



TOWN OF ASHLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2017

INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2075

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

LAT 43.695°N LON 71.631°W

ELEVATION 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

CABLE – SPECTRUM

TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

HOURS – MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4, THURS 8-5

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – FRIDAY 7:30 – 11:00

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE – PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-9032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY CENTER	968-9698
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH		536-2232
ASHLAND POST OFFICE		968-7511
FUEL ASSISTANCE – TRI COUNTRY CAP		968-3560

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WE REMEMBER

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
Times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
Grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done
-Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year..

***Debra Piper
Richard Parker, Jr.
Linda Dunn
Allen Mason
Kathleen Marsh
Keith Brown
Virginia Lindroth
Alice Savage
Richard Southworth
Robert Boyle
Robert Young
Sheila Trott
Gilbert Dinger Jr.
Thomas Marsh
George St. Cyr
Paul D'Alesandro
John C. Hughes***

A Tribute to those who served our Community...

The following residents spent a great deal of their lives serving and or working for the Town of Ashland. As the years go by and our town grows and changes, some may not be familiar with these men, but for the residents that are, it was a privilege.



John C. Hughes - John, a lifelong resident of Ashland, not only raised his family here but also took his responsibilities as a citizen to the highest level by serving in a multitude of positions. He was elected to the Board of Selectman and as a Water Commissioner. He sat on the Ashland School Board, the Zoning Board, the Planning Board and the Budget Committee.

John spread his time outside of “town politics” as well, volunteering as a leader of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. He served as a fireman for the Town of Ashland and as a past president of the New Hampshire State Firemen’s

Association.

John’s dedication to the Town of Ashland was only surpassed by the dedication to his family. They will miss him dearly, as will all those who had a chance to know him.

Thomas Marsh - From his birth in 1931, Punky made the Town of Ashland his home. After graduating from Ashland High School, he worked at the Ashland Paper Mill, LW Packard, Ken Forbes Construction and ran his own successful electrical business.

Punky also took pride in many civic duties. He was a member of the Ashland Fire Department, serving as the Fire Chief from 1969 to 1973. He served as a trustee for the Green Grove Cemetery Association and the Ashland Baptist Church. In addition, Punky was well known to the residents of Ashland as the Electric Superintendent.

Punky taught all those around him not only the importance of family first but also sharing your talents to make the community around you a better place. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.





James Godville - Jim, a native of New Hampshire, lived in Warren during his younger years. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he eventually moved to Ashland making it his home in the 1950's. Jim worked at the Ashland Paper Mills before devoting more than twenty years to the Town of Ashland Highway Department. He was a member of the American Legion Dupuis Cross Post #15 and extended his devotion to the Town of Ashland post retirement by working in the Green Grove Cemetery.

Jim loved hunting, fishing, casinos and most of all his family. He is missed by many.

Stephen Lyford - Steve grew up in the Town of Ashland. He graduated from Ashland High School, and after studying at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Manchester returned to settle and raise a family. He worked at L.W. Packard Woolen Mill as well as Winston Titus Construction Company.

Steve also spent many years working for the Town of Ashland Highway Department. A devoted family man, Steve is missed by those who knew and loved him.



Robert A. Boyle – One of the United States Air Force mottos, "Integrity first, Service before self, Excellence in all we do," paints the perfect picture of Bob Boyle. His civic-minded attitude and dedication to his community followed him throughout his early years and was strengthened by his twenty years of military service.

Bob moved to Ashland as a young boy, and graduated from Ashland High School His talents as a baseball pitcher were recognized when he played for the local team. Major League scouts offered him a contract to pitch, but he honored his commitment to the military.

Upon returning to Ashland, Bob enjoyed serving his community as a Water and Sewer Commissioner and a member of the Zoning and Planning Boards. His commitment to family and community set an example for all.

TOWN OF ASHLAND 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2018
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2018
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8, 2018
Veterans' Day	Monday	November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2018
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 23, 2018
Christmas	Tuesday	December 25, 2018



Ashland, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday,
8 am - 5 pm

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

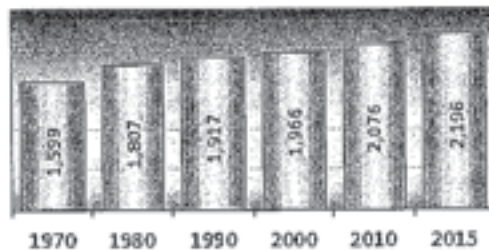
Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 723 over 55 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,196 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2015 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,196 residents, which ranked 133rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 194.0 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, October 2017. Community Response Received 6/01/2017

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$6,397,175
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$3,220,631
Zoning Ordinance	1985/10
Master Plan	2014
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Trustees; Electric; Water & Sewer
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning

Public Library Ashland Town

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	On-Call
Emergency Medical Service	On-Call

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	7 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Ashland Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Ashland Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	BayRing; Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business
	Residential
	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.37
2016 Equalization Ratio	96.6
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.30

2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	80.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)

Total Housing Units	1,472
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	852
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	287
Five or More Units in Structure	228
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	105

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2015	2,196	89,341
2010	2,076	89,118
2000	1,966	81,826
1990	1,917	74,998
1980	1,807	65,806
1970	1,599	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender		
Male	1,006	Female 1,190

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	144
Age 5 to 19	276
Age 20 to 34	594
Age 35 to 54	393
Age 55 to 64	324
Age 65 and over	465
Median Age	39.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	93.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

(ACS 2011-2015)

Per capita income	\$22,620
Median family income	\$52,106
Median household income	\$45,938

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$37,695
Female	\$27,130

Individuals below the poverty level	13.8%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	1,087	1,188
Employed	1,059	1,160
Unemployed	28	28
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	145	371
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 683
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	526	518
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 457	\$ 808
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	671	890
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 487	\$ 756
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	85	87
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 707
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	756	977
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 502	\$ 751

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, District: SAU 2 & 48
Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: 5

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	160			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 24
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		54 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		302 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	9.3%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	1.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	22.0
Commuting to another NH community	76.1
Commuting out-of-state	1.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains**

Other: **Little Squam Lake**

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS		
Town Administrator	Charles Smith	
Administrative Assistant	Wendy Smith	
Board of Selectmen	Frances Newton [2018]	Casey Barney [2020]
	Leigh Sharps [2018]	Tejasinha Sivalingam-resigned
	Harold Lamos [2019]	
Finance Officer	Gregory Colby	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Patricia Tucker [2018]	
Deputy Town Clerk/Collector	Anne Abear	
Assistant Clerk/Collector	Wendy Smith	
Town Treasurer	Linda Guyotte [2020]	
Deputy Treasurer	Linda Eastman	
Town Moderator	Bobbi Hoerter [2018]	
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Richard Pare [2020]	Thomas Peters [2018]
	Mark Ober [2019]	
Library Trustees	David Ruell [2020]	Mardean Badger [2018]
	Alice Staples [2019]	
Supervisors of the Checklist	Beverly Ober [2018]	Therese C.D. Linden [2020]
	Patricia Bickford [2022]	
Budget Committee	David Ruell [2019]	Roberta Hoerter [2018]
	Eli Badger [2020]	Jeanette Stewart [2020]
	Sherrie Downing [2018]	
Park/Recreation	Ann Barney -Director	
Public Works Department	Craig Moore- Director, appointed	Timothy Paquette-Director, resigned
	George Chase	Daniel Thompson
	Daniel Titus	
Transfer Station Attendants	Henry Shinn	Daniel Vachon
Town Mechanic	Lee Huckins	
Fire Department	Stephen Heath - Chief	Robert Bousquet - Deputy
Electric Commissioners	Jamie Lyford [2020]	Sandra Coleman [2018]
	David Fucarile-resigned	Glenn Dion [2018]
Electric Department	Lee Nichols	Steve Foley
	Dale Weeks	Linda Pack
	Paul Rossi	Karen Wheeler
	Mark Monahan, Jr.	Paul Rossi-resigned
Water/Sewer Commissioners	Ernie Paquette [2018]	David Toth [2018]
	Alan J. Cilley [2019]	
Utility Partners	Russell Cross	Mark Daniels
Police Department	Chief Anthony Randall	Lt. William R. Ulwick
	Sgt. Daniel Hamilton-resigned	Patrolman Bruce Cote
	PT Patrolman David Waterbury	Adm/Officer Donald Marren
	PT Patrolman Eli Schaffner	Adm/Officer Cecil Cooper
Planning Board	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	Mardean Badger [4/30/2018]
	Carol A. Fucarile-resigned	Leigh Sharps [BOS Rep]

