

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SS.

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

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 SANDERSON ACADEMY in said Ashfield on SATURDAY the FIRST day of MAY 2010, 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 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, TWO (2) CONSTABLES, A PARK COMMISSIONER, , and A SEWER COMMISSIONER all for three year terms; A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER and a LIBRARY TRUSTEE, both for five years; A SELECT BOARD MEMBER for an unexpired term (two (2) years); A BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER for an expired term (two (2) years); A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER for an unexpired term (one (1) year); A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER for an expired 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 truck and plow for the highway department?”

**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, 2010, as contained in the budget, or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** 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	117,566
Vocational	430,000

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$1,818,364 to pay for **REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES** or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town of Ashfield shall allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to establish stabilization funds in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71 section 16G½ for capital projects with regard to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District High School and Middle School or act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7:** 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	20,241
Radio Assessment	1,200

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$3,000 to pay for the **RESERVE ACCOUNT**, 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 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Appeals Board	150
Elected Assessor Chair	0
Elected Assessor Salaries (2) @ 1,250	0
Assessor's Clerk	12,808
Assessor's Expenses	25,900
Accounting Expenses	0
Auditor	9,500
Conservation Commission	900
Bonds	1,200
Insurance Buildings/Liability	33,000
Office Expenses	0
Office Supplies/Expenses	5,650
Postage	250
Computer/Internet	2,500
Planning Board	700
Elections	3,500
Registrars of Voters	400
Town Administrator	27,816
Street Lists	500
Municipal Town Clerk Salary	7,628
Municipal Town Clerk Asst.	10,868
Town Clerk Expenses	100

Town Report	500
Collector	16,754
Town Collector Expenses	9,182
Town Counsel	10,000
Town Hall Maintenance	7,000
Town Hall Utilities	14,000
Elected Select Board Chair	0
Elected Select Board Salaries (2) @ 1,250	0
Select Board Expenses	800
Elected Moderator	0
Treasurer Salary	12,509
Treasurer Expenses	1,500
Tax Title	13,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228,615</b>

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 11:** 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	1,729
Animal Control Expenses	550
Fire Chief's Salary	2,594
Fire Chief's Expenses	340
Fire Department Expenses	29,250
Fire Department Utilities	7,110
Fire Department Fuel	2,500
Emergency Management	1,000
Lake Dam Inspection	1,500
Police Chief Salary	48,375
Police Sergeant Salary	0
Police Department	39,135
Police Department Fuel	6,000
Drug/Alcohol Testing	300
Tree Warden	0
Tree Warden Expenses	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>144,383</b>

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

Belding Memorial Library	29,700
Belding Memorial Park	10,855
Veterans Graves	720
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,275</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 **SANITATION SERVICES** or act relative thereto:

Hilltown Resource Management	5,825
Transfer Station	68,100
Transfer Station Utilities	900
Inspector of Animals	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,175</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 **HEALTH SERVICES** or act relative thereto.

FRCOG Health	7,412
Health Board Expenses	900
Elected Board of Health Salaries 3 @ 450	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,312</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 **HIGHWAY AND ROAD EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

General Highway	26,700
Labor	152,756
Machinery Maintenance	31,500
Highway Fuel	41,500
Highway Department Utilities	12,600
Uniforms	0
Highway Superintendent	51,374
Winter Roads	85,424
Street Lights	0
Lake Dam Maintenance	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402,854</b>

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum up to \$145,000 to meet the Town's share of the costs of purchasing a new truck for the highway department to

serve the Town of Ashfield; that to meet such appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to the sum of \$145,000; provided that the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a debt exclusion under Proposition 2½.

**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:

Council on Aging	22,162
Local Council	50
Veterans' Council	3,705
Veterans' Benefits Local	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,917</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	11,000
Retiree Benefit-Health	10,500
Retirement Sys. Contributions	70,392
Sick Leave (Departing Employee)	0
Vacation/Personal (Departing Employee)	0
Unemployment	35,300
Workers Compensation	12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205,992</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	15,313
Accountant	17,423
Software	1,250
Procurement	2,200
Radio Maintenance	2,360
Inspector Program	39,999
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,545</b>

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$135,400 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for sewer expenses and to meet that appropriation by raising \$125,400 from sewer charges and transferring \$10,000 from retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund for a total of

\$135,400 to pay for **SEWER EXPENSES** or act relative thereto:

Salaries and Benefits	72,350
Fixed Operating Costs	2,000
Volume Based Costs	56,050
Emergency Fund	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,400</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 Principal	15,000
Town Common Interest	3,300
Highway Debt	85,099
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110,899</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, 2009 or act relative thereto:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY2011 Spending Limit</b>
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 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 adopt the following non-criminal disposition bylaw for the violation of Board of Heath private well regulations

Non-criminal disposition: Whoever violates any provision of the Board of Health’s “Private Well Regulations”, may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D.

Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. For the purpose of this provision, the penalty to apply in the event of a violation shall be as follows:

- First violation: written warning
- Second violation: \$100.00
- Third and subsequent violations: \$200.00

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Enforcement of this bylaw shall be implemented by the Board of Health or its designated agent.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to enter into immediate discussions with other Western Massachusetts municipalities with the intent of entering an inter-municipal agreement, by and through the Select Board, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open access, financially self-sustaining communication system for the provision of broadband service, including high-speed Internet access, telephone and cable television to the residents, businesses and institutions of these municipalities; or act relatives 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 20th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

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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

\_\_\_\_\_ days before the date of the meeting as within directed.

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Constable of Ashfield

Date\_\_\_\_\_