

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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 2019**, at **TEN O'CLOCK** in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: Election of Officers

To choose a MODERATOR and a TREE WARDEN, all for a one-year term. To choose A SELECT BOARD MEMBER, A BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBER, TWO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, A CONSTABLE, A PARK COMMISSIONER, A SEWER COMMISSIONER, A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, all for three-year (3) terms. To choose A PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, and a LIBRARY TRUSTEE all for five-year (5) terms.

To vote on the following question:

Ballot Question #1

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

Yes No

Polls to be closed at 6:00 PM.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2: Reports of Officers

To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 3: Elected Officials Compensation

To see if the Town will vote to set the stipends and compensation for all elected officials of the Town (Moderator, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Constable, Select Board, School Committee, and Tree Warden) as provided by the M.G.L., c.41, §108, to be made effective as of July 1, 2019, as contained in the budget, or act relative thereto.

Position	Stipend
Moderator	150.00
Board of Assessors Chair	1,500.00
Board of Assessors Members (2 @ \$1250 each)	2,500.00
Board of Health Members (3 @ \$750 each)	2,250.00
Constable (3 elected positions, hours vary)	13.00 per hour
Select Board Chair	1,500.00
Select Board Members (2 @ \$1250 each)	2,500.00
School Committee (2 @ \$500 each)	1,000.00
Tree Warden	300.00

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 4: Authorization for Compensating Balance Agreements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance M.G.L. c.44, §53F, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 5: Authorization to Accept/Expend Grants/Gifts to Town

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.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 6: Disposal of Surplus Property

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.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 7: School Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to fund **SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS, REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL EXPENSES,** and **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

School Committee Stipends	1,000
MTRSD Regional School Expense	2,406,162
MTRSD Capital Expense	62,099
Vocation Education Expense	301,585
Total	2,770,846

Finance Committee recommends approval (3-2-0)

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 8: Local Option – Denial of License/Permits for Failure to Pay Taxes

To see if the Town will to accept M.G.L., c.40, §57, which allows municipalities to deny local licenses and permits, including renewals and transfers, issued by any board, officer, or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 9: General Bylaw – Denial of License/Permits for Failure to Pay Taxes

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Ashfield by adding a new section pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, §57, which allows municipalities to deny licenses and permits when the applicant or owner of the property to which the license or permit relates owes municipal taxes or fees, to bring such bylaw into accord with the law as revised by the Municipal Modernization Act:

Denial of License for Non-Payment of Taxes

The Town may, as authorized under the provisions of M.G.L. c.40, §57 and this Bylaw, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of M.G.L. c.40, §21D, or with respect to any activity, event, or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or it to be carried out of exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges.

- (a) The Tax Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipals taxes, assessments, betterments, and other municipal charges (hereinafter referred to as the Tax Collector), shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission, or division (hereinafter referred to as the Licensing or Permitting Authority), that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise (hereinafter referred to as the party), that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.
- (b) The Licensing or Permitting Authority may deny, revoke, or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any Party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing or Permitting Authority from the Tax Collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event, or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercise on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing or Permitting Authority from the Tax Collector; provided however that written notice is given to the Party and to the Tax Collector, as required by the applicable provisions of law, and the Party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice, said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation, or suspension. Any findings made by the Licensing or Permitting Authority with respect to such license denial, revocation, or suspension shall be made only for the purposed of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduce in any other proceeding at law,

except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation, or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the Licensing or Permitting Authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the Party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessment, betterments, or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as of the date of the issuance of said certificate.

- (c) Any Party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a Payment Agreement, thereby allowing the Licensing or Permitting Authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license or permit shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said Agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by application provisions of law.
- (d) The Select Board may waive such denial, suspension, or revocation if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of their immediate family, as denied in MGL c. 268A, §1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This Bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses: open burning (c.48, §13); bicycle permits (c.85, §11A); sales or articles for charitable purposes (c.101, §33); children's work permits (c.149, §69); clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (c.140, §21E); dog licenses (c.140, §137); fishing, hunting or trapping (c.131, §12); marriage licenses (c.207, §28) and theatrical events, public exhibitions (c.140, §181).