Zoning Board of Adjustment	Eli Badger [4/30/2018]	Susan MacLeod [4/30/19]
	Timothy Sweetsir [4/30/18]	Tejasinha Sivalingam-resigned
	Michelle Fister [2020]	Alan Cilley, Alternate member
Health Officer	Frances Newton [12/29/2018]	Charlie Smith - Deputy
Animal Control Officer	Ashland Police Department	
Emergency Management	Stephen Heath	Lee Nichols
Scribner Memorial Trustees	Alfred Salvoni [4/30/17]	Richard Ogden [4/30/2018]
Welfare Officer	Susan McCormack	Wendy Smith - Assistant
Building Inspector/		
Code Enforcement	Albert LaPlante	
Conservation Commission	Amanda Loud [4/30/2019]	Harold Lamos [4/30/2020]
	Walter Durack [4/30/2018]	
Pemi Baker Solid Waste	George Chase	
Housing Standards Board	Kendall B. Hughes [4/30/2020]	
	HO Frances Newton	FC Stephen Heath
Memorial Park Trustees	Mark Liebert [4/30/2019]	Stephen Jaquith [4/30/2020]
	Liz Stevens [4/30/2018]	Susan MacLeod [4/30/20]
Joint Loss Management	Wendy Smith [4/30/2018]	George Chase [4/30/2017]
	Craig Moore [4/30/2018]	Timothy Paquette-resigned
	Paul Rossi [resigned]	Daniel Hamilton-resigned
	BOS Rep Harold Lamos	
Capital Improvement Comm	BOS Rep Frances Newton	Kendall B. Hughes [4/30/2020]
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	
Cemetery Trustees	Sherrie Downing [2020]	Anthony Hoerter [2018]
	Kyle Baert [2019]	
Ashland 150th Committee	Kendall B. Hughes [12/31/2018]	Katie Maher [12/31/2018]
	Caroline Gosse [12/31/2018]	Bob Baker [12/31/2018]
	Alisha Wendelboe [4/30/17]	Jane Sawyer [12/31/2018]
	Jeanette Stewart [12/31/2018]	
Heal Steering Committee	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	Frances Newton [4/30/2018]
	David Toth [4/30/2018]	
Economic Development	Steve Felton [4/30/2020]	Benoit Lamontagne [4/30/2018]
	Cheryl Cox PB Rep [4/30/2020]	Frances Newton-BOS Rep [2020]
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	
Transportation Advisory	David Toth [6/15/2019]	Carol Fucarile [6/15/2018]
	Timothy Paquette-resigned	Leigh Sharps [6/15/2018]
	Walter Durack [6/15/2018]	Eli Badger [6/15/2018]
	Frances Newton [6/15/2018]	
LRPC -Transportation Adv	Eli Badger	David Toth
	Timothy Paquette-resigned	
Heritage Commission	Kathleen Maher [4/30/2018]	David Ruell [4/30/2019]
	Kathleen DeWolfe [4/30/2018]	Leigh Sharps - BOS Rep
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2020]	

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2017 ELECTION RESULTS



TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2017

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Glenn Dion called the Deliberative Session to order at 1 PM on February 4, 2017. Officials at the head table were Board of Selectmen Frances Newton, Stephen Felton, Kathleen Maher, Harold Lamos; Town Administrator Charlie Smith; Attorney Jae Whitelaw; Budget Committee members Sandra Coleman, Jeanette Stewart, Mardean Badger, David Ruell; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Moderator Glenn Dion.

Moderator Dion read the names of those who had filed for office:

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen – three year term - vote for two	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Town Treasurer – three year term - vote for one	Linda Guyotte
Town Moderator – two year term – vote for one	
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – three year term – vote for one	Richard Pare
Library Trustee – three year term – vote for one	David Ruell
Electric Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Jamie Lyford
Water and Sewer Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Budget Committee – three year term – vote for three	Jeanette Stewart
Budget Committee – two year term – vote for one	
Cemetery Trustee – three year term – vote for one	Sherrie Downing
Cemetery Trustee – two year term – vote for one	Kyle Baert

Moderator Dion read Article 2 for discussion:

ARTICLE 2 No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.34

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,971,900) for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road, with Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$310,173) to come from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund; and to authorize the issuance of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$1,661,727) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; further to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project.

3/5 ballot vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

Article was read, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.

Moderator Dion read Article 3 for discussion:

ARTICLE 3 PETITIONED. Library Building No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.18

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$625,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which five hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$525,000) is for the purchase of the building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund for that purpose.

3/5 ballot vote required for SB2

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

Motion to amend made by Alice Staples, second Mardean Badger –

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$625,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which five hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$525,000) is for the purchase of the land and building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund for that purpose.

Amendment was discussed, amendment was passed by hand vote, announced that the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

****Motion by Bobbi Hoerter to waive reading of each article, second by Sandra Coleman, passed by hand vote.**

ARTICLE 4. No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.34

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$491,000 for a fire engine? Of such sum One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to be used as the first year's payment. Lease purchase agreement to be contingent upon having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:7-e.

The remaining balance to be paid in five annual payments of Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$79,849) commencing in 2018.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Steve Heath made a motion, seconded by Fran Newton to amend article to read: "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$533,403.31 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33-7-e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-three thousand seven hundred eighty nine dollars and eighty five cents [\$53,789.85] as a down payment for that purpose?"

The amendment was discussed, the vote on the amendment was declared passed by hand vote, and the moderator announced that the article will appear on the ballots as amended.

ARTICLE 5. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Transportation Alternative Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for Reconstruction of Sidewalks to bring them into compliance with ADA standards, and to construct new sidewalks on Main Street (US Rt. 3/25); and to partially fund this appropriation with a \$320,000 NHDOT Transportation Alternatives grant already awarded to the Town, with the balance of \$80,000 to come from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

This article was discussed, no amendments offered, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 6. Estimated Tax Impact is \$7.35

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,606,104. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,600,288 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3 with 1 Abstain

No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 7.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,181,053. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,181,053 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0 with 2 Abstain

Motion by Mark Ober to amend the default budget figure was found to be out of order as the default figure can not be changed.

Following discussion, the article would appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 8.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$202,906. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$240,901 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 9.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$322,018. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$392,392 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 10. Estimated Tax Impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the third-year payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Following discussion, the article would appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 11. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the final payment of the five-year lease/purchase for the Public Works Department Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 12. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam, seconded by Bobbi Hoerter to amend the article to add – “that the planning board act in an advisory capacity to the board of selectmen in deciding how to assign funds of the road improvements capital reserve funds”

Vote on the amendment failed by hand vote; the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 13. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 14. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 15. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 16. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not to recommend by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 17. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015. This article will be null and void if warrant article 3 passes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 18. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam, seconded by Sherrie Downing to increase the \$1000 to \$2500. The amendment was discussed, vote on the amendment failed by hand vote.

The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 19. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08

SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement)

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	*Based on 9 months, year starts in April
2017	\$19,481	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2018	\$34,881	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2019	\$10,019	

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,481 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 20. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Shall the Town of Ashland, if **Article 19** is defeated, authorize the governing body to call a special meeting, at its option, to address **Article 19** cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 21. LCHIP Grant Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

Motion by Katie Maher, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article by inserting after "future use" "engineering and architectural costs associated with preparing draft plans"

Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote; the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 22. Automobile Registration Fee

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to

designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2017.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 23. Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32, disband the elected Ashland Budget Committee, and instead establish a Budget Advisory Committee consisting of 5 members who will review and report to the citizens of Ashland on the budget process. These members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Motion to amend article made by Sandra Coleman, seconded by Jeanette Stewart to read – To see if the town will vote to retain Municipal Budget Committee under RSA Chapter 32 and reduce the municipal budget committee from 7 elected at large to 5 elected members at large.

The moderator declared that this amendment was not legal. The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.

**** Motion by Anthony Randall, seconded by Rick Pare to end all discussion and not to reconsider articles 1-23.**

ARTICLE 24. Veteran Property Tax Credit

Shall the town adopt the “all veterans’ property tax credit” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$250, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 25. Electric Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to be responsible for the management and control of its operations, subject to the following responsibilities prescribed under RSA 38:18:

1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Moved by Lee Nichols, seconded by Sandra Coleman to amend article to read – To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioner of the Municipal Electric Department to be responsible for the management and control of its operations as prescribed under RSA 38:18

This amendment failed by hand vote.

Moved by Fran Newton, seconded by Katie Maher, to amend the article to read – To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to comply with the following conditions:

- 1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.***
- 2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.***
- 3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.***

Discussion – the question was moved by Bobbi Hoerter, seconded by Eli Badger.

This amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 26. Water and Sewer Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to be responsible for the management and control of its operations, subject to the following responsibilities prescribed under RSA 38:18:

4. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
5. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
6. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Moved by Fran Newton, seconded by Katie Maher, to amend the article to read – To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to comply with the following conditions:

- 7. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.***
- 8. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.***
- 9. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.***

Question moved by Tom Peters, seconded by Jane Sawyer

This amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 27 PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2016, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 121 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 39 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$71, 972.68.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Following presentation, no amendments, and the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 28 PETITIONED. Pemi-Baker Community Health

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$9,686) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$4.65) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and underinsured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.]

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 29 PETITIONED. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 30 PETITIONED. VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 31 PETITIONED. GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 32 PETITIONED. BRIDGE HOUSE SHELTER & VETERANS ADVOCACY Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to support the services of The Bridge Houses Shelter & Veterans Advocacy

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 33 PETITIONED. COMMUNITIES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE YOUTH (CADY) Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 34 PETITIONED. PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC) Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the towns share of the operations of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC). These funds are used for testing the river throughout the spring, summer and into fall. Also, inspecting sites being developed within one quarter mile of the river as requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This involves testimony regarding Northern Pass project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 35 PETITIONED. IMPLEMENT TAX CAP

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap, whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes by more than 2%?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

3/5 majority vote required for passage

Motion made by Steve Felton, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article to read – shall the town agree to authorize the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to study the implementation of a tax cap under 32:5-b.

