

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 5, 2018

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 8:30 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

The moderator stated that the rules of the meeting are to be the same as the Special Town Meeting.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1.

The motion was made and seconded to elect all other Town Officers not required to be on the official ballot.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2.

The motion was made to waive the reading of the reports of the various Town officials and committees.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 3.

The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4.

The motion was made and seconded to authorize to accept in trust the sums printed in the Warrant, the income therefrom to be expended for perpetual care of cemetery lots.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5.

The motion was made and seconded to set the spending limits, as printed in the Warrant, for the Cemetery and Library revolving funds authorized under Article XXV of the Ashby By-laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6.

The motion was made and seconded to appropriate all funds received from the State under the provisions of the “Chapter 90” program to provide for eligible road resurfacing and/or other improvement projects for Town roads; said sum to be fully reimbursable by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the “Chapter 90” program.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7.

The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Transfer Station Revenue the sum of \$32,132 for the purpose of operating the Ashby Recycling Center and Transfer Station, along with any other necessary costs, for FY2019.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8.

The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$33,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the purpose of operating the Ashby PEG for FY2019.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018 as printed in the Warrant, with the exception of the “NMRSD” assessment which shall read “\$3,742,638”, and the FY19 total, which shall read “\$7,942,754.03”; and that, to fund said budget, \$7,536,767.58 be raised and appropriated, and \$405,986.45 be appropriated from Free Cash; further, that the Town set the salaries of elected officers as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: PASSED

TOWN OF ASHBY		
<u>Budget ATM 19</u>		
	<i>LINES</i>	FY19

<u>Administration</u>		APPROVED
<u>1</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>2</u>	Expenses	\$ 55,098.27
		\$ 6,550.00
<u>Town Administrator</u>		\$ 61,648.27
<u>3</u>	Salaries & Wages	
		\$ 40,927.86
<u>Finance Committee</u>		\$ 40,927.86
<u>4</u>	Expense Budget	
<u>5</u>	Reserve Fund	\$ 250.00
		\$ 30,000.00
<u>Town Accountant</u>		\$ 30,250.00
<u>6</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>7</u>	Clerical	\$ 35,465.56
	Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
		\$ 24,644.90
<u>Board of Assessors</u>		\$ 64,210.46
<u>10</u>	Wages	
<u>11</u>	Assessing Services	\$ 21,616.70
	Expenses	\$ 23,900.00
		\$ 7,220.00
<u>Treasurer</u>		\$ 52,736.70
<u>15</u>	Treasurer Salary	
	Expenses	\$ 27,541.79
		\$ 19,558.00
<u>Tax Collector</u>		\$ 47,099.79
<u>18</u>	Tax Collector Salary	
<u>18a</u>	Wages	\$ 41,206.41
	Expenses	\$ 3,130.77
		\$ 13,228.84
<u>Legal Services</u>		\$ 57,566.02
<u>21</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 32,000.00
<u>Technology and Systems</u>		\$ 32,000.00
<u>22</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 43,000.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>		\$ 43,000.00
<u>23</u>	Town Clerk Salary	
<u>24</u>	Clerical	\$ 33,542.64
<u>25</u>	Election and Registrar Stipend	\$ 11,516.16
	Expenses	\$ 5,127.13
		\$ 11,837.00
<u>Town Reports</u>		\$ 62,022.93
<u>30</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 1,600.00
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		\$ 1,600.00
<u>31</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 1,700.00