Or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 10: CITIZENS' PETITION – SOLICITATION BYLAW

*Town Counsel has reviewed the language of the proposed General Bylaw. Approval of the Bylaw is **BINDING**.*

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Ashfield by adding a section, **SOLICITATION BYLAW**, as provided below:

SOLICITATION BYLAW

1. Purpose

This bylaw establishes registration requirements and specific operational requirements for persons intending to engage in door-to-door canvassing or solicitation in the Town of Ashfield in order to protect its citizens from disruption of the peaceful enjoyment of their residences and from the perpetration of fraud or other crimes; and, to allow for reasonable access to residents in their homes

by persons or organizations who wish to communicate either commercial or non-commercial messages.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

- I. "Soliciting" shall mean and include any one or more of the following door-to-door activities:
 - a. Selling, or seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods or services, including advertising in any type of publication, for any kind of consideration whatsoever,
 - b. Selling, or seeking to obtain prospective customers for application for purchase of insurance of any kind,
 - c. Selling, or seeking to sell subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers or any other type of publication,
 - d. Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, or any valuable thing for the support or benefit of any association, organization, corporation or project wholly or in part for commercial purposes or by a professional solicitor or commercial co-venture for a charitable or other non-commercial organization, and
 - e. Seeking to obtain information on the background, occupation, economic status, political affiliation, attitudes, viewpoints, or the like of the occupants of a residence for the purpose of selling or using such data, wholly, or in part, for commercial purposes.
- II. "Canvassing" shall mean and include any one or more of the following door-to-door activities:
 - a. Person-to-person distribution of literature, periodicals, or other printed materials for commercial purposes, but shall not include placing or dropping off printed materials on the premises,
 - b. Seeking to enlist membership in any organization for commercial purposes, and
 - c. Seeking to present, in person, organizational information for commercial purposes;
- III. "Residences" shall mean and include every individual dwelling unit occupied for residential purposes by one or more persons;
- IV. "Registered Solicitor" shall mean any person who has obtained a valid certificate of registration from the Town as required by this Bylaw;
- V. "Charitable Organization", "Professional Solicitor" and "Commercial Co-venturer" shall be defined as set forth in Chapter 68, Section 18, of the General Laws:
 - a. "Charitable organization", any person whose purposes or actual operation are charitable in nature or one holding himself out to be a charitable organization in whole or in part, including any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal which could be reasonably interpreted to suggest that there is a charitable purpose to any such solicitation,
 - b. "Commercial co-venturer", any person who for profit or other commercial consideration, conducts, produces, promotes, underwrites, arranges or sponsors a performance, event, or sale to the public of a good or service which is advertised in

conjunction with the name of any charitable organization or as benefiting to any extent any charitable purpose. Any such person who will benefit in good will only shall not be deemed a commercial co-venturer if the collection and distribution of the proceeds of the performance, event or sale are supervised and controlled by the benefiting charitable organization, and

- c. "Professional solicitor", any person who is retained for a financial or other consideration by a charitable organization to solicit in this commonwealth contributions for charitable purposes directly or in the form of payment for goods or services, whether such solicitation is done individually or through other persons under the direction of the professional solicitor. A person who otherwise is a professional fund-raising counsel shall be deemed a professional solicitor if at any time he has custody or control of contributions. A bona fide salaried officer or regular, non-temporary employee of a charitable organization maintaining a permanent establishment within the commonwealth shall not be deemed to be a professional solicitor. No attorney, investment counselor or banker who advises an individual corporation or association to make a charitable contribution shall be deemed, as the result of such advice, to be a professional fund-raising counsel or a professional solicitor.

3. Registration

Every person or organization intending to engage in soliciting or canvassing door-to-door in the Town of Ashfield must first apply for a permit with the Chief of Police and must not engage in such activity until the permit is approved. Applications for individual and organizational registration shall be filed at least ten (10) business days in advance of the intended solicitation.

- I. Application for a certificate of registration for an organization shall include the following information:
 - a. The name and address of the organization applying for registration, and the names and addresses of the organizations' principal officers. If the organization is a charitable organization, a certification that the most recent Annual Registration Statement required to be filed with the Attorney General's Division of Public Charities has been filed, 501(c)(3),
 - b. If the organization is a Professional Solicitor or a Commercial Co-venturer for a charitable organization, a copy of the contract with the charitable organization must be provided with the application. Failure to include a copy of the contract with the charitable organization under such circumstances will render the application incomplete and no action will be taken thereon,
 - c. The name, title and phone number, and valid driver's license or other government photo identification of the persons filing the application form,
 - d. The name and addresses of the person(s), if any who will be directly supervising the solicitation or canvassing by the applicant,
 - e. A list of the names, addresses, dates of birth of all individuals who will be employed in soliciting or canvassing by the applicant,

