

# **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 SEVENTH day of MAY 2011, 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 (1) year terms; a SELECT BOARD MEMBER, a BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER, three (3) FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, a BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, a PARK COMMISSIONER, a SEWER COMMISSIONER, all for three (3) year terms; a PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, a LIBRARY TRUSTEE, all for five (5) year terms; a BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER for an unexpired term (one (1) year); a SEWER COMMISSIONER for an unexpired term (two (2) years); a CONSTABLE for an unexpired term (one (1) year); a PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for an unexpired term (one (1) year); a LIBRARY TRUSTEE for an unexpired term (two (2) years); a LIBRARY TRUSTEE for an unexpired term (four (4) years); a SCHOOL 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 bonds issued in order to repair the roof and windows at the Mohawk Trail Regional School?”

**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 from July 1, 2011, as contained in the budget, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **SELECT BOARD** to take all necessary and appropriate actions to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,233 from retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to reimburse the town for fuel oil charges incurred by the Wastewater Treatment Plant in fiscal 2009.

**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 **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EXPENSES AND EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Capital	102,671
Vocational	400,000

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$1,791,879 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 following sums of money to pay for **AMBULANCE SERVICE** or act relative thereto:

Highland Assessment	25,512
Radio Assessment	1,200

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$3,000 to the **RESERVE ACCOUNT**, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** 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:

Zoning Board of Appeals	150
Elected Assessor Chair	1,500
Elected Assessor Salaries (2) @ 1,250	2,500
Assessor's Clerk	11,424
Assessor's Expenses	27,508
Treasurer Salary	12,759
Treasurer Assistant	2,496
Treasurer Expenses	2,599
Auditor	9,500
Bonds	1,200
Municipal Town Clerk Salary	23,868
Municipal Town Clerk Asst.	11,881
Town Clerk Expenses	275
Town Report	500
Elections	3,500
Registrars of Voters	400
Street Lists	500
Collector	17,089
Town Collector Expenses	9,464
Tax Title	0
Elected Select Board Chair	1,500
Elected Select Board Salaries (2) @ 1,250	2,500
Select Board Expenses	2,500
Executive Administrator	18,930
Town Hall Expenses	35,610
Town Hall Steward	300
Insurance Buildings/Liability	33,000
Town Counsel	5,000
Planning Board	950
Conservation Commission	900
Elected Moderator	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240,403</b>

**ARTICLE 11:** 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	3,205
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**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 **PUBLIC SAFETY** expenses or act relative thereto:

Animal Control Salary	1,764
Animal Control Expenses	550
Fire Chief's Salary	2,646
Fire Chief's Expenses	340
Fire Department Expenses	37,427
Fire Department Fuel	3,509
Emergency Manager	1,000
Lake Dam Inspection	2,000
Police Chief Salary	54,000
Police Department	39,135
Police Department Fuel	7,018
Drug/Alcohol Testing	300
Tree Warden	300
Tree Warden Expenses	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153,989</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** 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	32,358
Belding Memorial Park	10,855
Veterans Graves	720
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,933</b>

**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 **SANITATION SERVICES** or act relative thereto:

Hilltown Resource Management	5,824
Transfer Station	74,785
Inspector of Animals	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,959</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 **HEALTH SERVICES** or act relative thereto.

FRCOG Health	10,748
Health Board Expenses	900
Elected Board of Health Salaries 3 @ 450	1,350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,998</b>

**ARTICLE 16:** 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	75,290
Labor	155,811
Highway Fuel	58,246
Highway Superintendent	52,401
Winter Roads	85,788
Street Lights	2,000
Lake Dam Maintenance	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>430,536</b>

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

Senior Center	22,537
Local Council on Aging	750
Veterans' Council	3,705
Veterans' Benefits Local	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,992</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 **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Health Insurance	66,800
Medicare/FICA	11,220
Retiree Benefit-Health	10,500
Retirement System Contributions	64,272
Unemployment	27,500
Workers Compensation	13,097
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193,389</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 **FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Core Assessment	14,839
Accountant	17,367
Software	1,000
Procurement	2,671
Radio Maintenance	2,356
Inspector Program	38,166
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,399</b>

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$132,063 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for sewer expenses and to meet that appropriation by raising \$122,063 from sewer charges and transferring \$10,000 from retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to pay for **SEWER EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Salaries and Benefits	71,103
Fixed Operating Costs	900
Volume Based Costs	55,060
Emergency Fund	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,063</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 **DEBT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Short Term Interest	7,500
Town Common Debt	16,320
Highway Debt Truck	55,584
Highway Debt Garage	83,662
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,066</b>

**ARTICLE 22:** 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, 2011 or act relative thereto:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY2012 Spending Limit</b>
Dog License and Control	Town Clerk	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies, animal care, by law permitted expenses	<del>\$2,500</del>
Park	Park Commission	Program fees, donations	Park Expenses	<del>\$1,500</del>
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Fees, rental	Library expenses	<del>\$2,000</del>

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint a select board member to serve as Emergency Management Director, and to supervise him in that position, while he continues to serve as a select board member, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to the **STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**, or act relative thereto.

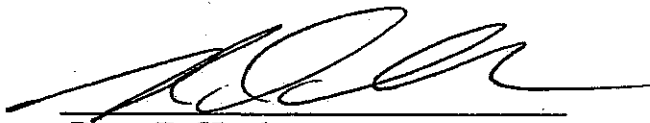
**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend any grants and/or gifts that may become available, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27:** 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.

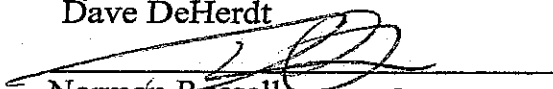
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the ASHFIELD TOWN HALL and the ASHFIELD POST OFFICE in said Town, Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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.

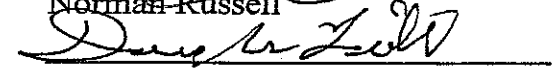
Given this day under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.



Dave DeHerdt



Norman Russell



Douglas Field

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

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

Elizabeth G. Lesure  
Constable of Ashfield

Date 04-28-2011