

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 September 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: Rescind Articles

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Article 8, Article 9, Article 11, Article 12, Article 13, Article 14, Article 15 Article 16, Article 17, Article 21 from the June 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting as they were voted with no clear funding source, or act relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 2: General Government Expenses (Article 8 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Select Board Expense	2,000.00
Town Administrator Salary	63,060.00
Town Administrator Expense	2,863.00
Audit	10,040.00
Assistant Assessor	21,905.00
Assessors' Expense	19,435.00
Treasurer Salary	33,455.00
Treasurer Expense	5,829.00
Collector Salary/Admin. Support	45,313.00
Collector Expense	6,358.00
Legal Expense	5,820.00
Data - Information Technology	6,000.00
Data - Contracted Services	49,344.00
Tax Title	2,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	36,709.00
Town Clerk Expense	3,600.00
Elections Expense	4,700.00
Registrars of Voters Expense	600.00

Street Lists	900.00
Conservation Commission Expense	1,648.00
TH Administrative Support to the Boards	4,365.00
Planning Board	1,087.00
Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	900.00
TH Utilities	24,593.00
TH Expense	6,208.00
TH Steward	700.00
TH Building Committee Expense	10,000.00
Town Common Maintenance	2,200.00
General Insurance	71,034.00
Public Official Bonds	1,200.00
Town Reports	1,300.00
Total	445,166.00

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 3: Reserve Fund (Article 9 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$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, 2020, or act relative thereto.

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 4: Health & Human Services Expenses (Article 12 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Board of Health Expense	1,250.00
Health Agents	8,000.00
Senior Center Expense	39,993.00
Local Council on Aging Expense	1,200.00
Veterans Services District	3,998.00
Veterans Benefits - Local	7,344.00
Veterans Graves	1,300.00
Total	63,085.00

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 5: Culture & Recreational Expenses (Article 13- Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **CULTURE & RECREATIONAL EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Belding Memorial Library Expense	55,000.00
Belding Memorial Park Expense	15,492.00
Ashfield Lake Dam Inspection	2,000.00
Invasive Species Removal	850.00
Lake Dam Maintenance	5,000.00
Historical Commission Expense	1,000.00
Total	79,342.00

Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 6: Public Works Expenses (Article 11 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRAITE** the following sums of money to fund **PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Highway Superintendent Salary	66,660.00
Highway Labor	241,450.00
General Highway Expense	123,800.00
Highway Department Fuel	46,500.00
Winter Roads Expense (Snow/Ice)	130,000.00
Winter Sidewalk Expense	5,000.00
Street Lights	4,140.00
HRMC Expense	9,140.00
Transfer Station Expense	127,677.00
Total	754,367.00

Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority

ARTICLE 7: Debt Service Expenses (Article 14 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Broadband Debt	10,000.00
Highway Garage Debt	70,735.00
Short-term Debt Interest	7,500.00
Total	88,235.00

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 8: Ambulance Services (Article 15 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **AMBULANCE SERVICES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Highland Ambulance EMS Assessment	100,947.00
Highland Ambulance EMS Radio Assessment	2,982.00
Total	103,929.00

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 9: Benefits (Article 16 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums of money to fund **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES** for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, or act relative thereto:

FRRS	105,992.00
Workers Compensation	1,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	3,000.00
Health Insurance	76,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	12,000.00
Medicare/FICA	12,500.00
Total	210,492.00

**Finance Committee Recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 10: Intergovernmental Assessments (Article 17 – Annual Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** 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, 2020, or act relative thereto:

FRCOG Core Assessment	15,330.00
FRCOG Accountant Service	27,929.00
FRCOG Software Maintenance	728.00
FRCOG Procurement Services	2,914.00
FRCOG Radio Maintenance	5,963.00
FRCOG Inspections Program	7,600.00
FRCOG REPC Assessment	150.00
Total	60,614.00

**Finance Committee Recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 11: Revolving Funds (Article 21- Annual Town Meeting)

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, 2020, or act relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	FY2020 Spending Limit
Dog License and Control	\$ 5,000.00
Park	\$ 3,000.00
Library	\$ 2,500.00

**Finance Committee recommends
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

ARTICLE 12: Mohawk Trail Regional School District Expense

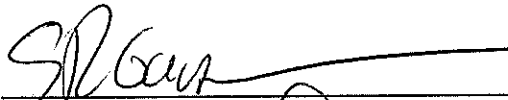
To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** \$129,455.00 to fund the Mohawk Trail Regional School Expenses for Fiscal Year 2021, or act relative thereto:

**Finance Committee recommends 4-0-1
Quantum Vote Required: Majority**

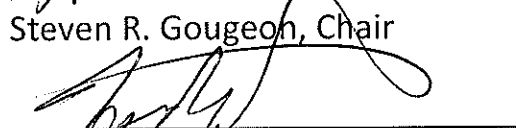
The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting on June 27, 2020 to raise and appropriate \$2,111,252 and transfer from Free Cash \$235,552 to fund, regional education expenses, education capital expenses and vocational school expenses for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. The MTRSD Regional School Expense amount of \$2,346,904 was appropriated as a 1/12 assessment. The School Committee voted the MTRSD Regional School Expense assessment for Ashfield in Fiscal Year 2021 as \$ 2,476,359. The \$129,455 is the difference between the 1/12 assessed amount and the actual FY21 assessment.

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.

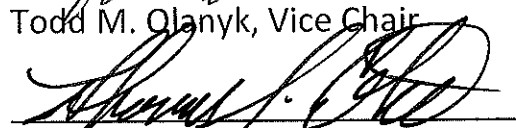
Given this day under our hands this **31st** day of **August** the year **Two Thousand and Nineteen**.



Steven R. Gougeon, Chair

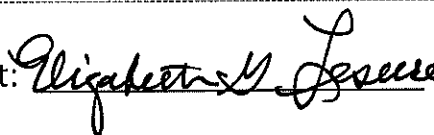


Todd M. Olanyk, Vice Chair



Thomas S. Carter

Ashfield Select Board

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

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



Constable of Ashfield

09-03-2020
Date