

**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, March 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will approve the \$89,084,977 borrowing authorized by the North Middlesex Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new District High School, to be located at 19 Main Street, in Townsend, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty and sixty-three hundredths percent (60.63%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the "Project") by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the "District") to design and construct a maintenance facility building to be located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$801,350, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total

amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. Any vote to authorize District's expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the project shall require the affirmative town meeting votes of each of the District's member towns.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the "Project") by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the "District") to design and construct athletic facilities upgrades, including upgrades to the athletic fields, spectator facilities and the running track all located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$2,688,916, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. Any vote to authorize District's expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the project shall require the affirmative town meeting votes of each of the District's member towns.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds to implement, and to fund the financial terms for the current fiscal year, of a collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Town and Teamsters Local #170 (Dispatchers Unit) for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30 2016; and, further, to appropriate from available funds an additional sum to provide for wages and benefits for newly-hired dispatchers for the remainder of the fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: Contract negotiations are concluding with the new Dispatcher's Union, including wage adjustments which bring Ashby closer to being in line with wages in surrounding communities. Three new Dispatcher positions have been filled

and the current line item is not adequate to fund these positions to the end of the year, due to overtime already expended in covering vacant positions.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$2,250 for tires for three (3) Fire/EMS Department vehicles; or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: The ambulance is in need of 4 new tires and the forestry truck is in need of 6 new tires capable of off-road operations. The current tires on the forestry truck are still in excellent condition, but cannot function well for off-road driving; these tires can replace the worn tires on the ambulance, which uses the same size tire. The off road utility vehicle (Kawasaki Mule), acquired thru the State/Federal excess property program, is also in need of 4 new tires and chains for off-road rescue operations.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of Ashby by adding the following new section, to be numbered consecutively:

COUNCIL ON AGING

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the Commission on Aging established under Chapter 6, Section 73 of the General Laws.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) members. Upon acceptance of this by-law, the Board shall appoint three (3) members for three (3) years; two (2) members for two (2) years; and two (2) members for one (1) year terms. Members can be reappointed for concurrent terms. The members of the Council shall serve without pay.

Section 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council, by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment, by the Selectmen, for the remainder of the term.

Section 4. The Council on Aging at its first annual meeting and thereafter, annually in April of each year, shall elect from its membership a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual election. In the event a vacancy occurs in any of the offices above, the Council shall hold a special meeting for the purpose of electing one of its members to fill such vacancy.

Section 5. The Council shall prepare and submit an annual report of its activities to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Commission on Aging.

Section 6. The Council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This by-law was adopted by the Town in 1976, but, for some reason, was never processed for approval by the Attorney General. To meet documentation requirements for the acceptance procedure, we need to start again.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from "Police Wages" (specifically, the Lieutenant's allotment) to augment the amount appropriated for "Police Chief Salary;" or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation, substantially as follows, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purpose of said petition:

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all actions, proceedings, and policies of the Town of Ashby, undertaken or adopted under the authority of MGL Chapter 32B are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed, notwithstanding any defect or omission in the process of acceptance of the said Chapter, or any of its sections.

Section 2. The provisions of MGL Chapter 32B and any sections thereof that are applicable to past and present health insurance benefits offered by the Town of Ashby are hereby deemed to have been accepted by and to be in effect with respect to the Town of Ashby.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Brief Explanation. This is a “housekeeping” issue. Because the record of the Town’s actions relative to Chapter 32B is incomplete and/or vague, a validation of the Town’s related policies - utilized for decades past - should be secured, and documentation placed on the record. This “Home Rule Petition” is the appropriate vehicle to achieve that end.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.6 of Article III of the Town By-laws by striking the word “nominate” therein, and substituting therefor the word “appoint,” so that, in conformity with the provisions of MGL, Ch. 129, s. 15, the By-law shall direct that the Board of Health “...annually, in March of each year, nominate an Inspector of Animals...”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$15,000, to augment the amount appropriated for the Reserve Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$7,000 to augment the amount appropriated for “Highway Road Maintenance;” or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$2,400 to augment the amount appropriated for “Highway Barn Fuel;” or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

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 26th day of February, 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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:2/27/2014

William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
March 15, 2014**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 8:10 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

The warrant showed it had been properly served.

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

The rules of the meeting were read.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to approve the \$89,084,977 borrowing authorized by the North Middlesex Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new District High School, to be located at 19 Main Street, in Townsend, and for the pay-

ment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty and sixty-three hundredths percent (60.63%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. The amount of borrowing authorized by the District for the Project shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

AND, that the approval of the District’s borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

VOTE: PASSED

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the “Project”) by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the “District”) to design and construct a maintenance facility building to be located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$801,350, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. This approval shall not be effective unless and until each of the town meetings in each of the District’s member towns shall have voted to approve of the expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the Project.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of funds realized through bid savings on the new High School Project (the “Project”) by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the “District”) to design and construct athletic facilities upgrades, including upgrades to the athletic fields, spectator facilities and the running track all located on the site of the Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, the approximate cost of which is expected to be \$2,688,916, or such lesser amount as may be available within the total amount authorized to be expended for the Project. The District acknowledges that the costs incurred for this potential aspect of the Project are the sole responsibility of the District and are not eligible for reimbursement from the MSBA. This approval shall not be effective unless and until each of the town meetings in each of the District’s member towns shall have voted to approve of the expenditure of funds for this potential aspect of the Project.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded that the town take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,250 for tires for three (3) Fire/EMS Department vehicles.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded that the town take no action on this article.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from “Police Wages” the sum of \$10,865, to augment the amount appropriated for “Police Chief Salary” in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation, as printed in the Warrant, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto, before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purpose of said petition.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to amend Section 5.5 of Article III of the Town by-laws by striking the word “appoint” therein, and substituting therefor the word “nominate”.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000, to augment the amount appropriated for the Reserve Fund in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000 to augment the amount appropriated for “Highway Road Maintenance” in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,400 to augment the amount appropriated for “Highway Barn Fuel” in the current fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 11:18 AM. and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 28, 2014**

Middlesex, ss:

TO: Constable of the Town of Ashby:

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 Ashby Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Monday, the twenty-eighth day of April, next at 7:00 AM, to give their votes on one ballot for the following officers and ballot question.

- SELECTMAN, Three Years
- ASSESSOR, Three Years
- BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years
- BOARD OF HEALTH, One Year
- PLANNING BOARD, Five Years
- CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Two Years
- PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Two years
- 3 LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years
- TREE WARDEN, Three Years
- 3 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE NORTH MIDDLESEX, Three Years

QUESTION 1.

Shall the Town of Ashby be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so- called, its allocable share of the amounts required to pay for the bond issued by the North Middlesex Regional School District (the “district”) in order to pay costs of constructing a new District High School, to be located at 19 Main St, in Townsend, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall close at 8:00 PM.

