

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 4, 2019

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 9:43 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 take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the reports of the various Town officials and committees.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary, in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded to accept the sums as printed in the Warrant, in trust, 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 for Revolving Funds, as printed in the Warrant, under the provisions of Article XXV of the Ashby By-laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to amend Section 5A.1.2 of Article XXV of the Town By-laws (“Departmental Revolving Funds”) as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. 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 qualifying road resurfacing and other eligible projects for the benefit of Town roads; said sum to be 100% reimbursable by the state.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$23,000 from Transfer Station Revenue and \$11,000 from Transfer Station Retained Earnings, for the purpose of operating the Ashby Recycling Center and Transfer Station, along with any other related costs, for FY2020.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$25,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to provide for PEG Access activities in FY 2020.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020; and that to fund said budget, \$ 7,765,493 be raised and appropriated, and \$ 526,504.67 be appropriated from Free Cash; and, further, that the Town set the salaries of elected officers as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: PASSED

TOWN OF ASHBY

	LINES	FY20 APPROVED
Administration		
1	Salaries & Wages	\$ 55,924.74
2	Expenses	\$ 6,550.00
		\$ 62,474.74
Town Administrator		
3	Salaries & Wages	\$ 41,541.78

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Finance Committee		
4	Expense Budget	\$ 500.00
5	Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00
		\$ 35,500.00
Town Accountant		
6	Salaries & Wages	\$ 35,982.54
7	Clerical	\$ 3,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 24,725.00
		\$ 63,707.54
Board of Assessors		
10	Wages	\$ 21,944.52
11	Assessing Services	\$ 25,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 10,875.00
		\$ 57,819.52
Treasurer		
15	Treasurer Salary	\$ 27,939.92
	Expenses	\$ 19,770.00
		\$ 47,709.92
Tax Collector		
18	Tax Collector Salary	\$ 32,945.08
18a	Wages	\$ 5,632.20
	Expenses	\$ 13,305.84
		\$ 51,883.12
Legal Services		
21	Expenses	\$ 37,000.00
		\$ 37,000.00
Technology and Systems		
22	Expenses	\$ 53,000.00
		\$ 53,000.00
Town Clerk		
23	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 34,045.78
24	Clerical	\$ 11,689.60
25	Election and Registrar Stipend	\$ 5,127.13
	Expenses	\$ 11,835.00
		\$ 62,697.51
Town Reports		
30	Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
		\$ 1,700.00
Conservation Commission		
31	Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
		\$ 1,700.00
Planning		
32	Expenses	\$ 1,075.00
		\$ 1,075.00

Zoning		
33	Expenses	\$ 845.00
		\$ 845.00
Land Use		
34	Agent Budget	\$ 11,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 1,776.64
		\$ 12,776.64
Town Office		
	Expenses	\$ 60,520.00
		\$ 60,520.00
Town Clock		
40	Stipend	\$ 500.00
		\$ 500.00
Municipal Buildings/Grounds		
47	Wages/Stipend	\$ 4,169.92
	Expenses	\$ 66,100.00
		\$ 70,269.92
Police		
49	Police Chief Salary	\$ 95,781.28
50	Wages - Coverage	\$ 645,075.05
	Expenses	\$ 227,367.94
		\$ 968,224.27
Fire		
54	Chief Salary	\$ 53,378.55
55	Firefighters Wages	\$ 17,900.00
56	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 53,448.00
58	FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 2,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 112,650.00
		\$ 239,376.55
EMS		
64	Wages - Coverage	\$ 69,500.00
65	Stipend - training	\$ 45,850.00
	Expenses	\$ 61,250.00
		\$ 176,600.00
Emergency Management		
67(2)	Stipend	\$ 654.66
68	Expenses	\$ 2,250.00
		\$ 2,904.66
E-911		
69	Expenses	\$ 150.00
		\$ 150.00
Building Inspector		
70	Salaries & Wages	\$ 11,620.27
71	Expenses	\$ 907.74
		\$ 12,528.01

Plumbing Inspector		
72	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,873.25
73	Expenses	\$ 150.00
		\$ 7,023.25
Electrical Inspector		
74	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,873.25
75	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 8,073.25
Dog Officer		
76	Salaries & Wages	\$ 15,615.08
77	Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
		\$ 17,115.08
Emergency Dispatch		
78	Salaries & Wages	\$ 273,328.54
79	Expenses	\$ 10,460.10
		\$ 283,788.64
Monty Tech		
80	Assessment	\$ 334,339.00
		\$ 334,339.00
NMRSD		
	Assessment	\$3,781,587.00
		\$3,781,587.00
Highway		
83	Superintendent Salary	\$ 65,340.63
84	Wages - Regular	\$ 173,276.32
85	Wages -Overtime	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 246,385.00
		\$ 490,001.95
Snow & Ice		
92	Winter Overtime	\$ 13,000.00
93	Winter Expenses	\$ 87,000.00
		\$ 100,000.00
Street Lights		
94	Expense	\$ 1,080.00
		\$ 1,080.00
Tree Warden		
95	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,000.00
Cemetery		
96	Wages - Coverage	\$ 9,478.67
97	Expense	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 11,478.67
Board of Health		
	Expenses	\$ 20,002.11
		\$ 20,002.11
Animal Inspector		
102	Stipend	\$ 1,000.00
	New Expense Line	\$ 400.00

