

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 **MONDAY the THIRTEENTH day of JUNE 2016**, at **SEVEN O' CLOCK** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Ashfield Zoning Bylaws, to add an associate member to the Planning Board for purposes of acting on Special Permit Applications, or act relative thereto.

Add the following to Ashfield Zoning Bylaws, in

Section VIII: Administration, Part E. Special Permit Granting Authority, as a new paragraph after existing paragraph:

Per M.G.L, Chapter 40A, Section 9, the Ashfield Planning Board, as Special Permit Granting Authority, shall have up to one associate member, who shall sit, when necessary, on the Board for the purpose of acting on Special Permit applications. This position will be filled by appointment by the Select Board upon recommendation of the Planning Board, and the term shall be for up to three (3) years.

RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING BOARD

(Requires two-thirds vote)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve certain changes to the Telecommunication Facilities sections of the Ashfield Zoning Bylaws, or act relative thereto.

Add to Section II: Definitions (additions shown in *italics*)

Telecommunication Facilities: Includes towers, antennas, buildings and accessory structures designed or modified to provide personal communication services, radio and television broadcast or reception, microwave communications, or similar communication services *that exceed the height dimensions as outlined in Section IV*. Not included are antennas used for personal television and radio reception or radio facilities actively used under an FCC (Federal Communications Commission) amateur radio license. *Antennas that do not exceed the dimensional requirements for residential buildings outlined in Section IV shall be allowed without a special permit.*

Add to Section VI: Use Regulations, F. Telecommunication Facilities

VI.F.2. Conditions:

- m. The applicant shall be prepared to install the most appropriate and up-to-date camouflage if it will lessen impacts on the neighborhood character.*
- n. Towers shall be set back 10x their height from existing public school buildings, boundaries of existing town-owned parks, and the Ashfield Plain Historic District.*
- o. Towers shall be set back 5x their height from existing residences and other existing buildings, unless a right-of-way is obtained from the landowner.*

VI.F.3. Special Permit Submittal Regulations, Telecommunication Facilities:

- h. If a NEPA study or any other impact study is required for FCC approval, then the results shall be submitted with the application.*
- i. Collocation on existing conforming structures shall not require a special permit so long as the antenna does not make the structure non-conforming.*
- j. Collocation on existing non-conforming structures shall not require a special permit so long as the antenna does not make the structure substantially more non-conforming.*

RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING BOARD

(Requires two-thirds vote)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 21, to place a ballot question for the Annual Meeting as follows;

“Shall the Town vote to have its Select Board act as the Municipal Light Board pursuant to MGL Chapter 164, Section 55?”

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Vocational Expense, or otherwise provide \$4,000 to the Information Technology Account, or act relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE (5-0-0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Vocational Expense, or otherwise provide \$10,000 to fund a Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation shortage in the General Highway Expense Account, or act relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE (5-0-0)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Vocational Expense or otherwise provide \$4,000 to fund repairs to the Ashfield Lake Dock, or act relative thereto.

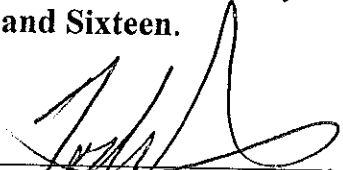
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ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Vocational Expense, or otherwise provide a sum of money for a classification and compensation study, or act relative thereto.

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, Fourteen (14) 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 27 day of May in the year **Two Thousand and Sixteen.**



Todd Olanyk, Chair

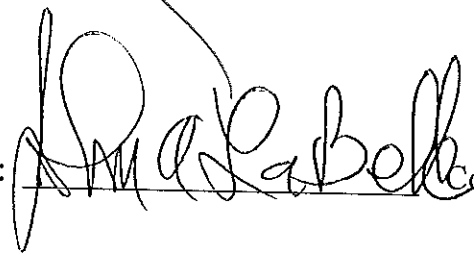


Thomas S. Carter, Vice Chair

Ashfield Select Board



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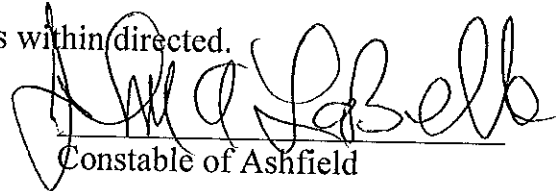
A true copy. Attest: 

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

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



Constable of Ashfield

5-28-16

Date