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

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of election aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of March 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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 seven days at least before time of said Annual Town Election.

DATE: 3/25/2014

William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 28, 2014**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 6:00 AM on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Bertha Tiilikkala, Rachel Patnaude, Jill Niemi, Linda Stacy, Betty Tiilikkala, Angie Gogin, Sue Siebert, Christina Ewald, June Fors, Florence Bryan and Kevin Sierra.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

The following is a list of candidates and the votes and blanks each received as they appeared on the official ballot.

	VOTE
SELECTMAN, Three years	
Janet Flinkstrom	462
Keith Maynard	122
Martha Svedberg	62
Lillian Whitney	104
All others	2
Blanks	31
Total ballots cast	783
 ASSESSOR, Three years	
All others	13
Blanks	770
Total ballots cast	783
 BOARD OF HEALTH, Three years	
William Stanwood	594
All others	1
Blanks	188
Total ballots cast	783
 BOARD OF HEALTH, One year	
Scott Leclerc	582
All others	2
Blanks	199
Total ballots cast	783
 PLANNING BOARD, Five years	
James Hargraves	612
All others	1
Blanks	170
Total ballots cast	783
 CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three years	
All others	15
Blanks	768
Total ballots cast	783

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Two years

Rebecca Thatcher	594
Blanks	189
Total ballots cast	783

PARK COMMISSIONER, Three years

William LaDue	8
All others	15
Blanks	760
Total ballots cast	783

NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Two years

Crystal Epstein	553
All others	2
Blanks	228
Total ballots cast	783

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three years

Dwight F. Horan	578
Martha Morgan	570
Claire Hutchinson-Lavin	12
All others	7
Blanks	1182
Total votes cast	2349
Total ballots cast	783

TREE WARDEN, Three years

Allan B. Dawson	588
All others	3
Blanks	192
Total ballots cast	783

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE NORTH MIDDLESEX, Three years

Michael L. Morgan	506
Randee J. Rusch	491
All others	5
Blanks	1347
Total votes cast	2349
Total ballots cast	783

QUESTION 1.

Yes	426
No	342
Blanks	15
Total ballots cast	783

The polls closed at 8:00 PM.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Deborah Pillsbury, Pamela Peeler, Richard Catalini, Roberta Flashman, Cathy Kristofferson, Jan Miller, Stephanie Lammi, Jeanie Lindquist, Jon Kimball, Scott Royal, Cathy Foster and Robert Raymond.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 783 voters had cast a ballot: the checkers' tally sheet read 783 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**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 Ashby Elementary School, 911 Main Street in said Ashby, Saturday, May 3, 2014 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 available funds the sum of \$20,000 to implement, and to fund the financial terms for the current fiscal year, of a collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Town and Teamsters Local #170 (Dispatchers Unit) for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016; and, further, to augment the sum

appropriated for wages and benefits for Dispatchers for the remainder of the current fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: Contract negotiations are concluding with the new Dispatcher's Union, including wage adjustments which bring Ashby closer to being in line with wages in surrounding communities. Additionally, independent of contractual issues, the current line item is not adequate to fund the Dispatch function to the end of the year, due to overtime already expended in covering vacant positions.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, to extinguish the deficit incurred in the Winter Operations budget in the current fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: There is no possible way to accurately predict the volume of snow, the length of time necessary for snow removal, or the complexities of activities resulting from any given storm. As in all other municipalities in this fiscal year, the actual cost of snow removal activities has exceeded the budget provided. This appropriation will allow for payment of all costs in excess of appropriation that have been incurred during this snow season.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

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 16th day of April, 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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: 4/17/2014

William A. Davis, Constable of Ashby

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 3, 2014**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 8:45 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

The warrant showed it had been properly served. The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

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

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to fund the current fiscal year costs of a collective bargaining agreement with and ratified by Teamsters Local #170 (Dispatchers Unit) for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016, as well as to augment the FY 14 appropriation for wages and benefits for the Dispatchers.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$88,284.33, for the purpose of funding the deficit incurred in the Winter Operations budget in the current Fiscal Year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 9:49 AM. and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Ashby Town Clerk*

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Annual 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 Ashby Elementary School, 911 Main Street in said Ashby, Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to elect all other town officers not required to be on the official ballot.

Brief Explanation: This article allows the voters at Town Meeting to elect officials to open elected positions that are not filled at the time of the Town Meeting. This typically consists of a Field Driver, but could be any other open position.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the various town officials and committees.

Brief Explanation: In response to this motion, the Town Moderator usually asks if the Town Meeting will vote to dispense with the reading of all the annual reports that appear in the Town Annual Report.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This article allows the Town Treasurer to take out short term loans throughout the fiscal year if necessary to address cash flow timing issues.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sums in trust, the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

Glenwood Cemetery

Amount	Name	Ave.	Lot	Section
\$400.00	Leslie & Ethel Anderson	E	29	Lyman II
\$600.00	Paul R. Gerry	D	28	Lyman
\$200.00	Vivian Cordio	E	20	Lyman II

or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: The Cemetery Commissioners are responsible to report all monies collected from the sale of lots for perpetual care during the year so that the voters at Town Meeting can formally accept the funds for the Town.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners to pay for said burials to be performed, for grave foundations, and for general cemetery maintenance and improvements with total expenditures not to exceed \$15,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This motion asks the voters to renew their authority to the Cemetery Commissioners to maintain a revolving account for the specific purpose of maintaining the cemeteries.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the renewal of the Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses with total expenditures not to exceed \$3,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This motion asks the voters to renew their authority to the Library Trustees to maintain a revolving account for the specific purpose of maintaining library books and media.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received from the state under the provisions under the “Chapter 90” program to provide for eligible road resurfacing and/or other improvement projects for Town roads; said sum to be 100% reimbursable by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the “Chapter 90” program; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This article asks the voters to formally accept the state funding granted to the Town for road work.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$34,132 for the purpose of operating the Ashby Recycling Center & Transfer Station for FY2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This article is the proposed annual budget of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station (RCTS) for FY15; funding is derived from the funds generated by the RCTS, and does not come from the tax levy.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and to set the salaries of elected officials; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This article will establish a departmentalized budget that has been proposed by the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen after careful deliberation.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Amounts shown for prior fiscal years may include funds received through warrant articles, reserve fund transfers, etc. as well as transfers out and do not necessarily reflect budget amounts voted initially by Town Meeting.

