

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 4, 2013

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 8:15 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

The moderator states that the rules of the meeting are to be the same as the Special Town Meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to elect all other town officers not required to be on the official ballot.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the reports of the various town officials and committees.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded to accept the following sums in trust, the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

Glenwood Cemetery

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Section</u>
\$600.00	Steven & Marlene Plante	E	20	Lyman
\$400.00	Glenn & Debra Roberts		71	Section 3
\$200.00	Jeanette Patnaude	D	15A	Lyman
\$400.00	Phillips & Diane Morrill	B	29	Lyman
\$400.00	Richard & Nancy Fors	D	14A	Lyman
\$400.00	John & Pauline Buczinski	E	3	Lyman II
\$200.00	Brian & Elizabeth Pomerleau	E	30	Lyman II

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners to pay for said burials, for grave foundations, and for general cemetery maintenance and improvements with total expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses with total expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate all funds received from the state under the provisions under the “Chapter 90” program to provide for eligible road resurfacing and/or other improvement projects for Town roads; said sum to be 100% reimbursable by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the “Chapter 90” program.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Recycling Center/Transfer Station Enterprise Free Cash the sum of \$5,511 for the purpose of paying the Town’s original entry fee (\$4,111) and the FY14 Annual Membership fee (\$1,400) for the Devens’ Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$34,140 to be expended by the Solid Waste Department to defray the operational expenses and other necessary charges of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2014, to be appropriated as follows: Recycling Center Revenues: \$30,276 and Retained Earnings: \$3,864.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 as printed in the warrant, and to fund same, that the sum of \$6,020,536.34 be raised and appropriated and, further, that the sum of \$65,000 be appropriated from Free Cash to be applied to that portion of the North Middlesex Regional School District budget which relates to debt service payments by the Town: and to set the salaries of elected officials as printed.

The motion was made and seconded vote the budget line by line.

VOTE ON MOTION: DEFEATED

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

PASSED

TOWN OF ASHBY Budget ATM 14		
		<i>FY14</i>
	<i>LINES</i>	<i>APPROVED BUDGET</i>
<u>Administration</u>		
<u>1</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 51,156.71
<u>2</u>	Expenses	\$ 6,550.00
	Total	\$ 57,706.71
<u>Town Administrator</u>		
<u>3</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 38,000.00
	Total	\$ 38,000.00
<u>Finance Committee</u>		
<u>4</u>	Expense Budget	\$ 500.00
<u>5</u>	Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00
	Total	\$ 35,500.00
<u>Town Accountant</u>		
<u>6</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 33,457.36
<u>7</u>	Clerical	\$ 6,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 24,400.00
	Total	\$ 63,857.36
<u>Board of Assessors</u>		
<u>10</u>	Assessing Services	\$ 27,800.00
<u>11</u>	Wages	\$ 17,100.78
	Expenses	\$ 4,650.00
	Total	\$ 49,550.78
<u>Treasurer</u>		
<u>15</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 25,643.07
	Expenses	\$ 15,826.00
	Total	\$ 41,469.07
<u>Tax Collector</u>		
<u>18</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 32,435.41
	Expenses	\$ 14,329.75
	Total	\$ 46,765.16
<u>Legal Services</u>		
<u>21</u>	Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
	Total	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Technology and Systems</u>		
<u>22</u>	Expenses	\$ 43,000.00
	Total	\$ 43,000.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>		

<u>23</u>	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 29,543.11
<u>24</u>	Clerical	\$ 7,191.15
<u>25</u>	Election and Registrar Stipend	\$ 6,227.13
	Expenses	\$ 10,837.00
	Total	\$ 53,798.39
<u>Town Reports</u>		
<u>30</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,600.00
	Total	\$ 1,600.00
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
<u>31</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
	Total	\$ 1,700.00
<u>Planning</u>		
<u>32</u>	Expenses	\$ 750.00
	Total	\$ 750.00
<u>Zoning</u>		
<u>33</u>	Zoning Bd Expense	\$ 500.00
	Total	\$ 500.00
<u>Land Use</u>		
<u>34</u>	Agent Budget	\$ 10,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 1,628.38
	Total	\$ 11,628.38
<u>Town Office</u>		
	Expenses	\$ 46,170.00
	Total	\$ 46,170.00
<u>Town Clock</u>		
<u>40</u>	Stipend	\$ 500.00
	Total	\$ 500.00
<u>Municipal Buildings</u>		
<u>47</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,472.11
	Expenses	\$ 35,000.00
	Total	\$ 38,472.11
<u>Police</u>		
<u>49</u>	Police Chief Wages	\$ 53,328.00
<u>50</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 445,252.32
	Expenses	\$ 120,658.05
	Total	\$ 619,238.37
<u>Fire</u>		
<u>54</u>	Chief Salary	\$ 54,540.83
<u>55</u>	Firefighters Wages	\$ 13,637.33
<u>56</u>	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 38,963.81
<u>57</u>	Firefighter Stipends	\$ 5,000.00
<u>58</u>	FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 5,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 39,222.70
	Total	\$ 156,364.67