- f. Make, model and registration number of any vehicle to be used by the applicant(s) while soliciting or canvassing,
 - g. Valid driver's license or other government issued photo identification,
 - h. Period of time for which certificate of registration is needed. No certificate will be granted for longer than 60-days,
 - i. Names of the last three communities (if any) in which the organization has conducted a solicitation or canvassing operation, complete with the date issued and date expired, and
 - j. Insurance information and license, if applicable;
- II. Individual registration forms shall be required for all individuals who are not affiliated with an organization:
- a. Name and address of the present place of residence and length of residence at that address; if less than three years residence at present address, the address of residence(s) during the past three years,
 - b. Date of birth,
 - c. Name, address and telephone number of the person or organization whom the applicant represents and the length of time the applicant has been associated with or employed by that person or organization. If the individual is a professional solicitor or a commercial co-venturer for a charitable organization, a copy of the contract, if any, with the charitable organization must be provided with the application. Failure to include a copy of the contract with the charitable organization under such circumstances will render the application incomplete and no action will be taken thereon,
 - d. Period of time for which certification of registration is needed. No certificate will be granted for longer than 60-days,
 - e. Name of last three communities (if any) in which the applicant has solicited or canvassed door-to-door, complete with the date of issue and expiration date,
 - f. Valid driver's license or other government issued photo identification, and
 - g. Make, model and registration number of any vehicle to be used by the applicant while soliciting or canvassing.

4. Registration Fee

There shall be an application fee of \$20.00 for an individual registration certificate. Each organizational applicant for registration or re-registration shall pay to the Town an application fee of \$50.00.

5. Registration Certificates

- I. The Chief of Police, after review, but in no event more than fourteen (14) business days after receipt of a fully-completed application, if approved, shall furnish the requestor with a registration certificate, which shall contain the following information:
 - a. The name of the person,
 - b. The name of the organization (if any) which the person represents,

- c. A statement that the individual has been registered with the Town of Ashfield, but that registration is not an endorsement of any individual or organization,
 - d. Specific dates or period of time covered by the registration, and
 - e. Signature of the Police Chief;
- II. Persons engaged in solicitation or canvassing as defined in this Bylaw must have the registration certificate on them at all times during solicitation or canvassing and show such certificate to any person solicited or upon the request of any police officer;
 - III. Registration certificates are only valid for the specific dates or time-period specified thereon and in no case for longer than 60 days;
 - IV. No certificate of registration shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of the commission of a felony under the Laws of the Commonwealth or any other State or Federal Law of the United States, nor to any person who has violated the provisions of this Bylaw, nor to any person or organization whose certificate of registration issued under this Bylaw has been previously revoked; and
 - V. The Police Department will keep a permanent record of all applications and issuances of certification of registrations.

6. Exceptions

- I. Registration shall not be required for officers or employees of the Town, County, State or Federal governments when on official business;
- II. Individual registration shall not be required for minors under the age of 18, except in connection with canvassing or soliciting on behalf of a non-profit organization;
- III. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to impose any restrictions upon or regulate in any way any activity for religious, political, or public policy purposes or other non-commercial purposes, regardless of whether such activity includes acts that would otherwise constitute soliciting or canvassing:
 - a. Any organizations falling under this category are requested to provide the Police Department notice (verbal or in writing) of soliciting or canvassing activities, in order to protect its citizens from disruption of the peaceful enjoyment of their residences and from the perpetration of fraud or other crimes
 - i. General date and times of solicitation, and
 - ii. Vehicle description and registration.

7. Duties of Persons Going Door-to-Door

- I. Upon going into any residential premises in the Town of Ashfield, every solicitor, canvasser or other persons must first examine any notice that may be posted prohibiting solicitation or other activities. If such notice is posted, the solicitor, canvasser or other person shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises; and
- II. Any solicitor, canvasser or other person who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or no, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.

8. Restrictions on Methods of Solicitation, Canvassing, or Other Door-to-Door Activities

No person shall:

- I. Falsely represent, directly or by implication, that the solicitation, canvassing or other activity is being done on behalf of a governmental organization, or on behalf of any municipal employee or elected official;
- II. Solicit or canvass or conduct any other activity at any residence where there is a sign posted prohibiting the same, without express prior permission of an occupant;
- III. Solicit, canvass, or conduct any other activity at any residence without express prior permission of an occupant, before 9:00 am or after 9:00 pm, where there is no sign posted otherwise limiting solicitation or the hours of solicitation or such activities;
- IV. Utilize any form of endorsement from any department head currently employed or serving the Town of Ashfield; and
- V. Solicit, canvass or conduct any other activity at any residence in a threatening, abusive or illegal fashion.

9. Penalty

- I. Any person or organization who shall violate any of the provisions of this Bylaw may be fined, the fine not to exceed \$300.00 which shall inure to the Town for each violation, all in accord with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D;
- II. Each separate solicitation, canvassing, or other door-to-door activity shall constitute a separate offense; and
- III. The Police Officers of the Town of Ashfield shall enforce this Bylaw.