TOWN OF ASHBY

LINES		FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Administration				
1	Salaries & Wages	\$ 39,156.71	\$ 51,156.71	\$ 51,156.71
2	Expenses	\$ 5,282.85	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,550.00
		\$ 44,439.56	\$ 57,706.71	\$ 57,706.71
Town Administrator				
3	Salaries & Wages	\$ 39,869.25	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
		\$ 39,869.25	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Finance Committee				
4	Expense Budget	\$ 152.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5	Reserve Fund	\$ 23,057.88	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
		\$ 23,209.88	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 31,500.00
Town Accountant				
6	Salaries & Wages	\$ 32,136.00	\$ 33,457.36	\$ 33,457.36
7	Clerical	\$ 3,338.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 23,321.58	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 24,400.00
		\$ 58,796.08	\$ 63,857.36	\$ 62,857.36
Board of Assessors				
10	Assessing Services	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 27,800.00	\$ 28,500.00
11	Wages	\$ 15,283.74	\$ 17,100.78	\$ 17,100.78
	Expenses	\$ 4,523.22	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 5,280.00
		\$ 37,606.96	\$ 49,550.78	\$ 50,880.78
Treasurer				
15	Salaries & Wages	\$ 25,399.08	\$ 25,643.07	\$ 25,643.07
	Expenses	\$ 9,758.06	\$ 15,826.00	\$ 13,826.00
		\$ 35,157.14	\$ 41,469.07	\$ 39,469.07
Tax Collector				
18	Salaries & Wages	\$ 32,124.17	\$ 32,435.41	\$ 32,435.41
	Expenses	\$ 15,254.40	\$ 14,329.75	\$ 12,828.75
		\$ 47,500.18	\$ 46,765.16	\$ 45,264.16
Legal Services				
21	Expenses	\$ 23,615.71	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
		\$ 23,615.71	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Technology and Systems				
22	Expenses	\$ 37,106.65	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
		\$ 37,961.65	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00

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LINES		FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Town Clerk				
23	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 29,250.60	\$ 29,543.11	\$ 31,143.11
24	Clerical	\$ 7,542.01	\$ 7,191.15	\$ 7,191.15
25	Election & Registrar Stipend	\$ 8,496.25	\$ 6,227.13	\$ 6,127.13
	Expenses	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 10,837.00	\$ 10,837.00
		\$ 55,218.86	\$ 53,798.39	\$ 55,298.39
Town Reports				
30	Expenses	\$ 1,519.44	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
		\$ 1,519.44	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Conservation Commission				
31	Expenses	\$ 1,199.96	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
		\$ 1,199.96	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Planning				
32	Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Zoning				
33	Zoning Bd Expense	\$ 1,039.66	\$ 500.00	\$ 580.00
		\$ 1,039.66	\$ 500.00	\$ 580.00
Land Use				
34	Agent Budget	\$ 8,487.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 1,547.56	\$ 1,628.38	\$ 1,651.59
		\$ 10,035.06	\$ 11,628.38	\$ 11,651.59
Town Office				
	Expenses	\$ 35,998.82	\$ 46,170.00	\$ 46,170.00
		\$ 35,998.82	\$ 46,170.00	\$ 46,170.00
Town Clock				
40	Stipend	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Municipal Buildings				
47	Wages/Stipend	\$ 3,723.75	\$ 3,472.11	\$ 3,900.00
	Expenses	\$ 6,990.23	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 16,100.00
		\$ 25,187.62	\$ 38,472.11	\$ 20,000.00
Police				
49	Police Chief Wages	\$ 3,261.00	\$ 53,328.00	\$ 84,278.00
50	Wages - Coverage	\$ 391,706.59	\$ 445,252.32	\$ 419,739.22
	Expenses	\$ 103,911.69	\$ 120,658.05	\$ 160,923.29
		\$ 538,879.28	\$ 619,238.37	\$ 664,940.51

	LINES	FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Fire				
54	Chief Salary	\$ 54,000.82	\$ 54,540.83	\$ 54,540.83
55	Firefighters Wages	\$ 13,054.80	\$ 13,637.33	\$ 13,637.33
56	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 38,417.60	\$ 38,963.81	\$ 38,963.81
57	Firefighter Stipends	\$ 4,997.66	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
58	FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 6,179.33	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 35,564.85	\$ 39,222.70	\$ 38,222.70
		\$ 190,849.04	\$ 156,364.67	\$ 155,364.67
Waste Oil				
62	Wages	\$ 2,143.24	\$ 2,164.65	\$ 1,164.65
63	Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
		\$ 2,163.24	\$ 3,114.65	\$ 2,114.65
EMS				
64	Wages - Coverage	\$ 6,470.16	\$ 12,170.89	\$ 12,170.89
65	Stipend - training	\$ 4,214.28	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 4,215.00
	Expenses	\$ 39,440.74	\$ 36,773.00	\$ 37,123.00
		\$ 50,317.18	\$ 53,158.89	\$ 53,508.89
Emergency Management				
67(2)	Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 626.20	\$ 626.20
68	Expenses	\$ 8,277.28	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 30,148.72	\$ 1,626.20	\$ 1,626.20
E-911				
69	Expenses	\$ 96.90	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
		\$ 96.90	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Hazardous Waste Coord.				
69(2)	Stipend	\$ 345.86	\$ 345.86	\$ 345.86
		\$ 345.86	\$ 345.86	\$ 345.86
Building Inspector				
70	Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,524.30	\$ 10,629.54	\$ 10,629.54
	Expenses	\$ 373.99	\$ 907.74	\$ 907.74
		\$ 10,898.29	\$ 11,537.28	\$ 11,537.28
Plumbing Inspector				
72	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,224.99	\$ 6,287.24	\$ 6,287.24
73	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ 165.00
		\$ 6,224.99	\$ 6,402.24	\$ 6,452.24
Electrical Inspector				
74	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,224.99	\$ 6,287.24	\$ 6,287.24
75	Expenses	\$ 79.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 6,304.98	\$ 6,487.24	\$ 7,487.24

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LINES		FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Dog Officer				
76	Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,142.37	\$ 14,283.79	\$ 14,283.79
77	Expenses	\$ 1,498.93	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
		\$ 15,641.30	\$ 15,783.79	\$ 15,783.79
Emergency Dispatch				
78	Salaries & Wages	\$ 147,472.97	\$ 152,246.00	\$ 176,083.97
79	Expenses	\$ 2,036.76	\$ 2,297.04	\$ 2,297.04
		\$ 149,509.73	\$ 154,543.04	\$ 178,381.01
Monty Tech				
80	Assessment	\$ 318,059.00	\$ 327,562.00	\$ 396,879.00
		\$ 318,059.00	\$ 327,562.00	\$ 396,879.00
NMRSD				
	Assessment	\$2,830,191.45	\$2,941,144.00	\$2,982,562.00
		\$2,830,191.45	\$2,941,144.00	\$2,982,562.00
Highway				
83 (2)	Wages Supt.	\$ 49,400.00	\$ 50,091.46	\$ 61,000.00
84	Wages - Regular	\$ 139,926.40	\$ 154,327.84	\$ 160,233.12
85	Wages -Overtime	\$ 3,058.82	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 138,284.93	\$ 144,451.00	\$ 152,201.00
		\$ 342,518.41	\$ 351,370.30	\$ 375,434.12
Snow & Ice				
91	Winter Operation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Wages			
92	Winter Overtime	\$ 39,250.65	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
93	Winter Expenses	\$ 154,369.21	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
		\$ 193,619.86	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Street Lights				
94	Expense	\$ 664.63	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
		\$ 664.63	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Tree Warden				
95	Expenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
Cemetery				
96	Wages - Coverage	\$ 7,750.71	\$ 8,670.53	\$ 8,670.53
97	Expense	\$ 1,885.88	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 9,636.59	\$ 10,670.53	\$ 10,670.53
Board of Health				
	Expenses	\$ 15,725.84	\$ 18,282.00	\$ 18,282.00
		\$ 15,725.84	\$ 18,282.00	\$ 18,282.00