<u>Waste Oil</u>		
<u>62</u>	Wages	\$ 2,164.65
<u>63</u>	Expenses	\$ 950.00
	Total	\$ 3,114.65
<u>EMS</u>		
<u>64</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 12,170.89
<u>65</u>	Stipend - training	\$ 4,215.00
	Expenses	\$ 36,773.00
	Total	\$ 53,158.89
<u>Emergency Management</u>		
<u>67(2)</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 626.20
<u>68</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
	Total	\$ 1,626.20
<u>E-911</u>		
<u>69</u>	Expenses	\$ 100.00
	Total	\$ 100.00
<u>Hazardous Waste Coor.</u>		
<u>69(2)</u>	Stipend	\$ 345.86
	Total	\$ 345.86
<u>Building Inspector</u>		
<u>70</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,629.54
	Expenses	\$ 907.74
	Total	\$ 11,537.28
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>		
<u>72</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,287.24
<u>73</u>	Expenses	\$ 115.00
	Total	\$ 6,402.24
<u>Electrical Inspector</u>		
<u>74</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,287.24
<u>75</u>	Expenses	\$ 200.00
	Total	\$ 6,487.24
<u>Dog Officer</u>		
<u>76</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,283.79
<u>77</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
	Total	\$ 15,783.79
<u>Emergency Dispatch</u>		
<u>78</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 152,246.00
<u>79</u>	Expenses	\$ 2,297.04
	Total	\$ 154,543.04
<u>Monty Tech</u>		
<u>80</u>	Assessment	\$ 327,562.00
	Total	\$ 327,562.00
<u>NMRSD</u>		
	Assessment	\$ 2,941,144.00
	Total	\$ 2,941,144.00

<u>Highway</u>		
<u>83 (2)</u>	Wages Supt.	\$ 50,091.46
<u>84</u>	Wages - Regular	\$ 154,327.84
<u>85</u>	Wages -Overtime	\$ 2,500.00
	Expenses	\$ 144,451.00
	Total	\$ 351,370.30
<u>Snow & Ice</u>		
<u>91</u>	Winter Operation Wages	\$ -
<u>92</u>	Winter Overtime	\$ 20,000.00
<u>93</u>	Winter Expenses	\$ 80,000.00
	Total	\$ 100,000.00
<u>Street Lights</u>		
<u>94</u>	Expense	\$ 800.00
	Total	\$ 800.00
<u>Tree Warden</u>		
<u>95</u>	Expenses	\$ 2,800.00
	Total	\$ 2,800.00
<u>Cemetery</u>		
<u>96</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 8,670.53
<u>97</u>	Expense	\$ 2,000.00
	Total	\$ 10,670.53
<u>Board of Health</u>		
	Expenses	\$ 18,282.00
	Total	\$ 18,282.00
<u>Animal Inspector</u>		
<u>102</u>	Stipend	\$ 420.24
	Total	\$ 420.24
<u>Council on Aging</u>		
<u>103</u>	Wages	\$ 2,184.63
<u>103A</u>	Expense	\$ 1,875.00
	Total	\$ 4,059.63
<u>Veterans' Services</u>		
<u>104</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,749.05
	Expenses	\$ 42,500.00
	Total	\$ 44,249.05
<u>Library</u>		
<u>107</u>	Librarian Salary	\$ 19,968.00
<u>108</u>	Library Assistant Wages	\$ 18,741.13
	Expenses	\$ 44,577.00
	Total	\$ 83,286.13
<u>Band Concerts</u>		
<u>113</u>	Expenses	\$ 7,500.00
	Total	\$ 7,500.00
<u>July 3rd</u>		
<u>114</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00