Amendment failed by hand vote.

Question moved by Rick Pare, seconded by Tom Peters

The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 36 PETITIONED. DAY AWAY PROGRAM Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia, whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the participant to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 37 PETITIONED. TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines. If this article passes this amount will be included in the operating budget in future years.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

Motion made by Pat Tucker, seconded by Anne Abear to amend the article to read - To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.

Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam to change longevity to salary – no second

Question moved by Anne Abear, seconded by Pat Tucker

Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 38 PETITIONED. TOWN TREASURER Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Treasurer to be added to and divided between the Town and utility departments. If this article passes this amount will be included in the operating budget in future years.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1 and 1 Abstain

Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Jane Sawyer to amend the article to read - To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.

Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 39 PETITIONED. TOWN MANAGER

Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

Following discussion, no amendments, and the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 40 PETITIONED. ASHLAND 150TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to help defray costs of fireworks and other events to be held in 2018 in connection with the sesquicentennial of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150th Celebration Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2 and 1 Abstain

Motion made by Jane Sawyer, seconded by Jeanette Stewart to amend the article to read “to be placed in a non-lapsing fund”. Legal counsel stated that this amendment cannot be accepted.

The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

**** Motion by Anthony Randall, seconded by Fran Newton to end all discussion and not to reconsider articles 24-40.**

Motion passed by hand vote.

ARTICLE 41 PETITIONED. OPPOSITION TO ‘NORTHERN PASS’

We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of “Article 27-PETITIONER ARTICLE – Northern Pass” as cited in the 2012 annual report on page 25. Further, we once again register our objection to, opposition to, and commitment to prevent the construction of High Voltage Transmission Line commonly referred as ‘Northern Pass’; and mandate that the Board of Selectmen, the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission, the Ashland Electric Commission, the Ashland Planning Board, the Ashland Conservation Commission, and all such governing and administrative bodies and offices of the Town of Ashland actively support the people of the Town of Ashland in their objection, opposition, and commitment to stop ‘Northern Pass.’

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article to read:

We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department, Ashland Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen who are acting on the Town’s behalf for the protection of Ashland’s natural resources and assets as intervenors in the State Site Evaluation Committee’s (SEC) proceedings under “Docket No. 2015-06” (Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct a New Voltage Transmission Line and Related Facilities in New Hampshire)” relating to the proposed Northern Pass Transmission line.

Following discussion the vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 42. Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 43. Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add “site plan”?

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 44. Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add “market value if new”?

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 45. Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations as written below?

Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Fran Newton to amend this article to read: Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations to allow Board of Selectmen authority to waive a statutory requirement that with a new extension of sewer line, residents within 100 feet of it would not necessarily have to hook up service until an adequate existing septic system has failed?

Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 46. Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 47. Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the Ashland Building Regulations to again delegate authority to set fees to the Planning Board?

No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Moderator Dion introduced the zoning questions which will appear on a separate ballot. There were no questions regarding the questions.

There being no further business, Moderator Dion declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Patricia Tucker - Ashland Town Clerk

ASHLAND TOWN MEETING – SESSION TWO
OFFICIAL BALLOTING
MARCH 16, 2017

*Note – this session was postponed due to weather [originally posted for March 14, 2017]

Chairman Dion called the session to order and opened the polls at 8 AM; it was stated that the absentee ballots would be cast at 1 PM.

Present were – Moderator Glenn Dion, Ballot Clerks Mardean Badger, Patricia Heinz, Patricia Dame, Susan Longley, Traci Tucker; Supervisors of the Checklist Terri Linden, Patty Bickford, Bev Ober; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Selectmen Kathleen Maher, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, Stephen Felton, Fran Newton; Selectmen Pro Tem Susan MacLeod, Jane Felton; Moderator Pro Tem Jamie Lyford.

There were 377 ballots cast [32 of those were absentee].

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT




OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2017

BALLOT 1 OF 4

Pamela Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: 
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

three-year term vote for not more than two
TEJASINHA SIVALINGAM 188 ☒
Casey GARNLEY 88 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TREASURER

three-year term vote for not more than one
LINDA GUYOTTE 313 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

TOWN MODERATOR

two-year term vote for not more than one
Glenn Dion 42 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

three-year term vote for not more than one
RICHARD PARE 272 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one
DAVID RUELL 286 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one
JAMIE LYFORD 247 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one
TEJASINHA SIVALINGAM 178 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

two-year term vote for not more than three
JEANETTE STEWART 239 ☒
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

two-year term vote for not more than one
(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

five-year term vote for not more than one
SHERRIE DOWNING 269 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

two-year term vote for not more than one
KYLE BAERT 268 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2 No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax Impact for 2018 is \$0.34

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,971,900) for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road, with Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$310,173) to come from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund; and to authorize the issuance of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$1,661,727) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 53:1 et seq., as amended; further to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project.

☒ 5 ballot vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

YES ☐
NO ☐

149
186

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Pamela Tucker, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 3 PETITIONED. Library Building No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.18

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$625,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which five hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$525,000) is for the purchase of the land and building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund for that purpose.

3/5 ballot vote required for SB2

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-1
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

YES ☐ 127
NO ☐ 247

ARTICLE 4. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.23

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$533,403.31 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33-7-e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-three thousand seven hundred eighty nine dollars and eighty five cents [\$53,789.85] as a down payment for that purpose?

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

YES ☐ 207
NO ☐ 158

ARTICLE 5. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Transportation Alternative Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for Reconstruction of Sidewalks to bring them into compliance with ADA standards, and to construct new sidewalks on Main Street (US Rt. 3/25); and to partially fund this appropriation with a \$320,000 NHDOT Transportation Alternatives grant already awarded to the Town, with the balance of \$80,000 to come from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

YES ☐ 249
NO ☐ 117

ARTICLE 6. Estimated Tax Impact is \$7.35

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,606,104. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,600,288 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3 with 1 Abstain

YES ☐ 177
NO ☐ 179

ARTICLE 7.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,181,053. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,181,053 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0 with 2 Abstain

YES ☐ 268
NO ☐ 87

ARTICLE 8.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$202,906. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$240,901 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

YES ☐ 295
NO ☐ 68

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

Pamela Jones, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT



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Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 9.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$322,018. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$392,392 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☒ 299
NO ☐ 65

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 10. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the third-year payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

YES ☒ 300
NO ☐ 67

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 11. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the final payment of the five-year lease/purchase for the Public Works Department Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

YES ☒ 298
NO ☐ 67

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 12. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repaving roads.

YES ☒ 231
NO ☐ 132

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

ARTICLE 13. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

YES ☒ 256
NO ☐ 113

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 14. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.

YES ☒ 206
NO ☐ 155

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

ARTICLE 15. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

YES ☒ 236
NO ☐ 131

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED	
ARTICLE 16. Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Not to recommend by the Budget Committee vote 4-4	
YES <input type="radio"/>	195
NO <input type="radio"/>	158
ARTICLE 17. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015. This article will be null and void if warrant article 3 passes. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1	
YES <input type="radio"/>	177
NO <input type="radio"/>	176
ARTICLE 18. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0	
YES <input type="radio"/>	267
NO <input type="radio"/>	89
ARTICLE 19. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08 SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement) To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level. Fiscal Year 2017 Estimated Increase \$19,481 *Based on 9 months, year starts in April Fiscal Year 2018 Estimated Increase \$34,881 Fiscal Year 2019 Estimated Increase \$10,019 And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,481 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3	
YES <input type="radio"/>	192
NO <input type="radio"/>	156
ARTICLE 20. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Shall the Town of Ashland, if Article 19 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call a special meeting, at its option, to address Article 19 cost items only? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0	
YES <input type="radio"/>	212
NO <input type="radio"/>	124
ARTICLE 21. LCHIP Grant Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, engineering and architectural costs associated with preparing draft plans and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0 Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2	
YES <input type="radio"/>	164
NO <input type="radio"/>	179
ARTICLE 22. Automobile Registration Fee To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, 1-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2017. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0	
YES <input type="radio"/>	166
NO <input type="radio"/>	183
GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING	

Patricia J. Jones, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT



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Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 23. Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32, disband the elected Ashland Budget Committee, and instead establish a Budget Advisory Committee consisting of 5 members who will review and report to the citizens of Ashland on the budget process. These members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

YES ☐
NO ☐

146
204

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 24. Veteran Property Tax Credit

Shall the town adopt the "all veterans" property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$250, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

YES ☐
NO ☐

304
51

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 25. Electric Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to comply with the following conditions:

1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

YES ☐
NO ☐

264
90

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 26. Water and Sewer Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to comply with the following conditions:

4. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
5. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
6. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

YES ☐
NO ☐

261
92

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 27 PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2016, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 121 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 39 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$71,972.68.