		\$ 1,400.00
Council on Aging		
103	Wages	\$ 6,372.00
103A	Expense	\$ 1,525.00
		\$ 7,897.00
Veterans' Services		
104	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,912.07
	Expenses	\$ 42,000.00
		\$ 43,912.07
Library		
107	Librarian Salary	\$ 27,709.50
108	Library Wages	\$ 24,766.09
	Expenses	\$ 51,925.00
		\$ 104,400.59
Band Concerts		
113	Expenses	\$ 7,500.00
113A	Police Detail Wages	\$ 1,215.98
		\$ 8,715.98
July 3rd		
114	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 1,200.00
Allen Field		
115	Expenses	\$ 1,900.00
		\$ 1,900.00
Town Common		
116	Expenses	\$ 4,650.00
		\$ 4,650.00
Debt Service		
118	Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 1,000.00
Middlesex Retirement		
123	Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 237,579.00
		\$ 237,579.00
Unemployment		
124	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 10,000.00
Employee Ins. Benefits		
125	Employee Benefits Expense	\$ 636,859.58
		\$ 636,859.58
Workers Compensation		
126	Insurance Not Health	\$ 11,000.00
		\$ 11,000.00
Insurance P & C		
127	Liability P&C, E,F&P	\$ 75,000.00
		\$ 75,000.00

FICA		
128	Employee Costs	\$ 27,490.32
		\$ 27,490.32
	Total	\$8,291,997.67

Elective Salaries:

- a) Town Clerk: \$34,045.78
- b) Town Treasurer: \$27,939.92 (includes \$1,000 certification stipend for Treasurer)
- c) Acting Town Collector: \$32,945.08

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$ 194,010 (\$ 34,058.33 to be appropriated from Free Cash, \$ 50,000 to be appropriated from Overlay Surplus, and \$ 109,951.67 to be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund), for the purpose of procuring a new dump truck for the Highway Department, with a plow and any other accessories or related expenses.

VOTE: PASSED (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 12. (By Petition) The motion was made and seconded “To establish a Reserve Fund Transfer Account that eliminates ‘UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES’ which will be controlled by Ashby Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen and will be “spent where it is absolutely and with value legally necessary”.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 13. (By Petition) The motion was made and seconded to vote that preceding any “Special and/or Annual Town Meeting” it shall be the duty of the duly elected Moderator, the Board of Selectmen and appointed Finance Committee in attendance, to have an open and transparent meeting for voter’s information and concerns on all articles placed on all Town Special Town Meeting or Annual Meeting Warrants.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 14. (By Petition) The motion was made and seconded to have the Town prepare for the voter’s information: “A line item budget breakdown of all “Town’s Department’s Budget Requests” as approved by the Finance Committee and the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 15. The motion was made and seconded to amend Section 3 of the Ashby Zoning By-law, as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: PASSED (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 16. The motion was made and seconded to amend section 7.2.12.1, section 7.2.12.2, and section 7.2.12.5 of the Ashby Zoning By-law, as printed in the Warrant.

The motion was made and seconded to amend Article 16 to replace the first instance of the word “sites” with the word “site” in the first bullet under section 7.2.12.1 such that the beginning of the sentence will read “Replace the words “site” and “sites” wherever they appear...” and change the order of the bullets under section 7.2.12.1 such that the fourth bullet becomes the first bullet and under section 7.2.12.2 change the order such that the second bullet becomes the first bullet.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE: UNANIMOUS (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 17. The motion was made and seconded to amend section 8.2.5 and section 8.2.6 of 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 authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed of easement on a parcel of land shown on Assessors’ Map 15 as parcel(s) 22.1 and/or 23, as specified in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 19. (By petition) The motion was made and seconded to establish a “By-Law Committee of five (5) Members” to review and correct from 1990 to present the recorded errors, now on record in a recent notice available to the public, and to report back to the next Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 20. (By petition) The motion was made and seconded that preceding any expenditure and or use of the Certified Free Cash without a vote by the voters at a duly call Town Meeting, will not be granted.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 21. (By petition) The motion was made and seconded to establish a “Personnel Board of five (5) members for a period with consecutive terms as follows: (two members for 2 years, one member for a three year, one for four year and one for five year term) to negotiate any and all “Personnel Contract Agreements.”

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 22. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby Town By-law by deleting, under Article V (“Financial Affairs”), section 11 in its entirety..

VOTE: PASSED

Article 23. (By petition) The motion was made and seconded to refund All unspent monies from prior articles over two years back into the General Fund.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 24. The motion was made and seconded to amend Article IV (“Finance Committee”) of the Ashby Town By-laws, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 25. The motion was made and seconded to take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting at 12:45 PM, and so voted.

Tiffany Call, *Ashby Town Clerk*