

# **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 FOURTH day of MAY 2013**, 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, TWO (2) CONSTABLES, A PARK COMMISSIONER, A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, A SEWER COMMISSIONER, all for three year terms: A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, A LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for five year terms, A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER for an unexpired term (two (2) years).

To vote on the following question:

“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 grader?”

**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, 2013, 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, 2013, 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 raise and appropriate \$80,000 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$55,000 and to borrow up to \$150,000 for a total of up to \$285,000 for the purpose of purchasing a highway grader, 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. c. 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 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	92,530
Vocational	320,000

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$1,896,906 to pay for **REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES** or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of up to \$500 to the **HISTORICAL COMMISSION** for the purpose of celebrating the founding of the town, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** 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	31,053
Radio Assessment	1,277

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12:** 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	150
Elected Assessor Chair	1,500
Elected Assessor Salaries (2) @ 1,250	2,500
Assessors' Clerk	13,317
Assessor Expenses	31,925
Auditor	6,000
Personnel Board	250
Conservation Commission	1,300
Bonds	1,200
Insurance Buildings/Liability	34,200
Town Hall Steward	600
Postage, Dedicated	650
Information Technology Expenses	12,900
Planning Board	968
Elections	2,500
Registrars of Voters	400
Executive Administrator	28,080
Street Lists	580
Municipal Town Clerk	29,796
Assistant Municipal Clerk	24,960
Town Clerk Expenses	900
Town Report	600
Collector	17,780
Town Collector Expenses	9,818
Legal Expenses	10,000
Town Hall Expenses	12,900
Town Hall Utilities	18,610
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	14,321
Treasurer Expenses	3,192
Tax Title	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288,047</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available fund the following sums of money to pay for the following **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES** or act relative thereto:

Ambulance Capital	3,082
Fire House Town Hall Capital	10,000

**ARTICLE 14:** 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 Salary	1,836
Animal Control Expenses	550
Fire Chief Salary	3,060
Fire Chief Expenses	340
Fire Department Expenses	36,907
Fire Department Utilities	7,900
Fire Department Fuel	3,509
Emergency Manager Exp.	1,000
Emergency Mngr. Stipend	500
Emergency Call System	2,486
Lake Dam Inspection	2,000
Police Chief Salary	56,182
Police Department	50,835
Police Department Fuel	5,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	300
Tree Warden	300
Tree Warden Expenses	8,500
Firearms Clerk	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,505</b>

**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 **CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Belding Memorial Library	37,000
Belding Memorial Park	11,271
Veterans Graves	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,271</b>

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to approve a sum not to exceed \$2,000 to pay for **HISTORY PROJECT EXPENSES** and to transfer the sum from Grant Program Income.

**ARTICLE 17:** 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	80,525
Transfer Station Utilities	900
Inspector of Animals	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,599</b>

**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 **HEALTH SERVICES** or act relative thereto.

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

**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 **HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

General Highway	95,290
Labor	163,025
Highway Fuel	58,246
Highway Superintendent	54,519
Winter Roads	86,540
Street Lights	2,484
Lake Dam Maintenance	17,000
Retention Wall Repair	15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>492,104</b>

**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 **HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Senior Center	28,703
Local Council on Aging	750
Veterans' Council	3,465
Veterans' Benefits Local	9,036
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,954</b>

**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 **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Health Insurance	50,590
Medicare/FICA	11,220
Retiree Benefit-Health	6,426
Retirement Sys. Contributions	71,704
Unemployment	5,000
Workers Compensation	13,539
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158,479</b>

**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 **FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Core Assessment	16,306
Accountant	18,436
Software	1,000
Procurement	2,310
Radio Maintenance	2,553
Building Inspector Program	6,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,105</b>

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$134,178 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for sewer expenses and to meet that appropriation by raising \$119,178 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	74,393
Fixed Operating Costs	500
Volume Based Costs	54,285
Emergency Fund	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134,178</b>

**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 **DEBT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Short Term Interest	7,500
Town Common Principal	30,000
Town Common Interest	1,320
Highway Debt - Truck	49,541
Highway Debt - Garage	80,790
Fire Debt - Truck	49,396
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>218,547</b>

**ARTICLE 25:** 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, 2013 or act relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of fund	FY2013 Spending Limit
Dog License and Control	Town Clerk	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies, animal care, by law permitted expenses	\$2,500
Park	Park Commission	Program fees, donations	Park Expenses	\$1,500
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Fees, rental	Library expenses	\$2,000

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds up to \$200,000 to the **STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27:** 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 28:** 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.

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 22 day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

Thomas P. [Signature]

Paul [Signature] Ashfield Select Board

A true copy. Attest: Elizabeth G. 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

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

Elizabeth G. Lesure  
Constable of Ashfield

Date 04-23-13