YES ☐
NO ☐

308
54

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED	
<p>ARTICLE 28 PETITIONED. Pemi-Baker Community Health Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.04</p> <p>To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$9,686) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$4.65) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and underinsured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.]</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 259</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 94</p>
<p>ARTICLE 29 PETITIONED. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01</p> <p>To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 267</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 85</p>
<p>ARTICLE 30 PETITIONED. VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01</p> <p>To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 254</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 98</p>
<p>ARTICLE 31 PETITIONED. GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01</p> <p>To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 237</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 117</p>
<p>ARTICLE 32 PETITIONED. BRIDGE HOUSE SHELTER & VETERANS ADVOCACY Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01</p> <p>To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to support the services of The Bridge Houses Shelter & Veterans Advocacy.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 283</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 68</p>
<p>ARTICLE 33 PETITIONED. COMMUNITIES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE YOUTH (CADY) Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00</p> <p>To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 250</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 104</p>
<p>ARTICLE 34 PETITIONED. PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC) Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00</p> <p>To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the towns share of the operations of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC). These funds are used for testing the river throughout the spring, summer and into fall. Also, inspecting sites being developed within one quarter mile of the river as requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This involves testimony regarding Northern Pass project.</p> <p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0 Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/> 242</p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/> 105</p>
<p>GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING</p>	

Pamela J. Jones, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT



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Pamela Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 35 PETITIONED. IMPLEMENT TAX CAP

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap, whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes by more than 2%?

YES ☐
NO ☐

166
176

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

3/5 majority vote required for passage

ARTICLE 36 PETITIONED. DAY AWAY PROGRAM Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia, whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the participant to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

YES ☐
NO ☐

230
124

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

ARTICLE 37 PETITIONED. TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.

YES ☐
NO ☐

96
254

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 38 PETITIONED. TOWN TREASURER Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Treasurer to be added to and divided between the Town and utility departments for the ensuing year.

YES ☐
NO ☐

97
249

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1

ARTICLE 39 PETITIONED. TOWN MANAGER

Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

YES ☐
NO ☐

167
172

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

ARTICLE 40 PETITIONED. ASHLAND 150TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to help defray costs of fireworks and other events to be held in 2018 in connection with the sesquicentennial of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150th Celebration Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

YES ☐
NO ☐

238
116

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2 and 1 Abstain

ARTICLE 41 PETITIONED. OPPOSITION TO 'NORTHERN PASS'

We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department, Ashland Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen who are acting on the Town's behalf for the protection of Ashland's natural resources and assets as intervenors in the State Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) proceedings under "Docket No. 2015-08" (Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct a New Voltage Transmission Line and Related Facilities in New Hampshire)" relating to the proposed Northern Pass Transmission line.

YES ☐
NO ☐

248
109

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Pamela Tucker, Town Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 42. Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

YES ☒

NO ☐

105

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ARTICLE 43. Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "site plan"?

YES ☒

NO ☐

124

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ARTICLE 44. Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "market value if new"?

YES ☒

NO ☐

119

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ARTICLE 45. Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations to allow Board of Selectmen authority to waive a statutory requirement that with a new extension of sewer line, residents within 100 feet of it would not necessarily have to hook up service until an adequate existing septic system has failed?

YES ☒

NO ☐

170

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ARTICLE 46. Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

YES ☐

NO ☒

104

169

ARTICLE 47. Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the Ashland Building Regulations to again delegate authority to set fees to the Planning Board?

YES ☒

NO ☐

112

173

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

Pamela Jones, Town Clerk



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DISTRICT 9 SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
ASHLAND FIRE STATION

Supervisors of the Checklist appointed Roberta Hoerter *Moderator Pro Temp* for this election, she was sworn in by Town Clerk Patricia Tucker.

The polls were declared open at 8 AM. Election officials present – Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Moderator Pro Temp Roberta Hoerter; Ballot Clerks Sue Longley and Patricia Dame; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Terri Linden, Patricia Bickford; Selectmen Sivalingam, Newton, Sharps, Lamos.

Absentee ballots were cast at 1 PM, the polls closed at 7 PM. The result of the voting was as follows:

Babiarz	2
Migliore	84
Adjutant	103
Blanks/over votes	2

Names on the checklist	1456
Votes cast	191
Percentage voting	13%

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk



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OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

The State Representative Special Election District 9 Primary was held on July 18, 2017. Voting took place at the Ashland Fire Station.

Election staff present were Moderator Glenn Dion; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Terri Linden, Patricia Bickford; Ballot Clerks Susan Longley, Patricia Dame, Norma Cole; Selectmen Frances Newton, Harold Lamos, Leigh Sharps, Casey Barney, Tejasinha Sivalingam.

The polls were opened at 8 AM and the absentee ballots were opened at 1:45 PM. The polls were closed at 7 PM.

Names on Checklist	1535
Votes Cast	86
Percentage voting	5.5%

Results

Republican	Vincent Migliore	23
	Paul Simard	5
	Timothy Sweetsir	11
Libertarian	John J. Babiarz	0
Democratic	Tom Ploszaj	2
	J. Adjutant	43 write in
	Simard	1 write in

Patricia Tucker, CTC
Ashland Town Clerk

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2017

REPORTS OF BOARDS COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

As last year, this one was once again a busy year for the Ashland Board of Selectmen (BOS). We welcomed two new members to the BOS after the March election, Tejasinha Sivalingam and Casey Barney, who joined sitting members, Fran Newton, Leigh Sharps, and Harold Lamos. Ms. Newton was reappointed as the Chairman of the Board with Mr. Lamos as Vice Chairman. Our accomplishments are as follows:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Personnel

Director of Public Works: The BOS hired a new Director of the Public Works Department (DPW), Craig Moore in August of this year. The Board, interviewed five candidates over approximately three weeks before making a final decision.

Administrative Assistant/Assistant Town Clerk: The Board along with the Town Administrator and Town Clerk/Tax Collector interviewed two candidates for this position and hired Wendy Smith.

Committees and Commissions: The BOS made appointments to existing committees and commissions including: Lakes Region Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Heritage Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Scribner Trustees, Joint Loss Management Committee, Housing Standards Board, 4th of July Committee, and Planning Board.

Financial: The Board began the year by finalizing the budget and warrant articles, preparing for the February 3rd Deliberative Session and developing the Voter's Guide. The BOS carefully monitored spending during the year to ensure that we stayed within our budget and prepare for any contingencies. The audit was completed successfully and revealed that the town had now expanded its unassigned fund balance to recommended New Hampshire's Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) guidelines. We were able to use part of that money to lower the town tax rate slightly below last year's figure.

Volunteer Appreciation: Under the sponsorship of the Heritage Commission, we held our first annual Volunteer Appreciation Day at the town hall to honor the contributions of the many dedicated volunteers. This year we dedicated our day to the memory of Normand DeWolfe. The BOS approved funding for a plaque dedicated to his service on the BOS and to the Town.

Project List: The BOS continued to use the Current Project Log to ensure that important issues and projects were monitored and tracked through completion and follow-up. These issues included the following:

GIS Mapping: The important work of digital tax mapping and adding in other department attributes continues to create an on-line tool that will ultimately be available on the town website allowing residents and other interested parties to have easy access to property tax maps, It is also a digital management tool that will allow the town to more easily track, plan and communicate key information. The previous contractor resigned the board is looking at firms to continue the work, CAI Technology presented plans to the board and a warrant article to fund the work will be on the 2018 ballot for town approval.

Water and Sewer Department Building: The BOS worked with the Water and Sewer Department to review plans for a new wastewater treatment facility that will improve safety and efficiency of operations. After review by the Planning Board, the BOS reviewed their findings and approved the construction of the building.

Ashland Properties: The property owned by Scott Heath, which is in arrears for taxes had undergone a Phase I Brownfields assessment in 2015. This year, we implemented the Phase II study from grants received last year from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). A final report is expected by year end.

Town Telecommunications: First Light was approved to install new fiber optic lines in the town hall. The installation was completed and our current IT firm, CCS will complete the switch over. This new installation will greatly improve the speed of data in the town hall and police department

Town Hall Fire Alarm System: Mango Security was selected to install a new fire alarm system in the town hall. The first phase of the installation was completed.

Department of Public Works: With grants from the LRPC and town funds, the LRPC completed paving plans for town roads and culvert plans.

IT: The BOS approved funds to improve the functionality of town website. This work has been completed.

Concerned Citizens Log: We reviewed our process and made some improvements and set policy for the best way to address these issues.

Grants: In 2017, the Town was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) that will provide funds to the town with an 80% match by the State to rebuild and repair sidewalks along Main Street and improve safety of crosswalks as well as enhance accessibility to town business from senior housing on West Street. We sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from engineering firms to undertake the project. We received responses from seven firms and selected three for interviews. We selected KV Partners to undertake the design and construction process.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many unelected unpaid volunteers who have worked with inspiring dedication to make Ashland a better place to live in. We could not accomplish nearly as much as we do without their help.



Town Administrator Report

This being my first calendar year as Town Administrator it goes without saying it has been exciting for both myself and for our town. We continue to work on several projects to improve our infrastructure and expand on our service capabilities, while remaining fiscally responsible and budget conscious.

