9/7/89

ACE ASBESTOS Thank you

PAY LAST AMOUNT IN THIS COLUMN

Total	2985 00	2985 00
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Gill Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 on March 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road, Gill, MA. In the event of inclement weather, the public hearing will be held on April 2, 2026, at the same time and location. The purpose of this public hearing is to review proposed bylaws and amendments to the Gill Zoning Bylaws and provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Written comments will be accepted by the Planning Board prior to the hearing.

Proposed changes include amendments to the following sections of the Town of Gill Zoning Bylaws: 1) Section 2C, Table Of Use Regulations - to replace “Accessory Apartment” with “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)” and replace “Mobile Home” with “Manufactured Home”; 2) Section 17, Definitions - to delete the definitions of “Accessory Apartment” and “Mobile Home” and insert a definition of “Manufactured Home”.

In addition, a new Section 4, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), is proposed to be added to the Gill Zoning Bylaws to establish the purpose, definitions, regulations, and administration & enforcement relating to the establishment ADUs to be built as-of-right in Gill.

In addition, the existing Section 15, Flood Plain Regulations, is proposed to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with new language that complies with current FEMA regulations.

In addition, a new Section 18, Building Integrated Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Data Centers, is proposed to be added to the Gill Zoning Bylaws to establish a one-year moratorium on Building Integrated Energy Storage Systems and/or Data Centers.

The complete text of the proposed zoning bylaws and amendments are available for inspection during the regular business hours of the Town Hall, can be found on the Town’s website at www.gillmass.org/calendar, and may be request via email to clerical@gillmass.org.