

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Special Town Meeting**

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,865 from the Legal Expenses account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying for a prior year Library bill, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article pays a bill dated before July 1, 2008.*

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Legal Counsel Expenses account to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying fire department expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400 from the Tax Title account to the Treasurer Expenses account for the purpose of paying treasurer expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,200 from the Tax Title account to the Town Office Expenses account for the purpose of paying town office expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$46,262 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures (formerly known as Overlay Surplus) to be used as an other financing source in the general fund for FY09, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article offsets the revenue shortfall resulting from a decrease of \$46,262 in the FY09 state aid.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study account the sum of \$9,827.47, the sum of \$4,900.86 from the Insurance account and the sum of \$410.54 from the Legal Services account to the Winter Operations Deficit for the purpose of paying down the Winter Operations deficit, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *This article helps to cover the unusually high winter operations costs of FY09.*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$32,860.51 to an Ice Storm Expenses account for the purpose of paying ice storm expenses, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: **Approved** **Disapproved** **No Action**

Brief Explanation: *The costs of the December 11, 2008 ice storm exceed the amount of anticipated reimbursements. The amount in this article is an estimate of part of what the Town will need to provide.*

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby fourteen (14) days at least before holding of 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 aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Geoffrey Woollacott, Chair

Peter McMurray, Procurement

Dan Meunier, Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date: _____

William Davis
Constable of Ashby