Or act relative thereto.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 11: General Government Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Elected Moderator	150
Select Board Stipend	4,000
Special Projects/Tech Assistance	2,000
Select Board Expense	2,000
Town Administrator Salary	62,113
Town Administrator Expense	2,862
Audit	10,088
Assessors' Stipend	4,000
Assistant Assessor	20,265
Assessors' Expense	18,852
Treasurer Salary	31,952
Treasurer Expense	1,131

Collector Salary	25,085
Collector Expense	6,262
Legal Expense	5,820
Data - Information Technology	7,500
Data - Contracted Services	48,140
Tax Title	2,000
Town Clerk Salary	44,834
Executive Assistant Salary	19,473
Town Clerk Expense	5,100
Elections Expense	2,200
Registrars of Voters Expense	600
Street Lists	900
Conservation Commission Expense	1,644
TH Administrative Support	4,102
Planning Board	1,066
Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	900
TH Utilities	27,160
TH Expense	6,208
TH Steward	700
TH Building Committee Expense	16,000
Town Common Maintenance	2,200
General Insurance	64,578
Public Official Bonds	1,200
Town Reports	750
Total	453,836

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 12: Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide **\$3,000** to fund the **RESERVE ACCOUNT** to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under M.G.L. c.40, §6 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 13: Public Safety Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Dog License and Control Fund, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Police Chief Salary	71,910
Police Department Wages	52,158
Police Department Expense	24,000
Drug & Alcohol Testing	300
Fire Chief Stipend	9,257
Fire Department Wages	25,030
Fire Department Expense	46,000
Emergency Management Stipends	1,183
Emergency Management Expense	3,457
Animal Control Officer Stipend	3,520
Animal Control Expense	2,500
Animal Inspector	690
Tree Warden Stipend	300
Tree Warden Expense	8,000
Total	248,304

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 14: Public Works Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Highway Superintendent Salary	65,731
Highway Labor	209,032
General Highway Expense	120,000
Highway Department Fuel	50,000
Winter Roads Expense (Snow/Ice)	130,000
Winter Sidewalk Expense	5,000
Street Lights	4,140
HRMC Expense	8,750
Transfer Station Expense	96,384
Total	689,036

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 15: Health & Human Services Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Board of Health Stipends	2,250
Board of Health Expense	1,250
Health Agents	8,000
Senior Center Expense	30,479
Local Council on Aging Expense	900
Veterans Services District	3,580
Veterans Benefits - Local	6,120
Veterans Graves	1,300
Total	53,879

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 16: Culture & Recreational Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **CULTURE & RECREATIONAL EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Belding Memorial Library Expense	55,000
Belding Memorial Park Expense	15,492
Ashfield Lake Dam Inspection	2,000
Invasive Species Removal	1,850
Field Lot Retention Wall	3,000
Lake Dam Maintenance	13,000
Historical Commission Expense	1,000
Total	91,342

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 17: Debt Service Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Broadband Debt	25,000
Dump Truck Debt	100,000

Highway Garage Debt	72,171
Short-term Debt Interest	7,500
Total	204,671

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 18: Intergovernmental Assessments

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS** for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Expenses (FRCOG) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

FRCOG Core Assessment	15,168
FRCOG Accountant Service	23,963
FRCOG Software Maintenance	728
FRCOG Procurement Services	2,798
FRCOG Radio Maintenance	5,560
FRCOG Inspections Program	7,500
FRCOG REPC Assessment	150
Total	55,867

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 19: Benefits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

FRRS	96,204
Workers Compensation	1,000
Unemployment Insurance	3,000
Health Insurance	71,050
Retiree Health Insurance	9,240
Medicare/FICA	11,895
Total	192,389

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 20: Ambulance Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund **AMBULANCE SERVICES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Highland Ambulance EMS Assessment	84,986
Highland Ambulance EMS Radio Assessment	2,780
Total	87,766

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 21: Capital Projects

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund the following **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	20,000
Highway - Loader	140,000
Highway - Bridge Related Work	25,000
Transfer Station Improvements	75,000
Fire - Pumper/Tanker Truck	25,000
Police Cruiser	25,000
Belding Library Projects	9,000
Veterans Memorial	6,000
Total	325,000

Finance Committee recommends approval (3-1-0),

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 22: OPEB Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,940** to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund Account for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 23: Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer from Retained Earnings, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to operate the **Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto.