LINES		FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Animal Inspector				
102	Stipend	\$ 420.24	\$ 420.24	\$ 420.24
		\$ 420.24	\$ 420.24	\$ 420.24
Council on Aging				
103	Wages	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 2,184.63	\$ 2,184.63
103A	Expense	\$ 1,366.86	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,850.00
		\$ 3,529.86	\$ 4,059.63	\$ 4,034.63
Veterans' Services				
104	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,731.73	\$ 1,749.05	\$ 1,749.05
	Expenses	\$ 40,042.90	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,000.00
		\$ 41,774.63	\$ 44,249.05	\$ 43,749.05
Library				
107	Librarian Salary	\$ 18,594.16	\$ 19,968.00	\$ 22,550.40
108	Library Ast. Wages	\$ 17,869.34	\$ 18,741.13	\$ 18,741.13
	Expenses	\$ 46,210.28	\$ 44,577.00	\$ 43,726.82
		\$ 82,673.78	\$ 83,286.13	\$ 85,018.35
Band Concerts				
113	Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
July 3rd				
114	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Allen Field				
115	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
		\$ 16,724.95	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Town Common				
116	Expenses	\$ 3,885.27	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 4,025.00
		\$ 3,885.27	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 4,025.00
Debt Service				
118	Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 4,709.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 4,709.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Middlesex Retirement				
123	Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 150,810.00	\$ 141,772.00	\$ 153,299.00
		\$ 164,870.91	\$ 141,772.00	\$ 153,299.00

LINES		FY13 SPENT	FY14 BUDGET	FY15 FINCOM RECOMMEND
Unemployment				
124	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,867.15	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 1,867.15	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Employee Ins. Benefits				
125	Employee Benefits Expense	\$ 301,640.76	\$ 347,129.94	\$ 343,615.13
		\$ 301,640.76	\$ 347,129.94	\$ 343,615.13
Workers Compensation				
126	Insurance Not Health	\$ 9,591.10	\$ 13,666.68	\$ 11,000.00
		\$ 9,591.10	\$ 13,666.68	\$ 11,000.00
Insurance P & C				
127	Liability P&C, E,F&P	\$ 73,193.15	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
		\$ 73,193.15	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
FICA				
128	Employee Costs	\$ 20,772.08	\$ 21,028.65	\$ 23,740.00
		\$ 20,772.08	\$ 21,028.65	\$ 23,740.00
	Total	\$5,928,554.75	\$6,085,536.34	\$6,280,199.45

Setting of Elected Salaries under Article 9:

- a. Town Clerk: \$31,143.11
- b. Town Collector: \$32,435.41 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)
- c. Town Treasurer: \$25,643.07 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$6,900 to have CAI Technologies provide tax map text conversions and digitizations consistent with MassGIS Level III Standards. This project would also include set up and support for ongoing Query Manager Online Services; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: Once the tax map text conversion is complete and brought to the MassGIS standards the Town can take advantage of the CAI Query Manager Online GIS Services (\$1,800 annual hosting fee) which is helping communities to share their parcel data. It enables town boards, homeowners and real estate professionals to query, browse, report, and print maps from their own computers.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ✓ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of Ashby by adding the following new section, to be numbered consecutively:

COUNCIL ON AGING

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the Commission on Aging established under Chapter 40, Section 8B of the General Laws.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) members, including three (3) members for three (3) years; two (2) members for two (2) years; and two (2) members for one (1) year terms. Members can be reappointed for consecutive terms. The members of the Council shall serve without pay.

Section 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council, by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment, by the Selectmen, for the remainder of the term.

Section 4. The Council on Aging, annually in April of each year, shall elect from its membership a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual election. In the event a vacancy occurs in any of the offices above, the Council shall hold a special meeting for the purpose of electing one of its members to fill such vacancy.

Section 5. The Council shall prepare and submit an annual report of its activities to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Commission on Aging.

Section 6. The Council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This by-law was adopted by the Town in 1976, but, for some reason, was never processed for approval by the Attorney General. To meet documentation requirements for the acceptance procedure, we need to start again.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to endorse the following non-binding resolution:

RESOLUTION TO BAN “FRACKED GAS” PIPELINES
AND TO CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Whereas a proposed High-Pressure Pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing may come through Ashby, or neighboring communities, bringing said fuel en route to Dracut, Massachusetts to be used for electricity generation; and

Whereas said pipeline goes against current Massachusetts commitments to renewable energies and combating global climate change; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy unknowable amounts of forest, conservation land and farmland with the installation of the pipeline and maintenance in perpetuity of a 50 foot right-of-way through the use of herbicides; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy unknowable amounts of wetlands and the flora and fauna dependent upon Ashby’s rivers and streams, all of which have been identified as outstanding resource waters; and

Whereas said pipeline would adversely affect property values of properties within 300 feet of the pipeline as well as probable use of eminent domain to secure parcels along the pipeline route; and

Whereas a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leak, rupture or devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives; and

Whereas said pipeline has the potential to ruin wells and drinking water through blasting activities and/or leakage of methane gas; and

Whereas the cost of said pipeline would require Massachusetts citizens to pay a utility bill tariff as well as environmental costs not required by law for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“TGP”, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.), making ratepayers bear financial risk for the endeavors of a private corporation; and

Whereas, we the citizens of Ashby, Massachusetts choose not to participate in such encumbrances to the life, vibrancy, economic stability, and general well being to our neighbors in New York and elsewhere, wherever hydraulic fracturing is occurring and the pressurized pipeline is running; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the people of Ashby, Massachusetts:

1. Hereby call on our Board of Selectmen to stand in opposition to TGP's high pressured pipeline and not allow it within our town borders;
2. Oppose said pipeline, and any pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing, within the borders of our Commonwealth; and
3. Hereby instruct our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take any such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well being and our bodily safety, and, instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of and subsidies for renewable energy sources.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 71, Section 16 G½, to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund for the Montachusett Regional Vocational School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: This is a "housekeeping" item, requested by the School District. Sufficient other member Towns having already voted to approve the proposal, the Stabilization Fund is already established; Ashby's approval is merely a gesture of concurrence.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ashby Zoning By-law as follows:

- 1) Change the title of Section 9 (currently “Overlay Districts”), to “Overlay Districts and Special Provisions.”
- 2) Move subsections 4.6 (“Floodplain Districts and Boundaries”), 4.7 (“Personal Wireless Communications Facility”), 4.8 (“Rate of Development”), 4.9 (“Open Space Residential Development”), 4.10 (“Inclusionary Housing”), 4.11 (“Utility-Scale Wind Energy Facilities”), 4.12 (“Small Wind Energy Systems”) to said Section 9, and renumber said subsections, respectively, as 9.1 through 9.7.
- 3) Re-number the internal subdivisions of each of the items moved into Section 9, as above, accordingly.
- 4) Renumber the pre-existing existing Section 9.1 (“Ashby Village Center Zoning Overlay District”) as Section 9.8, and re-number its internal subdivisions accordingly.
- 5) Add a Table of Contents.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Brief Explanation: The purpose of this warrant article is to adopt a reorganized Ashby Zoning By-law (the ‘By-law’) that places the sections of the By-law into a more logical order. No substantive changes to the provisions, dimensional or use requirements, or standards of the By-law have been made. A significant part of this reorganization is a new Table of Contents at the beginning of the Bylaw.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting the word “special”, from the phrase “Site Plan Special Permits” as it appears in sections 4.5 and 12.5; and, further, deleting the words, “Sections 11.3 and 11.5”, as they appear in said Section 4.5, and substituting therefor the phrase, “Section 12.5”; and, further, in Section 12.5.3, deleting the words “Sections 11.31 and 11.32” and substituting therefor the words “Sections 12.31 and 12.32”;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding the words “or to parcels 2 acres or more, if the sale of products produced from the agriculture, aquaculture, silviculture, horticulture, floriculture or viticulture use on the parcel annually generates at least \$1,000 per acre based on gross sales dollars,” following the words, “5 acres,” in sections 4.1.1; and, further, vote to amend the By-law by adding the words, “that annually generates less than \$1,000 per acre

based on gross sales dollars,” following the words “Agriculture on land parcels of 5 acres or less” in sections 5.2.7, 6.2.11, and 8.2.3;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$43,000 to procure and install an emergency generator for the Police Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ✓ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund to procure a new pickup truck, with appropriate accessories and any related expenses, for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, easements for water supply purposes upon parcels of land located on Main Street and New Ipswich Road, Ashby, the former parcel being now or formerly the property of DLR Realty, LLC, said property being more specifically shown as Lot 4 on the Ashby Assessors’ Map #9, and described in a deed recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Page 096 of Book 58934; the latter being now or formerly the property of Rene Rainville, being more specifically shown as Lot 1.1 on the Ashby Assessors’ Map #9, and described in a deed recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Page 191 of Book 52692;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved ✓ No Action

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$185,000 for a water system improvement project intended to supply water to Town-owned and other non-residential buildings in the vicinity of the Town Common; and, further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said funds pursuant to MGL Ch. 44, ss. 7 or 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept federal and/or state grants and/or loans to offset any costs incurred hereunder, including but not limited to grants and/or low-interest loans from the United States Department

of Agriculture; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements, and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of Ashby by adding under Article V (“Financial Affairs”), the following new Section 11:

Unless otherwise voted by Town Meeting, beginning in FY 2015, funds appropriated for a special purpose (excluding appropriations for stabilization funds, enterprise funds, other special purpose funds, borrowing, or appropriations that create legally binding obligations or opportunities such as matching funds for grants or gifts) shall automatically close to the General Fund at the end of the third fiscal year following such appropriation, if such appropriation has not been expended or encumbered prior thereto.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding a Capital Projects Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, for the purpose of increasing the real estate tax exemptions by 100 percent to all persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B and 41C under Chapter 59, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from available funds for deposit in the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby seven (7) 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 16th day of April, 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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 seven days before the time of said Annual Town Meeting.

Date:4/17/2014

William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 3, 2014

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 8:45 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM.

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

The moderator states 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 and seconded 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 accept the following sums in trust, the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

Glenwood Cemetery

Amount	Name	Ave.	Lot	Section
\$400.00	Leslie & Ethel Anderson	E	29	Lyman II
\$600.00	Paul R. Gerry	D	28	Lyman
\$200.00	Vivian Cordio	E	20	Lyman II

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners to pay for said burials, for grave foundations and

for general cemetery maintenance and improvements, with total expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected from book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses with total expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate all funds received from the state under the provisions under the “Chapter 90” program to provide for eligible road resurfacing and/or other improvement projects for Town roads; said sum to be 100% reimbursable by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the “Chapter 90” program.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$27,780 from Transfer Station Revenue and \$6,352 from Transfer Station Retained Earnings, for the purpose of operating the Ashby Recycling Center & Transfer Station, along with any other necessary costs, for FY 2015.

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, 2014, as printed in the warrant, with the exceptions of line item 80, which is amended to the sum of \$389,951, and line item 125 which is amended to the sum of \$350,543.13 (collectively making no net change in the bottom line): and that, to fund same, \$6,202,199.45 be raised and appropriated, and \$78,000 be appropriated from the Fund Balance Reserved for Overlay Surplus: and, further, that the Town set the salaries of elected officers as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOWN OF ASHBY

	LINES	FY15 APPROVED
Administration		
1	Salaries & Wages	\$ 51,156.71
2	Expenses	\$ 6,550.00
		\$ 57,706.71
Town Administrator		
3	Salaries & Wages	\$ 38,000.00
		\$ 38,000.00
Finance Committee		
4	Expense Budget	\$ 500.00
5	Reserve Fund	\$ 31,000.00
		\$ 31,500.00
Town Accountant		
6	Salaries & Wages	\$ 33,457.36
7	Clerical	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 24,400.00
		\$ 62,857.36
Board of Assessors		
10	Assessing Services	\$ 28,500.00
11	Wages	\$ 17,100.78
	Expenses	\$ 5,280.00
		\$ 50,880.78
Treasurer		
15	Salaries & Wages	\$ 25,643.07
	Expenses	\$ 13,826.00
		\$ 39,469.07
Tax Collector		
18	Salaries & Wages	\$ 32,435.41
	Expenses	\$ 12,828.75
		\$ 45,264.16
Legal Services		
21	Expenses	\$ 27,000.00
		\$ 27,000.00
Technology and Systems		
22	Expenses	\$ 43,000.00
		\$ 43,000.00
Town Clerk		
23	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 31,143.11