TAP Grant

After the town's approval to move forward with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) – Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, the Board of Selectmen continued the process of selecting an engineering consultant to design the new sidewalk. Currently, NHDOT is reviewing the engineers scope and fee before moving to the next step, designing the sidewalk. The design process should take up most of 2018 and our expectations are for it to be completed by September. Construction is slated to begin the following Spring 2019.

Town Office

Many new projects were completed at the Town Office building in 2017. Our phone system at the Town Office runs through the Internet - Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and with slow speeds we experienced many dropped calls. To help correct the problem, the vendor for our phones has installed a new fiber optic cable. Fiber optic cable will improve our Internet connectivity and subsequent phone calls to our benefit.

Other work done at our historic Town Office building; the Board of Selectmen approved the installation of a new fire alarm system, which immediately notifies the Fire Department in the event of an emergency. Our Department of Public Works applied a fresh coat of paint to the conference room on the second floor. We also had a Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) technician install new thermostats throughout the building. Replacing the thermostats brought heat to the second floor. Unfortunately, the water heater for the building needed to be replaced. But, overall our goal to make the building more functional and usable for town employees, public officials, and residents of the town, has progressed.

NHDES Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

After the bond article to reconstruct the road and utility lines on Thompson St/Smith Hill Rd/High St failed last March, we went back to the drawing board and tried other avenues to lower the cost of the project for tax payers. An option not available to us in March (as we missed the application cutoff date) was financing the project through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). Our application was one of the few accepted by NHDES, but the ultimate final approval comes from the town voters in March. If approved the town could stand to receive many financial benefits from SRF versus standard lending. The benefits would be: principal loan forgiveness, lower loan interest rate, no closing costs, no prepayment fees, reimbursements as costs are incurred, and repayments won't start until a year after the project's completion.

Geographic Information System (GIS) and parcel mapping project

Our parcel mapping project and geographic information system (GIS) has been an ongoing project for the town over the past couple of years, it's our hope that the voters will vote to approve the final steps in March. If approved, the parcel mapping will correct inaccurate parcel maps and show the correct size, shape, location and ownership of all the parcels in town. Afterwards, this project will be used as a tool for property tax assessments and the basis for the GIS project. We believe that the capabilities of GIS will let the public visualize and analyze all the town's parcel and assessment data, allow better record keeping, and improve the public's access to information.

LRPC

Throughout this past year we have been working with Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) on an assessment of the town roads and culverts. During the warmer months, LRPC sent interns to locate all the culverts and grade their condition. Once located LRPC created Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates that can be used with our Geographic Information System (GIS) project. As for the road assessment, LRPC graded the roads with a paving condition index (PCI) number, and provide estimated costs for the type of road repair, whether it be chip seal, crack seal, or a shim and overlay. We can use the PCI number and the estimated costs as part of our plan to maintain and repair roads over the next 10 years.

LRPC awarded our town and Meredith with funds to research and help write a new ordinance which aims to protect our groundwater/drinking water source and aquifer from possible pollutants. This article comes before voters this March. It was a long endeavor on the part of LRPC and the Groundwater Protection Committee.

Town website

Our town website was upgraded this year. Our former software used to run the website was from 2012 and limited our capability. We've upgraded to Word Press that allows us more flexibility on the backend to post information. Through the new software we now have a new website design, a new calendar for upcoming municipal meetings and events, and the site's now mobile user friendly.

CDBG and LACLT

In conjunction with the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) the Town was awarded a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to rehabilitate Ledgewood Estates. Several public hearings were held for the grant. Our expectations are the project will begin next year.

Finance

The town tax rate was set in November and the Board of Selectmen continued again this year to keep the town's portion of the rate stabilized. This year the Board used \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance to keep the rate stable. Initially the municipal rate was \$9.41, the \$250K lowered the rate to \$8.36.

New staff

This year we hired a few new employees, you may have interacted with them over the course of the year. Town Office has a new Administrative Assistant, Wendy Smith, who also helps with the front desk as the Assistant Town Clerk. Department of Public Works has a new Director, Craig Moore, and Foreman, Dan Titus. Please don't hesitate to welcome them aboard or approach them with any questions.

In closing, it has been an eventful calendar year. We have many projects we are trying to accomplish for our town. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our town employees, who work diligently and strive to provide the best possible service we can for our town. And thank you to the Town for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie

Charles Smith, MPA
Town Administrator



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Standing: Donald Prescott, Mike Landroche,
Tom McNamara Sr., Elmer Marsh, Lt. Tom
Brace, Norman Marsh, Roland Morrill, Norm
Prescott, Eddie Boynton, Luv Leavitt, Ray
May Sr.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

The following is Police Activity for 2017

Dispatched Service Calls	3,424 (includes all calls communicated with dispatch)
Incidents	1243
Arrests	96
Warrants	35
Accidents	28
Citations/warnings	490
Parking Tickets	80

In 2017 your Police Department consisted of the following individuals: Chief Anthony Randall, Lieutenant William Ulwick, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Patrolman Bruce Cote, Patrolman David Waterbury, Part-time Patrolman and Administrative Assistant Cecil Cooper, Part-time Patrolmen Donald Marren, Joshua Gadbois and Eli Schaffner.

In October of 2017 the department accepted the resignation of Sergeant Daniel Hamilton who took a position with the Grafton County Sheriffs Department. Sergeant Hamilton served the department for 14 years as a part-time and full-time officer and gaining the rank of sergeant in 2009 and we thank him for his years of service to the town.

As of the date of this report we are currently looking at viable candidates to fill the Sergeants position and will hopefully be filling that position in the coming months.

As we all are aware, illicit opioid use is on the rise and is becoming more common place. The department has been making attempts to surveil suspected drug locations when time allows. We are fortunate to have connections with the DEA and NH Drug Task Force for assistance with drug activity.

I would also like to thank the anonymous donor who donated protective gear for when officers are put into the situation with opioid/fentanyl based overdose calls. These calls are turning into some of the most dangerous calls we deal with because it is impossible to determine what the substance is comprised of just by looking at it and certain substances can kill within a matter of minutes. We are grateful for that donation.

We encourage the public to report drug activity to us, but to be patient in these instances as it takes time to build a case. The information is then relayed to the members of the NH Drug Task Force in an effort to coordinate successful drug arrests and surveillance. Due to the Departments limited resources and manpower this working relationship is paramount.

The Department utilizes a community policing model requiring a partnership between the police and its residents in order to keep Ashland a safe community.

I would like to thank the tax payers, residents, all Ashland Departments and surrounding town police departments for their support over the past year.

I also would like to thank my personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support, hard work and sacrifices, especially over the last 2 plus months while we have been short-handed. We have been working extended hours and pushing the department to a potential breaking point, however only bending but not breaking. For that they should be commended for a job well done while keeping the town as safe as possible.

The Department is currently working on replacement of the 2014 Ford Explorer Utility that was put into service in 2013. Due to the creation of the capital reserve and the voter support allows us to replace cruisers when needed which helps to stabilize the tax impact for such purchases and allow the police department to respond to emergency situations in a timely fashion.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy 2018 with a reminder that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity so please lock your vehicles.



ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The emergency response and administrative demand on the department continues to increase. The total incident count for 2017 was 430 as compared to 411, 413, 397 and 407 over the previous four years. The following is a break-down by incident type:

- Medical 239
- Fire 127
- Motor Vehicle Accident 45
- Service Calls 19

Our personnel continue to log many hours; responding to emergency incidents, attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participating in numerous fire and EMS certification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, and fire safety inspections.

Staffing continues to be one the most significant issues that we face. We did welcome two new members during the past year. Ben Durack joined the department in June, he is a Level II Certified Firefighter. Samantha Leahy joined the department in August, she is a Level I Certified Firefighter. Our present roster remains at twenty-six, with only sixteen of those that I would consider active participants on calls and at training. With the majority of our members working out of town and the greater workload falling onto the shoulders of a shrinking staff, we obviously need more help. Anyone interested, reasonably fit, and are willing to commit to becoming trained as a firefighter or EMT, is encouraged to stop in at the station and pick up an application.

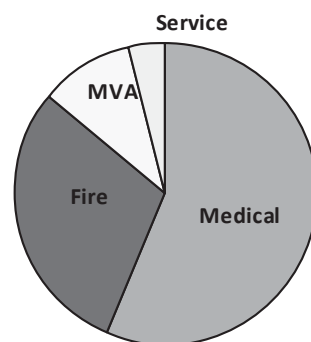
We were again able to complete the mandatory equipment testing on the department's self-contained breathing apparatus, fit testing of the SCBA masks, pumps, aerial and ground ladders. As our equipment continues to age, testing has become critical to keeping personnel safe, and reducing liability. At times we have a piece of equipment that does not pass, and requires repair or replacement. With this in mind, I have again requested funds in the appropriate budget lines to allow us to keep equipment in service.

Certain items such as hose, pagers and structural firefighting gear, we are able to replace gradually over time, however this is more difficult with other items such as radios, breathing apparatus, and of course apparatus. We are actively participating in grant programs and working with the CIP committee in an attempt to develop a long range plan so that we aren't faced with having to do this all at once.