Revenues		
Department Receipts		170,985
Retained Earnings		105,000
	TOTAL	275,985
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefit Costs		98,435
Fixed Operating Costs		500
Volume Based Costs		67,050
Emergency Fund Costs		5,000
Indirect Costs		0
Capital Costs		105,000
	TOTAL	275,985

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 24: Broadband Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Broadband Development/Appropriation account, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to fund the Broadband Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, to provide Broadband telecommunication services, or act relative thereto.

Revenues		
General Fund Broadband Development/Appropriation		77,422
Revenues		127,500
Retained Earnings		0
	TOTAL	204,922
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefit Costs		6,000
Operational Costs		188,140
Indirect Costs		10,782
Capital Costs		0
	TOTAL	204,922

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 25: Revolving Funds

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following spending limits for the revolving funds noted below pursuant to the Ashfield Revolving Fund Bylaw and pursuant to the M.G.L. c.44, §53E½ for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or act relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	FY2020 Spending Limit
Dog License and Control	5,000
Park	1,500
Library	2,900

Finance Committee recommends approval (4-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 26: Local Option – Saturday Closures

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL c.41, §110A, which states as follows:

Any public office in any city or town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time, in a city by the city council, subject to the provisions of the city charter, or, in a town, by vote of the town at a special or regular town meeting, and the provisions of section nine chapter four shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday;"

Or act relative thereto.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 27: Springfield Materials Recycling Facility 10-year Contract

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a ten (10) year contract with the option for a five (5) year extension, commencing on July 1, 2020, with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Select Board's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in Spring 2020 for funding, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval (5-0-0), unanimously

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 28: CITIZENS' PETITION – REPRESENT.US Legislative Reform

This is a NON-BINDING Resolution.

Resolution authored by Represent US Supporting State and Federal Legislation to Limit the Influence of Money in Politics and Promote Free and Fair Elections

WHEREAS, the unregulated influence of money has degraded the fairness and efficacy of our elections at every governmental level; and

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to the health of our democracy and demand our efforts to protect them; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to counter this threat to our democracy, a non-partisan grassroots movement known as "Represent.US" is working for legislative reforms through local chapters including Represent Western Mass

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the citizens of the Town of Ashfield, Massachusetts that we support legislation that will forestall the influence of money in our elections through measures such as limiting the access of lobbyists, mandating full transparency in campaign financing, adopting public campaign financing, instituting automatic voter registration, ending gerrymandering, and instituting ranked choice voting, to encourage civic participation and ensure fair representation in this most vital of our democratic institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of the Town of Ashfield implores our elected representatives in Boston, State Senator Adam Hinds and Rep. Natalie Blais and in Washington, Sen. Edward Markey and Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Richard Neal (or their successors) to lead this effort to enact these initiatives in Massachusetts and in the U.S. Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of Ashfield is hereby directed to give notice to the above representatives by sending a certified copy of this resolution to each of them.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 29: CITIZENS' PETITION – STATE FLAG

This Is a NON-BINDING Resolution.

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the naked Colonial broadsword brandished above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled over Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Euro-Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Euro-Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the Euro-Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

And **whereas** Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols for public schools and sports teams, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Ashfield shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations such as the Mohican, Pocumtuc, and Abenaki, who frequented this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers of Huntstown arrived in the early 1740s;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Ashfield hereby adopts this resolution in support of **H.2776 / S.1877**, a "**Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth**," and requests that Representative Natalie M. Blais and Senator Adam G. Hinds continue their strong advocacy and support for the aforementioned Resolve (H.2776 and S.1877) in the General Court, and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve report it out favorably, and if the legislation shall pass that the governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment.

No recommendation by Finance Committee

Quantum Vote Required: Majority

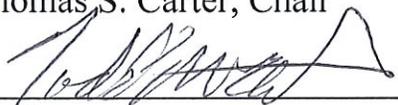
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the ASHFIELD TOWN HALL and the ASHFIELD POST OFFICE in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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 **Two Thousand and Nineteen**.

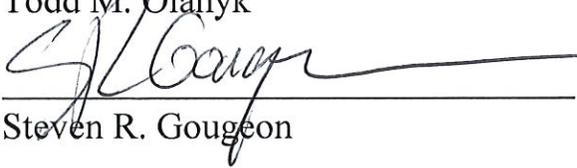


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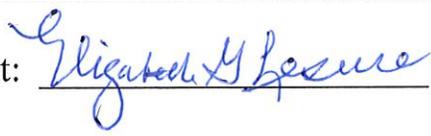


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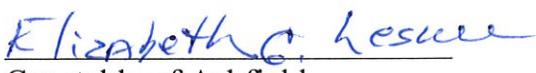
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A true copy. Attest:  Constable

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

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



Constable of Ashfield

4-24-2019

Date