

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in County of Franklin,
GREETINGS.

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Ashfield on SATURDAY the **THIRD** day of **MAY 2014**, at **TEN O'CLOCK** in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a MODERATOR and a TREE WARDEN, both for one year terms. A SELECT BOARD MEMBER, A BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER, TWO (2) FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, A PARK COMMISSIONER, A SEWER COMMISSIONER, all for three year terms: A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, A LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for five year terms, A BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER for an unexpired term of one (1) year. A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER for an unexpired term of one (1) year. A SEWER COMMISSIONER for an unexpired term of two (2) years..

To vote on the following questions:

Ballot Question #1

Shall the Town of Ashfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the town's portion for repair work for Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School?

Ballot Question #2

Shall the Town of Ashfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the purchase of a highway truck?

Ballot Question #3

Shall the Town of Ashfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the town's portion for repair work for Sanderson Academy?

Polls to be closed at 6:00 PM.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to set the salary compensation for all elected officials of the town (Select Board, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Moderator, Tree Warden and Constable) as provided by MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to be made effective as of **July 1, 2014**, as contained in the budget, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning **July 1, 2014**, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to borrow up to \$167,000 for the purpose of purchasing a **highway truck**, provided however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town votes at an election to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes therefore, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to allow the **MTRSD District** to borrow, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d), a sum of money not to exceed \$228,850, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the **Sanderson Academy** located at 808 Cape Street, Ashfield, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, sidewalk replacement, snow bar installation on roof, window caulking and replacement, major service to Bioclere sanitary water treatment, condenser unit replacement totaling \$228,850, provided however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town votes at an election to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes therefore, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to allow the **MTRSD District** to borrow, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d), a sum of money not to exceed \$542,778, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the **Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School** located at 26 Ashfield Road in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, re-pointing /re-caulking work, floor replacements, heating, ventilation and air condition upgrades, auditorium lighting equipment upgrades and installation of a second means of egress from main electrical switchgear room totaling \$542,778, provided however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town votes at an election to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes therefore, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EXPENSES AND EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL EXPENSES**, or act relative thereto:

School Committee 2 @ 500	1,000
Capital	61,978
Green Roof Capital	16,626
Vocational	537,569

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$1,949,819 to pay for **REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES**, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following provision of Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2012 – An Act Further Regulating Animal Control, Section 11. (c)
No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over in a city or town that accepts this provision, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to change the day of holding the Town Caucus from the seventh Tuesday prior to the Annual Town Meeting and Election as voted at the Special Town Meeting, January 19, 1983, to hold Town Caucus on a Tuesday, not later than the thirty-eighth day preceding Town Elections in compliance with MGL C.53, Section 72A, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$600 to help pay for the newly established part-time position of **ENERGY MANAGER**, contingent upon receiving an Energy Manager grant from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will request legislation allowing Douglas Field to serve on the Ashfield Fire Department until his non-reappointment; provided, however, that deductions from any compensation of Douglas Field shall not be made under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to discharge the lien on the Ashfield House, LLC, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **AMBULANCE SERVICE** or act relative thereto:

Highland Assessment	34,851
Radio Assessment	1,545

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$3,000 to pay for the **RESERVE ACCOUNT**, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000 and to transfer from the Fred Cross Fund \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 to pay for repair of **TOWN HALL STEEPLE**, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Appeals Board	350
Elected Assessor Chair	1,500
Elected Assessor Salaries (2) @ 1,250	2,500
Assessors' Clerk	13,587
Assessor Expenses	33,679
Conservation Commission	1,340
Bonds	1,200
Insurance Buildings/Liability	35,910
Town Hall Steward	600
Special Project Staffing	1,000
Information Technology Expenses	11,600
Planning Board	986
Elections	4,000
Registrars of Voters	400
Executive Administrator	28,642
Street Lists	770
Municipal Town Clerk	30,392
Assistant Municipal Clerk	25,459
Town Clerk Expenses	1,000
Town Report	600
Collector	18,136
Town Collector Expenses	10,241
Legal Expenses	15,000
Town Hall Expenses	17,000
Town Hall Utilities	13,610
Elected Select Board Chair	1,500
Elected Select Board Salaries (2) @ 1,250	2,500
Select Board Expenses	2,000
Elected Moderator	150
Treasurer Salary	14,608
Treasurer Expenses	3,215
Tax Title	0
TOTAL	293,475

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for the following **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES** or act relative thereto:

Ambulance Capital	3,061
Ambulance Capital Building	3,010

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **PUBLIC SAFETY** expenses or act relative thereto:

Animal Control Stipend	1,850
Animal Control Expenses	600
Fire Chief Stipend	7,500
Fire Chief Expenses	340
Fire Department Expenses	44,000
Fire Department Fuel	3,509
Emergency Manager Exp.	1,000
Emergency Mgr. Stipend	500
Emerg. Mgr.Assist.Stipend	300
Emergency Call System	2,486
Narrowband/EC Tower	24,000
Lake Dam Inspection	1,000
Police Chief Salary	49,400
Police Department	45,105
Police Department Fuel	5,200
Drug/Alcohol Testing	300
Tree Warden Stipend	300
Tree Warden Expenses	8,000
Firearms Clerk Stipend	300
TOTAL	195,690

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Belding Memorial Library	41,117
Belding Memorial Park	11,370
Veterans Graves	1,000
Historical Commission	500
Town History Fund	2,000
TOTAL	55,987

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **SANITATION SERVICES** or act relative thereto:

Hilltown Resource Management	5,824
Transfer Station	80,755
Transfer Station Utilities	900
Inspector of Animals	350
TOTAL	87,829

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **HEALTH SERVICES** or act relative thereto.

