

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

05/04/2019

Ashfield held the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 4th. Town Meeting has now been adjourned and dissolved. The results are listed below, along with the attendance count.

ARTICLE	DATE	SUBJECT	RESULT
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1	05/04/2019	Election of Officers – to elect town officers and vote on one ballot question	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
2	05/04/2019	Report of the Town Officers – to accept the reports of Town Officers	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
3	05/04/2019	Elected Officials Compensation – that the town set the stipends/compensation for all elected officials	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
4	05/04/2019	Authorization for Compensating Balance Agreements – to vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
5	05/04/2019	Authorization to Accept/Expend Grants/Gifts to Town – vote to authorize the Select Board to accept/expend grants/gifts that may become available	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
6	05/04/2019	Disposal of Surplus Property – vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of any unused town owned equipment and/or property	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
7	05/04/2019	School Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$2,770,846 to fund educational expenses	Passed by a Declared Simple Majority Vote
8	05/04/2019	Local Option – Denial of License/Permits for Failure to Pay Taxes – vote 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.	Failed by Declared Unanimous Vote
9	05/04/2019	General Bylaw – Denial of License/Permits for Failure to Pay Taxes	Passed over since Article 8 Failed
10	05/04/2019	Citizens’ Petition – Solicitation Bylaw Amendment passed on the floor to remove section 5, subsection IV.	Amended Article Passed by Declared Simple Majority Vote
11	05/04/2019	General Government Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$453,836 to fund general government expenses	Passed by Declared Near Unanimous Vote
12	05/04/2019	Reserve Fund – vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to fund the Reserve Account	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
13	05/04/2019	Public Safety Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$245,804 and transfer \$2,500 from the dog license and control fund for a total of \$248,304 to fund public safety expenses	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
14	05/04/2019	Public Works Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$689,036 to fund Public Works Expenses	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
15	05/04/2019	Health and Human Services Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$53,879 to fund Health and Human Services Expenses	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
16	05/04/2019	Cultural and Recreational Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$91,342 to fund Cultural and Recreation Expenses.	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
17	05/04/2019	Debt Service Expenses – vote to raise and appropriate \$204,671 to fund debt service expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote

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18	05/04/2019	Intergovernmental Assessments – vote to raise and appropriate \$55,867 to fund intergovernmental assessments for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) expenses	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
19	05/04/2019	Benefits – vote to raise and appropriate \$192,389 to fund employee benefit expenses	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
20	05/04/2019	Ambulance Service – vote to raise and appropriate \$84,986 and transfer from Free Cash \$2,780 for a total of \$87,766 to fund ambulance services	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
21	05/04/2019	Capital Projects – vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000, transfer from Free Cash \$250,000 for a total of \$325,000 to fund capital expenditures	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
22	05/04/2019	OPEB Trust Fund – vote to raise and appropriate \$1,940 to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Account	Passed by Declared Near Unanimous Vote
23	05/04/2019	Sewer/WWTP Enterprise Fund – vote to appropriate \$275,985 for the Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
24	05/04/2019	Broadband Enterprise Fund – vote transfer \$77,422 from the Broadband Development/Appropriation account and appropriate \$204,922 for the Broadband Enterprise Fund	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
25	05/04/2019	Revolving Funds – vote to approve the spending limits for the revolving funds. Amended to increase the Park Revolving Fund to \$3,000.	Amended Article Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
26	05/04/2019	Local Option – Saturday Closures – vote to accept M.G.L. c. 41 §110A	Passed by Declared Near Unanimous Vote
27	05/04/2019	Springfield Materials Recycling Facility 10-year Contract – vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a ten year contract with the option of a five year extension with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
28	05/04/2019	Citizen’s Petition – <i>Represent.US</i> Legislative Reform – resolution authorized by Represent US supporting state and federal legislation to limit the influence of money in politics and promote free and fair elections	Passed by a Declared Near Unanimous Vote
29	05/04/2019	Citizen’s Petition – State Flag – resolution in support of changing the state flag and seal of Massachusetts	Passed by Declared Near Unanimous Vote

Attendance: There were 104 voters in attendance at the Saturday, May 4th meeting.