

**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, **Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** to act on the following articles:

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

**Article 1** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Town Accountant Salary account for the purpose of paying the Town Accountant salary, or take any action thereon.

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

**Brief Explanation:** The Town Accountant resigned in May, 2011 after the FY2012 budget was approved for a 10 hour per week position. The position has been restored to a 20 hour per week position.

**Article 2** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Unemployment Compensation Expense account for the purpose of paying unemployment benefit expenses, or take any action thereon.

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

**Brief Explanation:** Unemployment is difficult to estimate, even though we have not laid off any personnel, the law allows us to be liable for any of our part time or reserves that receive compensation from us if they are laid off from their primary employment. Also, the government has extended unemployment benefits to 90 weeks of which we now pick up the last 20 weeks.

**Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Veterans' Benefit Expense account for the purpose of paying Veterans' Benefits, or take any action thereon.

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

**Brief Explanation:** We based our budget on the activity with the veterans as of the Annual Town Meeting. Since that time we have had an additional three veterans enter our program, which is reimbursed at 75%. Projections are based on current times, if the activity increases we may need to go to the Reserve Fund for transfer.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Peter McMurray, Chair

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Joseph Casey, Procurement

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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William Davis  
Constable of Ashby