	Total	\$ 1,200.00
<u>Allen Field</u>		
<u>115</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,400.00
	Total	\$ 1,400.00
<u>Town Common</u>		
<u>116</u>	Expenses	\$ 4,025.00
	Total	\$ 4,025.00
<u>Debt Service</u>		
<u>118</u>	Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 1,000.00
	Total	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Middlesex Retirement</u>		
<u>123</u>	Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 141,772.00
	Total	\$ 141,772.00
<u>Unemployment</u>		
<u>124</u>	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 2,500.00
	Total	\$ 2,500.00
<u>Employee Ins. Benefits</u>		
<u>125</u>	Employee Benefits Expense	\$ 347,129.94
	Total	\$ 347,129.94
<u>Workers Compensation</u>		
<u>126</u>	Insurance Not Health	\$ 13,666.68
	Total	\$ 13,666.68
<u>Insurance P & C</u>		
<u>127</u>	Liability P&C, E,F&P	\$ 80,000.00
	Total	\$ 80,000.00
<u>FICA</u>		
<u>128</u>	Employee Costs	\$ 21,028.65
	Total	\$ 21,028.65
	Total	\$ 6,085,536.34

Setting of Elected Salaries under Article 10:

- a. Town Clerk: \$29,543.11
- b. Town Collector: \$32,435.41 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)
- c. Town Treasurer: \$25,643.07 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL Ch. 200A, s. 9A, as amended, relative to notice requirements and alternative procedures in managing abandoned funds (i.e. unclaimed checks or “tailings”).

VOTE:

UNANIMOUS

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to approve the \$600,000 borrowing authorized by the North Middlesex Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of construction of a new septic system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, to be located at Hawthorne Brook Middle School, 64 Brookline Road, Townsend, said system to service the Hawthorne Brook Middle School and the Squannacook Early Childhood Center, said amount to be expended at the direction of the North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee.

The motion was made and seconded to amend Article 12 by deleting the words “septic system” and inserting the words “waste water treatment facility”.

Error in amendment and amendment was withdrawn.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: UNANIMOUS

Article 13. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of procuring professional consultant services regarding the radio repeater system for the Police and Fire Department.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 14. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of repairing the Fire Chief’s car and ambulance.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 15. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of purchasing a laptop for use on the ambulance and a Fire Station computer, with any associated equipment or costs, for electronic reporting of ambulance calls.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 16. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,200 for the purpose of converting the Library furnace to natural gas.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 17. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of installing insulation in the ceiling over the original part of the Library.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 18. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a camera monitoring system at the Library.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 19. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$500 for the purpose of capping the non-working chimney in the original Library building.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 20. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$169,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck (inclusive of a plow and a sander) for the Highway Department.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 21. The motion was made and seconded to amend the zoning bylaw by deleting, from section 4.1.2, the words “or non-profit institutional” so that the section will read “4.1.2 Municipal, Educational or Religious uses.”.

VOTE: YES- 52 NO-3 PASSED

Article 22. The motion was made and seconded to amend the zoning bylaw by deleting subsection “d. Conversion of a single-family home into a structure with 3 or more apartments or dwelling units within it or on the same lot.” from section 9.1.4, Authority, and lettering succeeding subsections consecutively.

VOTE: YES- 46 NO-7 PASSED

Article 23. The motion was made and seconded to amend the zoning bylaw by deleting section “9.1.6.1 Minimum Setbacks for Residential, Non-residential and Mixed Use Buildings: forty (40) feet” and inserting “9.1.6.1 Minimum setback from street center: forty (40) feet.” in its place.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 24. The motion was made and seconded to adopt the “Stretch Energy Code” set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 115.AA (i.e., Appendix 115.AA), as may be amended from time to time, and to enact Article XVIII of the Town of Ashby By-laws as set forth below:

Article XVIII - Stretch Energy Code

Section 1 - Adoption

The Town of Ashby has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 115.AA (i.e., Appendix 115.AA of the State Building Code or the “Stretch Energy Code”), as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 25. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$20,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the 2013 Annual Town Meeting at 11:45 AM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, Town Clerk