Last year voters approved the warrant article to allow us to move forward with the purchase of a replacement engine. The order for the new truck was placed Toyne Fire Apparatus of Breda, Iowa. Toyne was the lowest bidder, and we were impressed with the quality of their product and their willingness to work with us. The order was placed, and the first payment made in July. We anticipate delivery sometime in May or June. This year we are asking the voters of Ashland to pass a warrant article for the second payment toward the purchase of this new engine.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Ashland for their support of this department, and encourage anyone with concerns or questions to stop in at any time.

2017 ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT ACTIVITY					
	Medical	Fire	MVA	Service	Total
January	13	12	3	1	29
February	19	5	5	4	33
March	23	15	2	1	41
April	20	11	1	3	35
May	20	10	2	1	33
June	12	11	9	0	32
July	17	17	3	0	37
August	27	10	3	1	41
September	24	7	1	0	32
October	27	8	3	3	41
November	15	14	8	1	38
December	22	7	5	4	38
TOTALS (YEARLY)	239	127	45	19	430



Medical: 56%
 Fire: 30%
 Motor Vehicle Accident: 10%
 Service Call: 4%



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2017 started off and ended very busy weather wise for the Public Works Department. From Thanksgiving to the end of the year, the department logged 244 hours of combined overtime.

Road projects done in 2017 included chip sealing North Ashland Road, which will extend the life of the road approximately 7 years. The paving of River Street was completed. We replaced a culvert on Nash drive and added a culvert on Owl Brook Road to improve drainage. We were able to ditch, grade and add gravel as needed on all our dirt roads which improved drainage. Doing this avoided washout other towns faced during the heavy rains experienced in the fall. I would like to ask for your continued support of the Road Improvement Capital Reserve article as this will help keep the town roads in good condition.

The department continues to assist other town agencies and organizations throughout the year. We replaced a metal door at the Fire Station and a wooden door at the Police Station. We painted the second floor meeting room at the Town Office. We replaced the old wooden doors at the Transfer Station with 2 commercial wooden doors. We painted the porch at the Town Office and cleaned the stone and bricks on the old jail. We crack sealed and painted the Tennis Courts and Basketball Court for the Parks and Recreation Department. These are some of the many things that our department does to help all of the town departments keep costs down for our tax payers.

After 21 years working for the town, 5 of those years as the Public Works Director, Tim Paquette moved on to another career opportunity. I would like to personally thank Tim for his 21 years of dedicated service to the town. The crew and I wish him well.

I would like to thank my crew, other departments and the public who have given me guidance and suggestions to help me with my transition as Public Works Director.

And finally, to you the taxpayers, we thank you for your continued support for all our equipment needs. This helps us keep you safe.

Craig Moore

Public Works Director

TRANSFER STATION

The Town shipped out 554 tons of household trash in 2017 which is up slightly at 2.4% from last year and 252 tons of construction debris which is up 18%. The more we recycle the less household trash we have to ship out. If we can reduce the amount we ship, it will save us the tax payer's money. Let's all do our part and recycle.

Transfer station stickers are five dollars and can be purchased at the facility or the Town Office.

This year all paper and light cardboard can be comingled, there is no need now to separate your newspapers or regular paper from your light cardboard such as soda can boxes, it can all be dumped in to the same bin so look for that change in 2018. Corrugated cardboard still needs to be separated.

Thank you all for your participation and support.

Craig Moore
Public Works Director



Parks & Recreation 2017

Submitted by Director Ann – Marie Barney

General

With the completion of the 2017 year, we reflect back on everything that was accomplished throughout the year. The Parks & Recreation department had quite a successful year in regards to the participation from the town's people as well as the events that took place. There was also a change and increase in staffing for the After School Program to accommodate the growing numbers. The Parks and Recreation department was fortunate enough to have several generous donations that have not only aided in our success but also showed the support that the area has for the programs.

Jeremy Hiltz Excavating donated time, equipment and the material needed to fix the drainage problem that the Booster Club and The Common Man very graciously removed the outdated gas stove at the Booster Club and replaced it with a new electric stove that is safer for the building. The Fire Department also help the Recreation Department purchase 2 AED's to keep onsite at the Booster Club and the Beach in case of emergencies.

Edward N Doggett Campground and Beach

The beach and campground were in need of some improvements that were accomplished in 2017. The roof on the bath house was redone and looks great! Custance Brothers Woodworking graciously donated a new counter top for the snack shack at the beach. Also, a new shed was purchased to replace the old shed in order to store all of the lifeguard and Parks and Recreation supplies. For the second year in a row we have had lifeguards at the beach and are now offering swimming lessons. We are gearing up for another great season with a full campground for the summer of 2018.

After School Program

The After School Program has continued to increase in size. We now have 37 kids registered for our program. With the assistance of the NH Food Bank, the after school program continues to be able to offer multiple snacks and also send food home with families in need.

Summer Camp

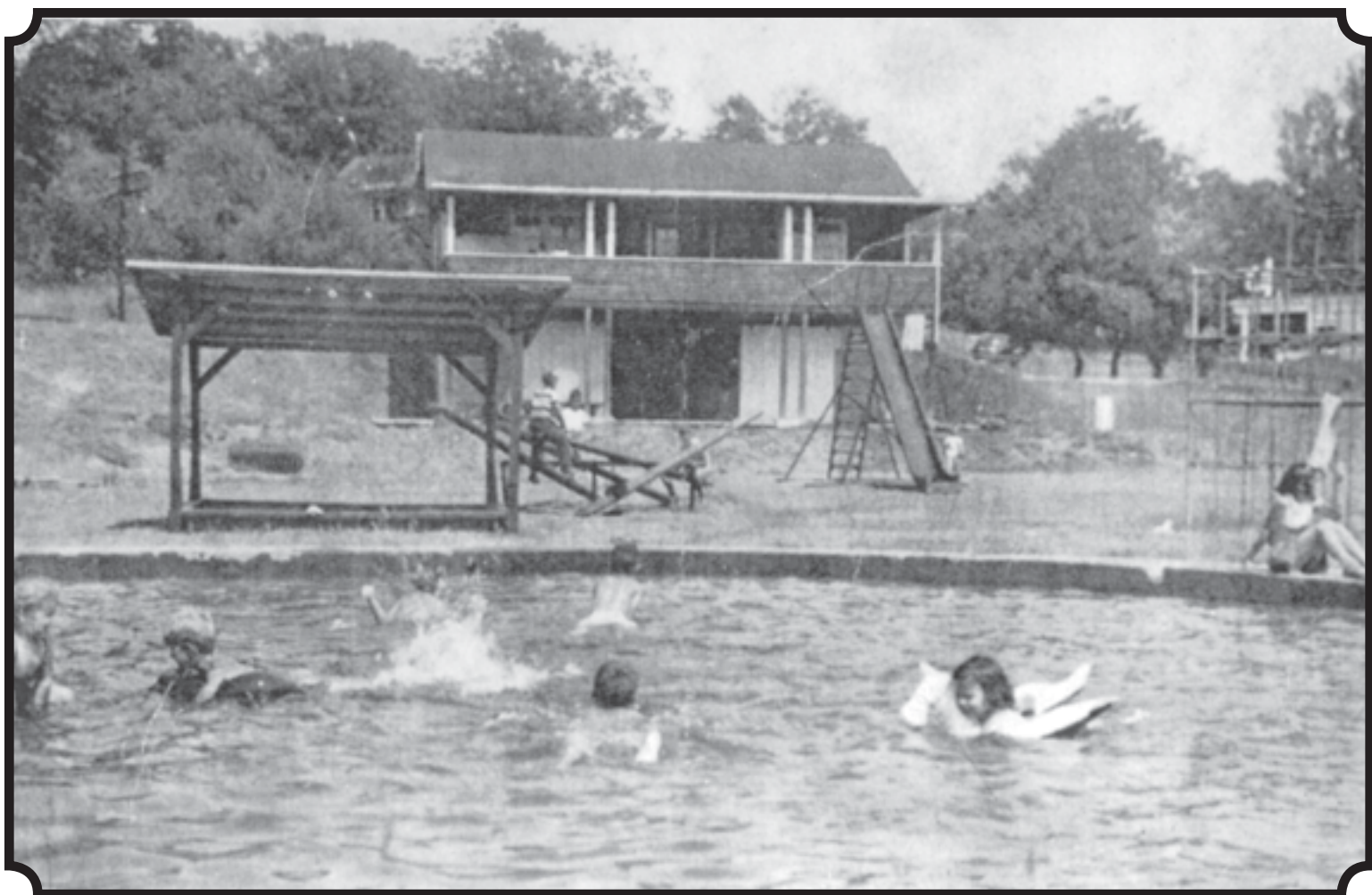
Since 2015, we have had a steady increase in our numbers for the summer camp. Our numbers reached 34 kids this summer. We were fortunate enough to have camp T-shirt donated by Elaine Hughes Realty. With increasing numbers, new field trip ideas, and the added benefit of swimming lessons, we plan to have another successful summer in 2018.