		FY15
	LINES	APPROVED
24	Clerical	\$ 7,191.15
25	Election & Registrar Stipend	\$ 6,127.13
	Expenses	\$ 10,837.00
		\$ 55,298.39
Town Reports		
30	Expenses	\$ 1,600.00
		\$ 1,600.00
Conservation Commission		
31	Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
		\$ 1,700.00
Planning		
32	Expenses	\$ 750.00
		\$ 750.00
Zoning		
33	Zoning Bd Expense	\$ 580.00
		\$ 580.00
Land Use		
34	Agent Budget	\$ 10,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 1,651.59
		\$ 11,651.59
Town Office		
	Expenses	\$ 46,170.00
		\$ 46,170.00
Town Clock		
40	Stipend	\$ 500.00
		\$ 500.00
Municipal Buildings		
47	Wages/Stipend	\$ 3,900.00
	Expenses	\$ 16,100.00
		\$ 20,000.00
Police		
49	Police Chief Wages	\$ 84,278.00
50	Wages - Coverage	\$ 419,739.22
	Expenses	\$ 160,923.29
		\$ 664,940.51
Fire		
54	Chief Salary	\$ 54,540.83
55	Firefighters Wages	\$ 13,637.33
56	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 38,963.81

	LINES	FY15 APPROVED
57	Firefighter Stipends	\$ 5,000.00
58	FF/EMT Overtime Expenses	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 38,222.70
		\$ 155,364.67
Waste Oil		
62	Wages	\$ 1,164.65
63	Expenses	\$ 950.00 \$ 2,114.65
EMS		
64	Wages - Coverage	\$ 12,170.89
65	Stipend - training Expenses	\$ 4,215.00 \$ 37,123.00 \$ 53,508.89
Emergency Management		
67(2)	Salaries & Wages	\$ 626.20
68	Expenses	\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,626.20
E-911		
69	Expenses	\$ 100.00 \$ 100.00
Hazardous Waste Coor.		
69(2)	Stipend	\$ 345.86 \$ 345.86
Building Inspector		
70	Salaries & Wages Expenses	\$ 10,629.54 \$ 907.74 \$ 11,537.28
Plumbing Inspector		
72	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,287.24
73	Expenses	\$ 165.00 \$ 6,452.24
Electrical Inspector		
74	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,287.24
75	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00 \$ 7,487.24
Dog Officer		
76	Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,283.79
77	Expenses	\$ 1,500.00 \$ 15,783.79

LINES		FY15 APPROVED
Emergency Dispatch		
78	Salaries & Wages	\$ 176,083.97
79	Expenses	\$ 2,297.04
		\$ 178,381.01
Monty Tech		
80	Assessment	\$ 389,951.00
		\$ 389,951.00
NMRSD		
	Assessment	\$ 2,982,562.00
		\$ 2,982,562.00
Highway		
83 (2)	Wages Supt.	\$ 61,000.00
84	Wages - Regular	\$ 160,233.12
85	Wages -Overtime	\$ 2,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 152,201.00
		\$ 375,434.12
Snow & Ice		
91	Winter Operation Wages	\$ -
92	Winter Overtime	\$ 13,000.00
93	Winter Expenses	\$ 87,000.00
		\$ 100,000.00
Street Lights		
94	Expense	\$ 800.00
		\$ 800.00
Tree Warden		
95	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,000.00
Cemetery		
96	Wages - Coverage	\$ 8,670.53
97	Expense	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 10,670.53
Board of Health		
	Expenses	\$ 18,282.00
		\$ 18,282.00
Animal Inspector		
102	Stipend	\$ 420.24
		\$ 420.24

2014 Annual Reports

	LINES	FY15 APPROVED
Council on Aging		
103	Wages	\$ 2,184.63
103A	Expense	\$ 1,850.00
		\$ 4,034.63
Veterans' Services		
104	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,749.05
	Expenses	\$ 42,000.00
		\$ 43,749.05
Library		
107	Librarian Salary	\$ 22,550.40
108	Library Assistant Wages	\$ 18,741.13
	Expenses	\$ 43,726.82
		\$ 85,018.35
Band Concerts		
113	Expenses	\$ 7,500.00
		\$ 7,500.00
July 3rd		
114	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 1,200.00
Allen Field		
115	Expenses	\$ 1,400.00
		\$ 1,400.00
Town Common		
116	Expenses	\$ 4,025.00
		\$ 4,025.00
Debt Service		
118	Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 1,000.00
Middlesex Retirement		
123	Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 153,299.00
		\$ 153,299.00
Unemployment		
124	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,000.00
Employee Ins. Benefits		
125	Employee Benefits Expense	\$ 350,543.13
		\$ 350,543.13

LINES		FY15 APPROVED
Workers Compensation		
126	Insurance Not Health	\$ 11,000.00
		\$ 11,000.00
Insurance P & C		
127	Liability P&C, E,F&P	\$ 80,000.00
		\$ 80,000.00
FICA		
128	Employee Costs	\$23,740.00
		\$23,740.00
Total		\$ 6,280,199.45

Setting of Elected Salaries under Article 9:

- d. Town Clerk: \$31,143.11
- e. Town Collector: \$32,435.41 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)
- f. Town Treasurer: \$25,643.07 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 to augment a grant received by the Town for GIS services and upgrades, in order to provide the software necessary to implement the program.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-laws of the Town of Ashby by adding the following new section, to be numbered consecutively:

COUNCIL ON AGING

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the Commission on Aging established under Chapter 40, Section 8B of the General Laws.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) members, including three (3) members

for three (3) years; two (2) members for two (2) years; and two (2) members for one (1) year terms. Members can be reappointed for consecutive terms. The members of the Council shall serve without pay.

Section 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council, by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or for any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment, by the Selectmen, for the remainder of the term.

Section 4. The Council on Aging, annually in April of each year, shall elect from its membership a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual election. In the event a vacancy occurs in any of the offices above, the Council shall hold a special meeting for the purpose of electing one of its members to fill such vacancy.

Section 5. The Council shall prepare and submit an annual report of its activities to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Commission on Aging.

