

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 7, 2016

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 9:00 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:47 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.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

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: PASSED

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 sums as printed in the Warrant, in trust; the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots.

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 \$15,000.

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 from book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, and related 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 \$27,550 from Transfer Station Revenue and \$5,077 from Transfer Station Retained Earnings, for the purpose of operating the Ashby Recycling Center & Transfer Station, along with any other necessary costs, for FY2017.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2016; and that to fund said budget, \$6,781,561.79 be raised and appropriated, \$292,644.69 be appropriated from Free Cash, and \$65,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus; and, further, to set the salaries of elected officers.

VOTE: PASSED

TOWN OF ASHBY		
<u>Budget ATM 17</u>		FY17
	<i>LINES</i>	<i>FINCOM APPROVED</i>
<u>Administration</u>		
<u>1</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 53,481.78
<u>2</u>	Expenses	\$ 6,550.00
-		\$ 60,031.78
<u>Town Administrator</u>		
<u>3</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 39,727.10
-		\$ 39,727.10
<u>Finance Committee</u>		
<u>4</u>	Expense Budget	\$ 250.00
<u>5</u>	Reserve Fund	\$ 30,000.00
		\$ 30,250.00

<u>Town Accountant</u>		
<u>6</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 34,454.40
<u>7</u>	Clerical	\$ 4,100.00
-	Expenses	\$ 24,524.00
-		\$ 63,078.40
<u>Board of Assessors</u>		
<u>10</u>	Assessing Services	\$ 22,880.00
<u>11</u>	Wages	\$ 21,211.07
-	Expenses	\$ 9,665.00
-		\$ 53,756.07
<u>Treasurer</u>		
<u>15</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 26,763.10
-	Expenses	\$ 18,620.78
-		\$ 45,383.88
<u>Tax Collector</u>		
<u>18</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 40,519.44
<u>18a</u>	Wages	\$ 2,500.00
-	Expenses	\$ 13,153.44
-		\$ 56,210.38
<u>Legal Services</u>		
<u>21</u>	Expenses	\$ 32,000.00
-		\$ 32,000.00
<u>Technology and Systems</u>		
<u>22</u>	Expenses	\$ 43,000.00
-		\$ 43,000.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>		
<u>23</u>	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 32,558.56
<u>24</u>	Clerical	\$ 7,762.35
<u>25</u>	Election and Registrar Stipend	\$ 6,127.13
-	Expenses	\$ 10,837.00
-		\$ 57,285.04
<u>Town Reports</u>		
<u>30</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,600.00
-		\$ 1,600.00
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
<u>31</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
-		\$ 1,700.00
<u>Planning</u>		
<u>32</u>	Expenses	\$ 875.00
-		\$ 875.00
<u>Zoning</u>		
<u>33</u>	Zoning Bd Expense	\$ 580.00
-		\$ 580.00
<u>Land Use</u>		
<u>34</u>	Agent Budget	\$ 10,000.00
-	Expenses	\$ 1,699.77
-		\$ 11,699.77

<u>Town Office</u>		
-	Expenses	\$ 60,020.00
-		\$ 60,020.00
<u>Town Clock</u>		
<u>40</u>	Stipend	\$ 500.00
-		\$ 500.00
<u>Municipal Buildings/Grounds</u>		
<u>47</u>	Wages/Stipend	\$ 4,005.00
-	Expenses	\$ 16,100.00
-		\$ 20,105.00
<u>Police</u>		
<u>49</u>	Police Chief Wages	\$ 90,701.46
<u>50</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 475,534.51
-	Expenses	\$ 190,710.67
-		\$ 756,946.64
<u>Fire</u>		
<u>54</u>	Chief Salary	\$ 57,019.71
<u>55</u>	Firefighters Wages	\$ 14,717.50
<u>56</u>	FF/ EMT Wages	\$ 40,734.71
<u>57</u>	Firefighter Stipends	\$ -
<u>58</u>	FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 8,000.00
-	Expenses	\$ 59,853.20
-		\$ 180,325.12
<u>Waste Oil</u>		
<u>62</u>	Stipend	\$ -
<u>63</u>	Expenses	\$ -
-		\$ -
<u>EMS</u>		
<u>64</u>	Wages - Coverage	\$ 13,195.00
<u>65</u>	Stipend - training	\$ 8,760.00
-	Expenses	\$ 43,930.00
-		\$ 65,885.00
<u>Emergency Management</u>		
<u>67(2)</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 654.66
<u>68</u>	Expenses	\$ 1,300.00
-		\$ 1,954.66
<u>E-911</u>		
<u>69</u>	Expenses	\$ 100.00
-		\$ 100.00
<u>Hazardous Waste Coord.</u>		
<u>69(2)</u>	Stipend	\$ -
-		\$ -
<u>Building Inspector</u>		
<u>70</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 11,112.66
<u>71</u>	Expenses	\$ 907.74
-		\$ 12,020.40
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>		
<u>72</u>	Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,573.00

