

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 5, 2012 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 appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,750 to purchase and install a generator, said funds to constitute the Town's match for an Emergency Management Performance Grant, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *Emergency Management is eligible to receive a grant for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator for the school, town hall, and public safety. To be eligible for this grant it requires the Town to appropriate matching funds to those from the grantor.*

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,767 to purchase an electronic sign board, said funds to constitute the Town's match for an Emergency Management Performance Grant or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *Emergency Management is eligible to receive a grant for an electronic message sign board. To be eligible for this grant it requires the Town to appropriate matching funds to those from the grantor.*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,300 for the purpose of purchasing a control cable and associated hardware for the Tower Ladder Truck, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *The control cable provides electrical current to operate the aerial bucket on the fire tower truck, and provides scene lighting from inside the bucket. Operating the aerial from inside the bucket is a safety issue and makes maneuverability more precise.*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,600 to purchase a new tanker fire truck and associated hardware said funds to constitute the Town's match for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant, or to take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *The Fire Department received a grant for \$212,000 to purchase a new Tanker Fire truck. To be eligible for this grant the Town is required to appropriate 5% matching funds or \$10,600.*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of making repairs to the Fire Station, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *These repairs include re-roofing both the waste oil building and installing a garage door and re-roofing the outside garage. Only materials will be purchased, labor will be donated by the firefighters.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance cot and associated hardware, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *The ambulance cot needs replacing. The cot, which was purchased in 1992, was not new when the last ambulance was purchased. Newer cots can handle more weight and are safer for ambulance attendants to maneuver.*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of making alterations to the Town Common well to bring the well into compliance with Department of Environmental Protection requirements, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *Upon moving the seniors to the legion for their meal site it was determined that the water supply had never been categorized as a public well. We are working under a consent order from DEP to qualify the well as a public well. Repairs will include modifications to the well facility as well as the outlying buildings.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of money to pay a prior fiscal year bill, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *The first group of bills are to comply with the Fair Standards Labor Act; the town reviewed its reimbursement procedure and found monies to be owed to six employees. (\$2,447). The second is for overtime worked in FY11, but due to timing of submission will not be processed until FY12.(\$614.94) Due to it being in a prior fiscal year a vote at town meeting is required. Total amount is \$3,061.94.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$51,000 to be used for pavement preservation, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *The \$51,000 requested will allow the highway department to preserve 3 to 5 miles of road surface. This will be done by using sealing and preservation materials.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

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

Brief Explanation: *This article allows the Town Meeting to gather and total any monies that were available and not appropriated at previous articles and direct that sum to the Stabilization Fund.*

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 11th day of April, 2012.

Peter McMurray, Chair

Dan Meunier, Procurement

Joe Casey, 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: April 12, 2012

William Davis
Constable of Ashby

**DISPATCH REGIONALIZATION
FORUM WILL BE HELD AT
7:00 PM ON APRIL 26, 2012 AT
ASHBY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

This is only concerning Dispatch.

Any concerned citizens feel free to call Peter McMurray, Board of Selectmen Chairman on his cell (603) 801-0556, he will return your calls or Kathy Bezanson, Lead Dispatcher at 978-502-6359.