Section 6. The Council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the following non-binding resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO BAN “FRACKED GAS” PIPELINES
AND TO CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

Whereas a proposed High-Pressure Pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing may come through Ashby, or neighboring communities, bringing said fuel en route to Dracut, Massachusetts to be used for electricity generation; and

Whereas said pipeline goes against current Massachusetts commitments to renewable energies and combating global climate change; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy unknowable amounts of forest, conservation land and farmland with the installation of the pipeline and maintenance in perpetuity of a 50 foot right-of-way through the use of herbicides; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy unknowable amounts of wetlands and the flora and fauna dependent upon Ashby's rivers and streams, all of which have been identified as outstanding resource waters; and

Whereas said pipeline would adversely affect property values of properties within 300 feet of the pipeline as well as probable use of eminent domain to secure parcels along the pipeline route; and

Whereas a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leak, rupture or devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives; and

Whereas said pipeline has the potential to ruin wells and drinking water through blasting activities and/or leakage of methane gas; and

Whereas the cost of said pipeline would require Massachusetts citizens to pay a utility bill tariff as well as environmental costs not required by law for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP", a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.), making ratepayers bear financial risk for the endeavors of a private corporation; and

Whereas, we the citizens of Ashby, Massachusetts choose not to participate in such encumbrances to the life, vibrancy, economic stability, and general well being to our neighbors in New York and elsewhere, wherever hydraulic fracturing is occurring and the pressurized pipeline is running; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the people of Ashby, Massachusetts:

1. Hereby call on our Board of Selectmen to stand in opposition to TGP's high pressured pipeline and not allow it within our town borders;

2. Oppose said pipeline, and any pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing, within the borders of our Commonwealth; and
3. Hereby instruct our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take any such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well being and our bodily safety, and, instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of and subsidies for renewable energy sources.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 13. The motion was made and seconded , under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 71, Section 16 G½, to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund for the Montachusett Regional Vocational School.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 14. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Ashby Zoning By-law as follows:

- 6) Change the title of Section 9 (currently “Overlay Districts”), to “Overlay Districts and Special Provisions.”
- 7) Move subsections 4.6 (“Floodplain Districts and Boundaries”), 4.7 (“Personal Wireless Communications Facility”), 4.8 (“Rate of Development”), 4.9 (“Open Space Residential Development”), 4.10 (“Inclusionary Housing”), 4.11 (“Utility-Scale Wind Energy Facilities”), 4.12 (“Small Wind Energy Systems”) to said Section 9, and renumber said subsections, respectively, as 9.1 through 9.7.
- 8) Re-number the internal subdivisions of each of the items moved into Section 9, as above, accordingly.
- 9) Renumber the pre-existing existing Section 9.1 (“Ashby Village Center Zoning Overlay District”) as Section 9.8, and re-number its internal subdivisions accordingly.
- 10) Add a Table of Contents.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 15. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting the word “special”, from the phrase “Site Plan Special Per-

mits” as it appears in sections 4.5 and 12.5; and, further, deleting the words, “Sections 11.3 and 11.5”, as they appear in said Section 4.5, and substituting therefor the phrase, “Section 12.5”; and, further, in Section 12.5.3, deleting the words ”Sections 11.31 and 11.32” and substituting therefor the words “Sections 12.31 and 12.32”.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 16. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Zoning By-law by adding the words “or to parcels 2 acres or more, if the sale of products produced from the agriculture, aquaculture, silviculture, horticulture, floriculture or viticulture use on the parcel annually generates at least \$1,000 per acre based on gross sales dollars,” following the words, “5 acres,” in sections 4.1.1; and, further, vote to amend the By-law by adding the words, “that annually generates less than \$1,000 per acre based on gross sales dollars,” following the words “Agriculture on land parcels of 5 acres or less” in sections 5.2.7, 6.2.11, and 8.2.3.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 17. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$38,000 from the Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of procuring and installing an emergency generator for the Police Station, along with any associated costs.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 18. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$45,000 from the Stabilization Fund, to procure a new pickup truck for the Highway Department, including appropriate accessories and any related expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 19. The motion was made and seconded vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, easements for water supply purposes upon parcels of land located on Main Street and New Ipswich Road, Ashby, the former parcel being now or formerly the property of DLR Realty, LLC, said property being more specifically shown as Lot 4 on the Ashby Assessors’ Map #9, and described in a deed recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Page 096 of Book 58934; the latter being now or formerly the property of Rene Rainville, being more specifically shown as Lot 1.1 on the Ashby Assessors’ Map #9,

and described in a deed recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Page 191 of Book 52692.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 20. The motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate \$165,000 from the Stabilization Fund to effect a water improvement project to supply potable water to the Town Hall and other Town-owned and/or private, non- residential buildings in the vicinity of the Town Common; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept Federal and/or State grants to offset any costs incurred hereunder, including, but not limited to grants by the United States Department of Agriculture; and, further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into any and all agreements, and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to complete the project.

VOTE: PASSED
DECLARED TWO-THIRDS BY MODERATOR

Article 21. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-laws of the Town of Ashby by adding under Article V (“Financial Affairs”), the following new Section 11:

Unless otherwise voted by Town Meeting, beginning in FY 2015, funds appropriated for a special purpose (excluding appropriations for stabilization funds, enterprise funds, other special purpose funds, borrowing, or appropriations that create legally binding obligations or opportunities such as matching funds for grants or gifts) shall automatically close to the General Fund at the end of the third fiscal year following such appropriation, if such appropriation has not been expended or encumbered prior thereto.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 22. The motion was made and seconded that the Town, under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 40, s.5B, create a Capital Stabilization Fund, and appropriate to said fund from the existing Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$100,000.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 23. The motion was made and seconded that the Town accept Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts

of 1988, for the purpose of doubling the real estate tax exemptions for persons qualified for exemptions under Classes 17, 17C, 17C1/2, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B and 41C of MGL, Ch. 59, s.5.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 24. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$21,230.67 from Free Cash for deposit in the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the 2014 Annual Town Meeting at 11:55 AM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Ashby Town Clerk*

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

MIDDLESEX, SS:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium on TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:
To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL
SECRETARY OF STATE
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL
AUDITOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
COUNCILLOR
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
Third Congressional District
Seventh Councillor District
Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
REGISTER OF PROBATE

First Middlesex District
Northern District
Middlesex County

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of August, 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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 seven days before the time of the State Primary.

DATE: 8/20/2014

William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY
September 9, 2014**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:30 AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Betty Tiilikkala, Rachel Patnaude, Jill Niemi, Florence Bryan, Angie Godin, Christina Ewald, Sue Siebert, Jeanette Colameta and Jan Miller.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

The following is a list of candidates as they appeared on the official ballots and also the votes each received, and the total blanks:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Edward J. Markey	165
Blanks	61
Total ballots cast	226

GOVERNOR

Donald M. Berwick	50
Martha Coakley	122
Steven Grossman	52
Blanks	2
Total ballots cast	226

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Leland Cheung	43
Stephan J. Kerrigan	142
Michael E. Lake	18
Blanks	23
Total ballots cast	226

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maura Healey	170
Warren E. Tolman	50
Blanks	6
Total ballots cast	226

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	184
Blanks	42
Total ballots cast	226

TREASURER

Thomas P. Conroy	46
Barry R. Finegold	67
Deborah B. Goldberg	89
Blanks	24
Total ballots cast	226

AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump	168
Blanks	58
Total Ballots cast	226

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Nicola S. Tsongas	188
All others	1
Blanks	37
Total ballots cast	226