73	Expenses	\$ 165.00
		\$ 6,738.00
Electrical Inspector		
74	Salaries & Wages	\$ 41,576.00
75	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
-		\$ 42,776.00
Dog Officer		
76	Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,932.98
77	Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
-		\$ 16,432.98
Emergency Dispatch		
78	Salaries & Wages	\$ 260,833.81
79	Expenses	\$ 8,894.04
-		\$ 269,727.85
Monty Tech		
80	Assessment	\$ 336,371.00
-		\$ 336,371.00
NMRSD		
-	Assessment	\$ 3,359,356.00
-		\$3,359,356.00
Highway		
83 (2)	Wages Supt.	\$ 63,772.45
84	Wages - Regular	\$ 165,073.84
85	Wages -Overtime	\$ 2,030.00
-	Expenses	\$ 165,551.00
-		\$ 396,427.29
Snow & Ice		
91	Winter Operation Wages	\$ -
92	Winter Overtime	\$ 13,000.00
93	Winter Expenses	\$ 87,000.00
-		\$ 100,000.00
Street Lights		
94	Expense	\$ 1,080.00
-		\$ 1,080.00
Tree Warden		
95	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
-		\$ 2,000.00
Cemetery		
96	Wages - Coverage	\$ 9,064.61
97	Expense	\$ 2,000.00
-		\$ 11,064.61
Board of Health		
-	Expenses	\$ 18,355.76
-		\$ 18,355.76
Animal Inspector		
102	Stipend	\$ 420.24
-		\$ 420.24

Council on Aging		
103	Wages	\$ 2,359.88
103A	Expense	\$ 1,775.00
-		\$ 4,134.88
Veterans' Services		
104	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,828.54
-	Expenses	\$ 42,000.00
-		\$ 43,828.54
Library		
107	Librarian Salary	\$ 26,000.00
108	Library Assistant Wages	\$ 19,592.91
-	Expenses	\$ 46,177.00
-		\$ 91,769.91
Band Concerts		
113	Expenses	\$ 7,500.00
113A	Police Detail Wages	\$ 1,074.00
-		\$ 8,574.00
July 3rd		
114	Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
-		\$ 1,200.00
Allen Field		
115	Expenses	\$ 1,900.00
-		\$ 1,900.00
Town Common		
116	Expenses	\$ 4,650.00
-		\$ 4,650.00
Debt Service		
118	Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 1,000.00
-		\$ 1,000.00
Middlesex Retirement		
123	Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 173,361.00
-		\$ 173,361.00
Unemployment		
124	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 10,000.00
-		\$ 10,000.00
Employee Ins. Benefits		
125	Employee Benefits Expense	\$ 461,994.18
-		\$ 461,994.18
Workers Compensation		
126	Insurance Not Health	\$ 11,000.00
-		\$ 11,000.00
Insurance P & C		
127	Liability P&C, E,F&P	\$ 80,000.00

-		\$ 80,000.00
FICA		
128	Employee Costs	\$ 25,010.00
-		\$ 25,010.00
	Total	\$ 7,074,206.48

Setting of Elected Salaries under Article 9:

- a. Town Clerk: \$32,558.56
- b. Town Collector: \$40,519.44 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)
- c. Town Treasurer: \$26,763.10 (Includes \$1,000 certification stipend)

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding headings to currently unnumbered sections, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-Laws of the Town, by making various grammatical and language corrections, as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-laws of the Town By-Laws, by adding a new Article XXIII, "LITTERING ORDINANCE", as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 13. The motion was made and seconded to amend the By-Laws of the Town, by adding a new Article XXIV, "NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS OF BY-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS", as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 14. The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL, Ch. 44, s. 53F 3/4, establishing a "PEG Access and Cable Related Fund"; and, further, to transfer to said fund all monies held by the Town for the stated purposes; and, further, to appropriate from said monies the sum of \$41,710 for the purpose of operating the Ashby PEG Access Department for FY17.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 15. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000, to be expended under the direction of the 250th Anniversary Committee as part of the Town's commemoration of the 250th anniversary.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 16. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,250 to provide replacement bulletproof vests for members of the Police Department.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 17. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,100 to provide four (4) Electronic Control Weapons (“Tasers”), along with associated costs and equipment, for the Police Department.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 18. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Ashby by deleting sections 5.2.2, 6.2.13, 7.2.13 and 9.8.5.2.2, renumbering remaining sections as required, and adding a new section 4.6 (“Accessory Apartments”), as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: PASSED (2/3 DECLARED BY MODERATOR)

Article 19. The motion was made and seconded to take no action on Article 19.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting at 10:27 AM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Ashby Town Clerk*