<u>Planning</u>		\$ 1,700.00
<u>32</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 1,075.00
<u>Zoning</u>		\$ 1,075.00
<u>33</u>	Zoning Bd Expense	
		\$ 580.00
<u>Land Use</u>		\$ 580.00
<u>34</u>	Agent Budget	
	Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 1,750.38
<u>Town Office</u>		\$ 11,750.38
	Expenses	
		\$ 60,020.00
<u>Town Clock</u>		\$ 60,020.00
<u>40</u>	Stipend	
		\$ 500.00
<u>Municipal Buildings/Grounds</u>		\$ 500.00
<u>47</u>	Wages/Stipend	
	Expenses	\$ 4,114.48
		\$ 101,100.00
		\$ 105,214.48
<u>Police</u>		
<u>49</u>	Police Chief Salary	
<u>50</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 93,903.22
	Expenses	\$ 607,244.02
		\$ 206,162.20
<u>Fire</u>		\$ 907,309.44
<u>54</u>	Chief Salary	
<u>55</u>	Firefighters Wages	\$ 31,378.55
<u>56</u>	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 16,174.03
<u>58</u>	FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 51,636.00
	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 102,975.00
<u>EMS</u>		\$ 204,163.58
<u>64</u>	Wages - Coverage	
<u>65</u>	Stipend - training	\$ 45,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 45,850.00
		\$ 55,950.00
<u>Emergency Management</u>		\$ 146,800.00
<u>67(2)</u>	Stipend	
<u>68</u>	Expenses	\$ 654.66
		\$ 2,250.00
<u>E-911</u>		\$ 2,904.66
<u>69</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 100.00
<u>Building Inspector</u>		\$ 100.00
<u>70</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>71</u>	Expenses	\$ 11,448.54

		\$ 907.74
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>		\$ 12,356.28
<u>72</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>73</u>	Expenses	\$ 6,771.67
		\$ 150.00
<u>Electrical Inspector</u>		\$ 6,921.67
<u>74</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>75</u>	Expenses	\$ 6,771.67
		\$ 1,200.00
<u>Dog Officer</u>		\$ 7,971.67
<u>76</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>77</u>	Expenses	\$ 15,384.32
		\$ 1,500.00
<u>Emergency Dispatch</u>		\$ 16,884.32
<u>78</u>	Salaries & Wages	
<u>79</u>	Expenses	\$ 232,243.13
		\$ 9,460.10
<u>Monty Tech</u>		\$ 241,703.23
<u>80</u>	Assessment	
		\$ 294,578.00
		\$ 294,578.00
<u>NMRSD</u>		
	Assessment	
		\$3,769,659.00
<u>Highway</u>		\$3,769,659.00
<u>83</u>	Superintendent Salary	
<u>84</u>	Wages - Regular	\$ 63,437.50
<u>85</u>	Wages -Overtime	\$ 166,920.00
	Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
		\$ 218,480.00
<u>Snow & Ice</u>		\$ 453,837.50
<u>92</u>	Winter Overtime	
<u>93</u>	Winter Expenses	\$ 13,000.00
		\$ 87,000.00
<u>Street Lights</u>		\$ 100,000.00
<u>94</u>	Expense	
		\$ 1,080.00
<u>Tree Warden</u>		\$ 1,080.00
<u>95</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 2,000.00
<u>Cemetery</u>		\$ 2,000.00
<u>96</u>	Wages - Coverage	
<u>97</u>	Expense	\$ 9,338.59
		\$ 2,000.00
<u>Board of Health</u>		\$ 11,338.59
	Expenses	
		\$ 19,426.34