COUNCILLOR

All others	1
Blanks	225
Total ballots cast	226

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Anne M. Gobi	164
All others	1
Blanks	61
Total ballots cast	226

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Gene A. Rauhala	178
Blanks	48
Total ballots cast	226

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Marian T. Ryan	128
Michael A. Sullivan	66
Blanks	32
Total ballots cast	226

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Tara E. DeCristofaro	166
Blanks	60
Total ballots cast	226

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Brian J. Herr	110
Blanks	23
Total ballots cast	133

GOVERNOR

Charles D. Baker	106
Mark R. Fisher	25
Blanks	2
Total ballots cast	133

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Karyn E. Polito	119
Blanks	14
Total ballots cast	133

ATTORNEY GENERAL

John B. Miller	118
Blanks	15
Total ballots cast	133

SECRETARY OF STATE

David D'Arcangelo	113
Blanks	20
Total ballots cast	133

TREASURER

Michael James Heffernan	119
Blanks	14
Total ballots cast	133

AUDITOR

Patricia S. Saint Aubin	116
Blanks	17
Total ballots cast	133

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Roseann L. Ehrhard Wofford	116
Blanks	17

Total ballots cast	133
COUNCILLOR	
Jennie L. Caissie	112
Blanks	21
Total ballots cast	133
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
James P. Ehrhard	80
Michael J. Valanzola	44
Blanks	9
Total ballots cast	133
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
Sheila C. Harrington	116
Blanks	17
Total ballots cast	133
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
All others	3
Blanks	130
Total ballots cast	133
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
John W. Lambert	110
Blanks	23
Total ballots cast	133

The polls closed at 8:00 PM.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Pamela Peeler, Deborah Pillsbury, Stephanie Lammi, Cathy Kristofferson, Janice Miller, Robert Raymond, Jeanie Lindquist, Tim Foster and Cathy Foster.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 359 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 226 Democrats and 133 Republicans had cast ballots, for a total of 359 voters.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

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Middlesex, ss:

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GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	Third Congressional District
COUNCILLOR	Seventh Councillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	First Middlesex District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Northern District
REGISTER OF PROBATE	Middlesex County

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state’s gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least

the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If

an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

QUESTION 5. THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirming that 1) rights protected under the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only and 2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of October, 2014.

Janet Flinkstrom
Chair

Michael McCallum
Clerk

Steven Ingerson
Procurement

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 seven days at least before time of said State Election.

DATE: 10/14/2014

William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION
November 4, 2014**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:15 AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Jill Niemi, Betty Tiilikkala, Linda Stacy, Angie Godin, Bertha Tiilikkala, Judith Bureau, Donna Fors, Chris Ewald, Jeanette Colameta and Donna Leonard.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

The following is a list of candidates as they appeared on the official ballots and also the votes each received, and the total blanks:

STATE BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward J. Markey	602
Brian J. Herr	653
All others	4
Blanks	45
Total ballots cast	1304

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Baker and Polito	754
Coakley and Kerrigan	443
Falchuk and Jennings	68
Lively and Saunders	19
McCormick and Post	10
Blanks	10
Total ballots cast	1304

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maura Healey	612
John B. Miller	645
All others	1
Blanks	46
Total ballots cast	1304

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	648
David D’Arcangelo	53
David L. Factor	80
Blanks	45
Total ballots cast	1304

TREASURER

Deborah B. Goldberg	523
Michael James Heffernan	632
Ian T. Jackson	84
All others	3
Blanks	62

Total ballots cast	1304
AUDITOR	
Suzanne M. Bump	529
Patricia S. Saint Aubin	613
MK Merelice	76
All others	2
Blanks	84
Total Ballots cast	1304
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Nicola S. Tsongas	659
Roseann L. Ehrhard Wofford	593
All others	1
Blanks	51
Total ballots cast	1304
COUNCILLOR	
Jennie L. Caissie	926
All others	6
Blanks	372
Total ballots cast	1304
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Anne M. Gobi	583
Michael J. Valanzola	640
All others	2
Blanks	79
Total ballots cast	1304
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
Sheila C. Harrington	662
Gene A. Rauhala	585
All others	1
Blanks	56
Total ballots cast	1304
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Marian T. Ryan	829
All others	5
Blanks	470

Total ballots cast	1304
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
Tara E. DeCristofaro	552
John W. Lambert, Sr.	651
All others	2
Blanks	99
Total ballots cast	1304
QUESTION 1.	
Yes	733
No	551
Blank	20
Total ballots cast	1304
QUESTION 2.	
Yes	254
No	1039
Blank	11
Total ballots cast	1304
QUESTION 3.	
Yes	419
No	862
Blank	23
Total ballots cast	1304
QUESTION 4.	
Yes	655
No	527
Blank	122
Total ballots cast	1304
QUESTION 5.	
Yes	694
No	218
Blank	392
Total ballots cast	1304

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Pamela Peeler, Deborah Pillsbury, Stephanie Lammi, Richard Catalini, Janet Flinkstrom, Chris Ewald, Deborah Vogt, John Vogt, Cathy Kristofferson, Scott Sweeney, Ingrid Sweeney, Jon Kimball, Patricia Wayrynen, Jeanie Lindquist, John Pankosky, Robert Leary, Krishnabai, Jan Miller, Peggy Mosher, Cathy Foster, Robert Raymond, Jim Hubert, Claire Lavin, John Lavin, Alan Ewald, Sam Armstrong-Champ, Tiffany Call, Martha Morgan, Susan Clement, Patricia Foster, Rebecca Thatcher, Geraldine Zagarella and John Jainchill.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 1304 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 1304 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**BALLOT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 27, 2015**

SELECTMAN, Three Years
Michael McCallum
241 Deer Bay Rd.

VOTE FOR ONE
Candidate for Re-Election

John Hourihan
99 Deer Bay Rd.

ASSESSOR, Three Years
Oliver H. Mutch
732 Pillsbury Rd.

VOTE FOR ONE
Candidate for Re-Election

ASSESSOR, Two Years
Kevin Sierra
612 Main St.

VOTE FOR ONE

COLLECTOR, Three Years
Beth Ann Scheid
114 New Ipswich Rd.

VOTE FOR ONE
Candidate for Re-Election

BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years

VOTE FOR ONE

PLANNING BOARD, Five Years
Wayne Stacy
66 Bennett Rd.

VOTE FOR ONE
Candidate for Re-Election

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years

VOTE FOR ONE

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Two Years

VOTE FOR ONE

PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years

VOTE FOR ONE

PARK COMMISSIONER, One Year

VOTE FOR ONE

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years

VOTE FOR THREE

John P. Mickola

Candidate for Re-Election

590 Jones Hill Rd.

Michelle Thomas

Candidate for Re-Election

66 Nash Rd.

Roberta Flashman

339 South Rd.