Community

The Parks and Recreation Department has fully taken over the Kids Night Out program. There were a total of 6 programs run; Valentines, March, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The number of kids in attendance to each program varied with our top event having 39 kids. This year was

also the first annual Kids Easter Egg Hunt which was a huge success and there was even a visit from the Easter Bunny. Eggs and candy were donated by St. Marks Church and Anne Lamson.

I would like to end by giving many thanks to everyone who has supported myself and the Parks and Recreation Department. Without your support and donations the programs and activities would not be as successful as they have been.



BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT 2017

The building activity for 2017 has been good. I've seen modifications in mostly residential. The residential remodeling has been very good this year looks like the economy is turning around. We are looking forward to a productive growth in 2018.

2017 BUILDING REPORTS

NEW STRUCTURES

Commercial	3
Residential (New Homes)	2

ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

Residential	29
Commercial	6
Demolitions (Structures)	2

MANUFACTURED HOUSING (Mobile Homes)

New	0
Removed	0

PERMITS ISSUED

Electrical	10
Plumbing	11
Signs	2

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED 67

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED \$8,582.00

Respectfully Submitted

Albert LaPlante
Code Enforcement Officer

Ashland Town Library Annual Report for 2017

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2017:

- Patron visits: 6,795
- Programs offered: 76, attended by 879 people
- Items circulated: 9,823
- Items downloaded (audio and eBooks): 719
- Computer users: 895
- Home visits: 45

The Library Trustees once again placed two warrant articles on the 2017 ballot, the bond issue (\$600,000) and the capital reserve warrant article (\$25,000). The bond issue for the funds to purchase and renovate the Old School was defeated, but the capital reserve warrant article passed. There will be a capital reserve warrant article on the 2018 ballot, again for \$25,000. A new or renovated library is sorely needed in Ashland, and the trustees continue to explore opportunities to raise the funds. The historic Old School is still on the real estate market.

Knitting nights began again this year. Movie nights and other programming for teens were popular. A new program for adults involved participants bringing a favorite cookbook and a dish to share from a recipe in the cookbook. One summer program was held, the play *Beauty and the Beast* was performed by the Hampstead Players. The library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade (175 students from the elementary school). The library offers space once a month for community members to get help signing up for the Affordable Care Act. Other programs: Pre-school story times (13), Adult Book Discussion Groups (16), Storytime (13).

The Friends of the Ashland Town Library are an organized group of volunteers that help support the Library through fundraising, donating materials for the library’s collection and supporting programs and other services for the community. The Friends held a book sale and 50/50 raffle in July and again in September during the Town Wide Yard Sale. The Friends have helped sponsor the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program at the library. This program encourages children and families to read 1,000 books before the child enters Kindergarten. The Friends also sponsored pictures with Santa Claus, with 150 children getting photos and a free book from Pond and Peak Reading Council. They also sponsored a program on black bears in New Hampshire. The Friends of the Library are a registered non-profit with the state of New Hampshire. Membership is free and new members are welcome.

Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds, including re-building of the ramp at the rear entrance. Thanks also to Meredith Village Savings Bank for their sponsorship of passes for the Squam Lakes Science Center.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Lisa Rollins, Robert Binette, Kayley Fouts, Beth Chalmers, and the many volunteers that donated a total of 26 hours to the library this year. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to a commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

Visit the library website at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/>, and make a donation to the library building fund at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/library-building-program.html>

**ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY
2017 FINANCIAL REPORT**

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	6618.69
Donations deposited	1823.01
Interest	2.97
Transfers to General Fund	(3366.03)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	5078.64

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	5053.99
Town Appropriation	750.00
Restitution for theft	126.49
Interest	2.59
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	5933.07

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	2026.44
Patron Fees	390.00
Interest	1.07
Transfers to General Fund	(50.00)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	2367.51

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	565.58
Copier Fees	352.02
Interest	.24
Transfers to General Fund	(517.80)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	400.04

LOST BOOK FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	1024.48
Reimbursements	174.94
Interest	.57
Transfer to General Fund	(11.47)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	1188.52

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	2268.44
Donations	395.77
Interest	.25
Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	2664.45

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year 1745.38

INCOME

Town Appropriation	61340.00
Transfers from Donations	3366.03
Transfers from Copier Fees	517.80
Transfer from Lost Book Fund	11.47
Transfer from Patron Fees	50.00
Gifts	200.00
Overdue Fees	17.00
Refunds	72.88
Sales of Books and Videos	37.00
Interest	.50

Total Income 65612.68

Total Available Funds 67358.06

EXPENDITURES

Wages	36937.47
FICA	2290.25
Medicare	535.51
Audios	955.64
Books	6788.59
Subscriptions	653.69
Videos	1154.62
Downloadable Books	480.00
Equipment	4499.92
Public Access Computer Fund	750.00
Software	109.98
Web Catalog	700.00
Cleaning	2636.00
Dues	170.00
Education	49.00
Mileage	120.63
Misc.	1059.00
Postage and PO Box Rental	535.14
Programs	902.63
Supplies	1847.71
Utilities	1378.73

Total Expenditures 64554.51

Balance at end of fiscal year 2803.55

Health Officer

The goal of Ashland's Health Officer is to support New Hampshire's overall public health goal of maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all residents. As such, the Health Officer is responsible for three critical functions.

- 1) To enforce applicable New Hampshire and laws and regulations as well as local ordinances and regulations.
- 2) To serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and our community on issues concerning local environmental and public health.
- 3) To be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional environmental and public health capacities.

In Ashland, the Health Officer (HO) collaborates with the Fire Chief and building inspector/code enforcement officer to exchange relevant information as might affect the health and wellbeing of Ashland residents and to ensure that they meet health and safety standards.

During 2017, the HO responded to numerous calls from residents, businesses and town buildings. Resident/landlord concerns included rodents, bed bugs, lead paint, water quality, substandard housing, lack of heat, unhealthy conditions and black mold. In addition, concerns over excess refuse were addressed. When appropriate, meetings were held with the Ashland Welfare Director, Police Department, Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss noted life safety and code violations.

During 2018, the primary goal is to continue to respond quickly to citizen health concerns. In addition, it will remain important to seek out state training opportunities and to stay abreast of state and national health concerns.

Fran Newton
Ashland Health Officer

Water and Sewer Departments

In 2017, the Water and Sewer Department focused on testing and developing the design for the Septage Receiving Station as well as replacing, upgrading, and maintaining infrastructure.

Projects and initiatives completed this year include the following:

- **Northern Pass.** The department continued to participate as an intervener in Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) hearings on Northern Pass.
- **Septage Receiving Station Pilot Program.** The department tested specially modified roll-off containers and two types of screening devices prior to designing the Septage Receiving Station.
- **Septage Receiving Station Design Basis Document.** Woodard & Curran completed a 20% design document for the Septage Receiving Station. The design for the building was reviewed by the Planning Board and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Construction of the new facility is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018.
- **Main Street Sewer Line Relining.** The Department had an 800-ft section of the sewer line on Main Street cleared of roots and relined in advance of sidewalk reconstruction scheduled for 2018.
- **Septage Lagoon Condition Report.** Nobis completed work on an assessment of the condition of the lagoons and began discussions about long-term planning with Woodard & Curran and the department.
- **Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS).** Jim Terabassi completed the CMMS. The system schedules, tracks, and records maintenance and maintenance costs for both the water and sewer systems. Along with the Geographical Information System (GIS), the CMMS serves as a basis for the Asset Management Plan, a computerized system that projects, prioritizes, and schedules long-term capital improvements.
- **Sewer Pump Station Repairs.** The department repaired and upgraded the three pump stations on River Street.
- **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrades.** The department purchased new software and hardware used for remote operation and control of the water system.
- **Safety Trailer.** The department purchased a safety trailer and associated equipment for emergencies such as water and sewer main breaks. The trailer contains equipment required for trench work, night time work, and traffic control.
- **Training.** The Commissioners attended Asset Management, State Revolving Fund (SRF), and Rural Development Administration (RDA) loan training workshops.
- **Site Visits.** The Commissioners made site visits to Septage Receiving Facilities in Billerica, Lowell, Lincoln, and Milford to view the operation of screening equipment and discuss operations with plant managers.

In 2018 the Department will focus on the construction of the Septage Receiving Station. The new station will consist of a metal building and screening equipment designed to remove biological solids (plastics and rags) from septage and town sewage. This process will extend the useful life of the lagoons and reduce long-term maintenance costs. Septage receiving provides all the revenues needed for

capital improvements. Water and sewer rates only cover operating expenses. The commissioners estimate that the cost of capital improvements over the next ten years will be between \$7.5M and \$9M.

- \$2.2M-\$2.5M Septage Receiving Station
- \$450K Thompson St. water and sewer line replacement
- \$250K Winona Road water line replacement
- \$1M-\$1.5 Relining Lagoon #3/Aerator replacement
- \$1M Highland St. Water and Sewer Line Replacement
- \$750K-\$1M Desalinization Plant
- \$1M-\$1.5M 2nd Water Tank/Well
- \$750K 3 Sewer Pump Station replacements

The new receiving station will enable the Department to fund these improvements while making modest increases in water and sewer rates to cover normal increases in operating expenses.