Health Agent	8,000
Health Board Expenses	900
Elected Board of Health Stipend 3 @ 750	2,250
TOTAL	11,150

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

General Highway	100,000
Labor	167,285
Highway Fuel	58,246
Highway Superintendent	55,609
Winter Roads	95,000
Street Lights	2,484
Lake Dam Maintenance	62,000
Retention Wall Repair	4,000
TOTAL	544,624

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Senior Center	28,560
Local Council on Aging	750
Veterans' Council	3,607
Veterans' Benefits Local	10,269
TOTAL	43,186

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Health Insurance	50,590
Medicare/FICA	11,220
Retiree Benefit-Health	8,568
Retirement Sys. Contributions	73,357
Unemployment	5,000
Workers Compensation	14,216
OPEB Stabilization	2,000
TOTAL	164,951

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Core Assessment	17,245
Accountant	21,644
Software	750
Procurement	2,310
Radio Maintenance	2,553
Building Inspector Program	6,500
TOTAL	51,002

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$139,057.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for sewer expenses and to meet that appropriation by raising \$124,057.00 from sewer charges and transferring \$15,000 from retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to pay for **SEWER EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Salaries and Benefits	77,287
Fixed Operating Costs	500
Volume Based Costs	56,270
Emergency Fund	5,000
TOTAL	139,057

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$10,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to convert the oil boiler to propane and remove the underground oil tank, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay for **DEBT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Short Term Interest	7,500
Highway Grader Principal	88,206
Highway Grader Interest	617
Highway Debt - Garage	79,353
Fire Debt - Truck	47,971
TOTAL	223,647

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following Revolving Fund Accounts pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 or act relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of fund	FY2014 Spending Limit
Dog License and Control	Town Clerk	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies, animal care, bylaw permitted expenses	\$2,500
Park	Park Commission	Program fees, donations	Park Expenses	\$1,500
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Fees, rental	Library expenses	\$2,800

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Chapter 90) for highway construction or maintenance work or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend any grants and/or gifts that may become available, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of any unused town-owned equipment and/or property, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35: Citizen Petition: To see if the Town will vote to request the Select Board establish a year round maintenance policy for our sidewalks, including winter snow removal, and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$5,000 into an account for that purpose, or act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36: Citizen Petition: Ashfield Community Rights Resolution

Whereas representatives from large-scale energy infrastructure projects have approached Ashfield landowners as regards to, but not limited to, the installation of industrial-scale wind turbines, the cutting of trees along utility lines on Ashfield's roads, and most recently the proposed routing of a high-pressure gas pipeline to carry shale gas through 76 Ashfield properties; and

Whereas landowners have been approached without advance notice from town officials or police due to there being no regulation requiring a corporation, county or state to contact local authorities prior to contacting property owners; and

Whereas landowners are being asked to permit surveying or to sign agreements to lease land; and

Whereas, there exists the inherent right of the residents of Ashfield to govern their own community, including, without limitation, the Declaration of Independence's declaration that governments are instituted to secure the rights of people, and the recognition within the State Constitution that all power is inherent in the people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE CALL UPON OUR LEADERS TO ADOPT RULES, BYLAWS, OR TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTION AS NECESSARY

TO SUPPORT the right of the people of Ashfield to hold public hearings and make motions to vote on all corporate, state or federal energy infrastructure and other large-scale projects within the town as they arise. Such projects may include, but are not limited to: pipeline construction, resource extraction, the removal of ground water for bottling and export, transmission line expansion, industrial wind installations, large-scale solar arrays, and the dumping of toxic fracking wastewater from neighboring states.

TO DEFEND majority rule, as determined by that vote, as the ultimate authority in approving such projects, affirming the rights of the people who live here over the rights of an absentee entity.

TO PROHIBIT any activity by the developers of such projects in Ashfield before the people of Ashfield have had the opportunity to put motions to vote, and only then if the majority has ruled in favor of allowing the project. Activities include, but are not limited to, entering private property, surveying, photographing private property, negotiating leases, blasting, removing trees and road construction.

TO ENSURE that our Select Board is informed of any proposed project prior to any contact with landowners and that the residents of Ashfield learn of each proposal first through their elected officials.

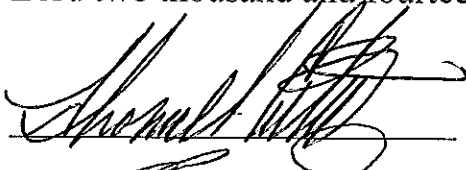
TO PROTECT the right of Ashfield farms, businesses and companies to engage in resource harvesting and/or industrial activity as currently permitted in our by-laws.

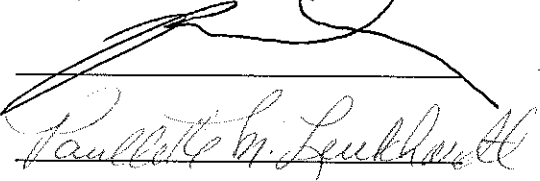
or act relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the ASHFIELD TOWN HALL and the ASHFIELD POST OFFICE in said Town, Seven days at least before the time of holding 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, as aforesaid.

Given this day under our hands this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.



Ashfield Select Board


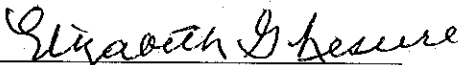
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A true copy. Attest: Elizabeth C. Lesure Constable

Franklin, SS

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Ashfield by posting up attested copies of the same at the Ashfield Town Hall and the Ashfield Post Office

10 days before the date of the meeting as within directed.



Constable of Ashfield

Date 04-23-14