

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

05/06/2017

Ashfield held the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 6th. Town Meeting has now been adjourned and dissolved. The results are listed below, along with the attendance count.

ARTICLE	DATE	SUBJECT	RESULT
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1	05/06/2017	Local Election Opening of the Polls – to choose town officers and vote on two ballot questions	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
2	05/06/2017	Report of the Town Officers – accept report of Town Officers	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
3	05/06/2017	Stipends and Compensation for All Elected Officials – that the town set the stipends/compensation for elected officials	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
4	05/06/2017	Treasurer’s Permission to Borrow – authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money from time to time	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
5	05/06/2017	Acceptance of grants/gifts – authorize the Select Board to accept and expends any grants/gifts	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
6	05/06/2017	Surplus Equipment/Property Disposal – authorize the Select Board to dispose of any unused town owned equipment and/or property	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
7	05/06/2017	Education Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$2,826,926 for educational expenses	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
8	05/06/2017	Mohawk Regional District Agreement Amendment – closure of the Heath Elementary School	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
9	05/06/2017	Mohawk Regional District Agreement Amendment – terminate the lease agreement between District and Heath	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
10	05/06/2017	Mohawk Regional District Agreement Amendment -	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
11	05/06/2017	Mohawk Regional – Addition of the Town of Rowe	Passed by Simple Majority 77 YES, 30 NO, 6 Abstain
12	05/06/2017	Mohawk Trail Regional District Agreement Amendments	Vote to Table Passed by a Declared Unanimous
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15	05/06/2017	Purchase of a Highway Truck – sum not to exceed \$43,500	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
16	05/06/2017	Landfill Closure & Transfer Station – that the town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for the costs associated with the landfill closure and transfer station	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
17	05/06/2017	General Government Expenses – that the town raise and appropriate \$408,878 for general government expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
18	05/06/2017	Reserve Account – that the town raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Reserve Account	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
19	05/06/2017	Public Safety Expenses – raise and appropriate \$203,024 and transfer \$4,870 from the Dog License and Control fund for a total of \$207,894	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
20	05/06/2017	Public Works Expenses – raise and appropriate \$600,001 to pay for Public Works Expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
21	05/06/2017	Health and Human Services Expenses – raise and appropriate \$53,393 to pay for Health and Human Services Expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
22	05/06/2017	Cultural and Recreational Expenses – raise and appropriate \$77,972 to pay for Cultural and Recreational Expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote

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23	05/06/2017	Debt Service Expenses – raise and appropriate \$169,594 to pay for debt service expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
24	05/06/2017	Intergovernmental Assessments – raise and appropriate \$54,410 to pay intergovernmental assessments for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
25	05/06/2017	Employee Benefit Expenses – raise and appropriate \$176,578 to pay for employee benefit expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
26	05/06/2017	Ambulance Service – transfer from free cash \$89,957 for ambulance services	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
27	05/06/2017	Capital Expenditures – vote to transfer \$5,000 from the Fred Cross Fund and \$65,925 from free cash for a total of \$70,925 to pay for capital expenditures	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
28	05/06/2017	Broadband Development – raise and appropriate \$20,000 and transfer \$80,000 from free cash for a total of \$100,000 to pay for capital expenses associated with Broadband Development	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
29	05/06/2017	Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance – raise and appropriate \$25,000 and transfer \$60,000 from the Town Hall Steeple Account and create a new account called Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
30	05/06/2017	Senior Center Capital Fund Account – transfer \$15,000 from free cash to be placed in a dedicated Senior Center Capital Fund Account	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
31	05/06/2017	OPEB Fund – vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20, as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, and establish a separate fund known as the “Other-Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund”	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
32	05/06/2017	OPEB Account Funding – raise and appropriate \$2,000 and transfer the remainder of the appropriated funds in the OPEB account to fund the Other-Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and authorize the Treasurer to create or join a trust fund	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
33	05/06/2017	Sewer Enterprise Funds – appropriate \$155,219 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for sewer expenses and to meet that appropriation by raising \$155,219 as listed at ATM	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
34	05/06/2017	Bylaw Amendment – Revolving Funds	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
35	05/06/2017	Zoning Bylaw Proposal – Senior Citizens Housing	Passed by a Declared Near Unanimous Vote
36	05/06/2017	Citizen Petition - Climate Change Resolution	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
37	05/06/2017	Citizen Petition – Amend Qualified Voters section of town bylaws	Passed by a Declared Near Unanimous Vote

Attendance: There were 144 voters in attendance at the Saturday, May 6th meeting.