<u>Animal Inspector</u>		\$ 19,426.34
<u>102</u>	Stipend	
		\$ 420.24
<u>Council on Aging</u>		\$ 420.24
<u>103</u>	Wages	
<u>103A</u>	Expense	\$ 2,431.95
		\$ 1,525.00
<u>Veterans' Services</u>		\$ 3,956.95
<u>104</u>	Salaries & Wages	
	Expenses	\$ 1,883.81
		\$ 42,000.00
<u>Library</u>		\$ 43,883.81
<u>107</u>	Librarian Salary	
<u>108</u>	Library Wages	\$ 27,300.00
	Expenses	\$ 24,400.09
		\$ 51,011.00
<u>Band Concerts</u>		\$ 102,711.09
<u>113</u>	Expenses	
<u>113A</u>	Police Detail Wages	\$ 7,500.00
		\$ 1,180.56
		\$ 8,680.56
<u>July 3rd</u>		
<u>114</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 1,200.00
<u>Allen Field</u>		\$ 1,200.00
<u>115</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 1,900.00
<u>Town Common</u>		\$ 1,900.00
<u>116</u>	Expenses	
		\$ 4,650.00
<u>Debt Service</u>		\$ 4,650.00
<u>118</u>	Temporary Loan Interest	
		\$ 1,000.00
<u>Middlesex Retirement</u>		\$ 1,000.00
<u>123</u>	Middlesex Retirement System	
		\$ 155,917.00
<u>Unemployment</u>		\$ 155,917.00
<u>124</u>	Unemployment Compensation	
		\$ 10,000.00
<u>Employee Ins. Benefits</u>		\$ 10,000.00
<u>125</u>	Employee Benefits Expense	
		\$ 645,086.21
<u>Workers Compensation</u>		\$ 645,086.21
<u>126</u>	Insurance Not Health	
		\$ 11,000.00
<u>Insurance P & C</u>		\$ 11,000.00

<u>127</u>	Liability P&C, E,F&P	
		\$ 80,000.00
FICA		\$ 80,000.00
<u>128</u>	Employee Costs	
		\$ 26,433.00
		\$ 26,433.00
	Total	

Setting Elective Salaries:

- a) Town Clerk \$33,542.64
- b) Town Collector \$41,206.41 (includes \$1,000 certification stipend)
- c) Town Treasurer \$27,541.79 (includes \$1,000 certification stipend)

Article 10.

The motion was made and seconded to vote to amend Article XX of the Town By-laws, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 11.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the Town By-laws by deleting Article XIV (“Earth Removal”) in its entirety, and re-numbering all following Articles accordingly.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 12.

The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000 for the purpose of procuring and equipping a new ambulance, as well as all necessary accessories and related expenses; said appropriation to be contingent upon a successful Capital Exclusion Exemption vote of the Town, under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 59, s. 21C(i1/2).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 13.

The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of performing painting, maintenance, repair, and improvements to the Town Hall, including any incidental and related costs and expenses; said appropriation to be contingent upon a successful Capital Exclusion Exemption vote of the Town, under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 59, s. 21C(i1/2).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 14.

The motion was made and seconded to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of leasing and granting easements on, over, or under all or part of the Town property located on Foster Road, containing 49.8 acres, and more fully described in the Warrant, for the installation of renewable energy facilities; further, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease, through one or more agreements, all or part of said property for the installation of one or more renewable energy facilities for terms of up to 25 years, and to grant such easements on, over, and/or under said property as necessary or convenient to serve the facilities, and to take any actions and execute any other documents or ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the lease agreements and easements, all of which agreements, easements, and documents shall be on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

VOTE: PASSED (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 15.

The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$39,000 to procure a new Ford Explorer as a Command Vehicle for the Fire Department, with appropriate accessories and any related expenses.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 16.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby Zoning By-law, as printed in the warrant.

A motion was made, but not seconded, to extend moratorium.

VOTE: YES: 87 NO: 25 PASSED

Article 17.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby Zoning By-law, as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: PASSED (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 18.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby Zoning By-law, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 19.

The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL, Ch. 64N, s. 3, relative to a local sales tax on marijuana sales and products.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 20.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby By-laws by adding a new article titled “Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)”, to be numbered consecutively, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 21.

The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$540,000 for the purpose of providing final planning, final design, construction plans, and bid services for the development of a Public Safety Building, said appropriation to be to be contingent upon a successful Capital Exclusion Exemption vote of the Town, under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 59, s. 21C(i1/2).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 22.

The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$5,906.56 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting at 1:31 PM.

Tiffany Call, *Ashby Town Clerk*