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Regular Members: Mardean Badger, Carol Fucarile (resigned in Dec.), Susan MacLeod
ex officio Selectmen: Leigh Sharps, Frances Newton alternate
Minute-taker, Paula Hancock

In 2017, the Planning Board processed and approved seven new official cases with six site plan reviews and a subdivision, as well as a lot merger and a site plan from 2016 being finalized. Two of the approved site plans for new businesses have been held up by issues encountered by the owners from the state or other agencies. The new business StitchWorks is open on Main Street and White Mountain Brewery has expanded. Edward Adamsky Law and the Quince & Quail shop are soon to open in their renovated building at 44 Main Street. At this writing, the site plan review submitted for Sanctuary ATC to site a medical marijuana growing facility in an existing warehouse building is scheduled for a public hearing in January 2018. The Planning Board also conducted several consultations with people inquiring about home occupations, business owners looking to expand, and entrepreneurs looking for locations in town to suit their needs.

In accordance with the *Site Plan Review Regulations*, any proposed change of business (by a landowner or tenant), expansion, or change of use of a non-residential building is required to come before the Planning Board for review. It is recommended to come for a no-cost, pre-application consultation where any requirements and waivers would be outlined. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website, www.ashlandnh.org and available at the Town Office.

The Planning Board had assistance in updating the Master Plan. The Heritage Commission reviewed and updated *Chapter 9, Historical and Cultural Resources*, and the Conservation Commission is working on *Chapter 4, Natural Resources*. Members from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Water & Sewer Commission formed a subcommittee to work with Lakes Region Planning Commission on the development of source water protection practices to keep our municipal drinking water safe. The cost of the LRPC's professional input was funded by a grant. The result of the subcommittee's work is a draft ordinance that was presented at the Planning Board's December 6th meeting. Public Hearings on its content are scheduled for January 3 and 10, 2018 for public comment prior to being placed on the ballot for a March 2018 vote. Copies of the ordinance are available online and by request at the Town Office.

The State Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) extended the "trial" phase of the Northern Pass Project and a decision on the application will now come in February. It is expected that more legal action will follow.

The Planning Board's regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and work sessions are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashland Elementary School Library. Please refer to our website for further information, or feel free to contact the Planning Board at our email address, landusepb@ashland.nh.gov. We do our best to provide assistance and to answer any questions you may have. There is the opportunity to join the Board with openings for two regular members and two alternates.

"Success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius." – An Wang

As Chairman, I am ever thankful to the members of the Planning Board for their professional assistance and their service to our community. They are so often called upon to make difficult or unpopular decisions to preserve the rights of individuals while upholding the Town's zoning ordinance and regulations. With regret, we accepted Carol Fucarile's resignation in December and wish her the best in all future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan MacLeod, Chairman

2017
Ashland Zoning Board of Adjustment
Year in Review

The ZBA is a semi-judicial land use board, and, as stated in the New Hampshire OEP *Zoning Board Handbook* “hears appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official and administers special provisions in the ordinance dealing with variances and special exceptions. “

The Board consists of five full members and two alternate members. For the last couple of years, the ZBA has been operating with less than a full complement of members. The lack of volunteers was brought up at a Board of Selectmen’s meeting, and two volunteers expressed their interest in serving, and were appointed. The Board is still looking for a second alternate member.

The Board decided two variance cases this year, both of which involved relief from the setback restrictions in the Rural Residential Zone.

Eli Badger, Chair

Ashland Conservation Commission

Town of Ashland
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conservation@ashland.nh.gov

Annual Report for 2017

The Ashland Conservation Commission continued its efforts to conserve, protect, and promote the abundant natural resources of our town this year. We remain as the local eyes and ears for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the stewards of the natural environment within the geographical boundaries of our town. I'll highlight some of our work from this calendar year.

The proposed Northern Pass transmission project remained an agenda item for every meeting we held. The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) of the Public Utilities Commission initiated the formal hearing process in April. The hearing functions like a trial in court, with witnesses called to testify and exhibits submitted for record. At the time of this report, the committee is still working its way through the lengthy list of witnesses. The committee is currently slated to begin its deliberations at the end of January 2018. A decision is anticipated in early spring.

An interest in the health and vitality of the Squam River motivated us to begin a water quality sampling program. Squam Lakes Association (SLA) was generous in their granting the use of their testing equipment. We selected several locations on the river's course through town to collect measurements of specific conductance, pH, and dissolved oxygen. The initial set of measurements was taken in September. Our plan is to build a dataset of these measurements to learn the story of the river's health over time.

The Commission would like to remind the residents of Ashland of the perennial problem of non-native invasive species. Most of us are familiar with the most flagrant offender: Japanese knotweed. Please help do your part of the environment of our town by stopping the spread of these obnoxious plants. We've posted several links on our webpage to pertaining to identification and management of these plants. All of us working together can combat the threat posed to our native plant species.

The Conservation Commission is always available to listen to your questions, comments, and concerns. We're here to help. We hold regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashland Conservation Commission

Walter Durack, Chair
Harold Lamos
Amanda Loud

ASHLAND Economic Development Committee (AEDC)

Steering Committee: Steve Felton/Chairperson, Cheryl Cox/ Vice Chairperson, Susan MacLeod/Secretary, Benoit Lamontagne. Fran Newton/Ex Officio Board of Selectman

Ad Hoc Committee Member: David Toth /Water and Sewer Department

In 2017 the AEDC focused on refining our goals and building relationships that could assist in offering expertise and potential funding for current and future projects.

Cheryl Cox has also continued to update and build info and views on the Facebook page, *Destination Ashland*.

The committee's main focus has been on building a vision and action plan for the redevelopment and productive use of the L.W. Packard Mill Site. In this process, we have met with a number of key stakeholders, who have offered their advice and expertise, as well as helping to identify potential funding sources for the project. We see this as a key catalyst in developing the relationships and resources needed to make this a more economically productive site for the town, taxpayers and current and future owners. This communication and relationship development will also assist in future projects.

We have met with existing mill owners, local business owners, state university resources and many regional, state, and federal agencies to better understand how they can assist, how we can utilize their expertise, and to identify potential funding sources.

We recently sponsored and organized an economic development forum attended by over 50 people representing all the groups mentioned above to communicate our goals, help all those present to better know the town of Ashland and to get feedback and some excellent advice from the group while soliciting them for possible assistance in next steps. Some of that assistance has been new participants at our meetings, helping to carry out the work and expanding the network for this long-term project.

We continue to look at and work on ways to better market Ashland as a destination for new business and help in the success of existing business, which will benefit the town residents and taxpayers.

Please visit the Ashland town website/Boards Committees/Economic Development Committee to view more detail on the mill redevelopment project and others.

Ashland Fourth of July Celebrations Report

Submitted by Amanda Loud and Katie Maher

2017 marked the 57th year of Ashland's Fourth of July celebrations. The fireworks, shot for the 2nd year from the elementary school, once again commanded a spectacular crowd. The weather and cloudless sky aided our celebration this year. Although the delay between the end of the show and its encore caused a bit of confusion, those who saw the show all agreed that it was, as always, outstanding. The Larry Walker Band and Art Harriman provided entertainment on the field, and Chesley's vending provided food and beverage options. We appreciate the Ashland Community Church's hamburger stand which raised funds for the Fourth of July. We were thrilled the port-a-potties were delivered to Ashland, NH this year and not to Ashland, MA. We also apologize for the delay in picking up the 2 remaining units.

The parade was a success, including many floats, marching groups, and antique cars. For the second year we awarded monetary prizes to the top 3 floats and awarded 5 floats with banners which reflect various aspects of our celebration. This year's theme was "Celebrate Ashland," and the parade marshals were the Gosse Family, a family who has truly spent the past few decades supporting and celebrating Ashland, NH. This year's parade ran very smoothly, and we are happy to report there were no significant back-ups or delays. This is always a concern, as the parade permit allows us to shut the street down for only a short time. Of concern, however, is the continued presence of animals on the ball field the night of the fireworks. Please note that only service animals are allowed on the ball field.

2017 was also the first full year for the Fourth of July Committee to work with the Heritage Commission. We found the relationship to be a good one, as it prompted the committee to review and submit a budget well in advance. It also made tracking payments and contracts clearer.

The Fourth of July Committee raised a total of \$17,405.64 in 2017. The pancake breakfast was a wonderful success, as were the button sales, donation buckets, and the Common Man Raffle. We thank those businesses that bought banners/ banner space at the ball field. Instead of producing a program this year, Katie Maher headed a calendar page which featured donated advertising space. Our expenses were \$17,578.63, which includes the parade, fireworks, entertainment, and miscellaneous expenses such as copies and port-a-potties. Because the Fourth of July Committee had a beginning balance of \$27,970.15, the Committee leaves a forwarding balance of \$27,797.16. For the past several years, the A4J committee fundraised at least 1 year in advance, and thanks to good past fundraising, the 2018 event is assured.

The 2017 Ashland Fourth of July Committee, chaired by Amanda Loud, consisted of Glenn Dion, Laura Dion, Caroline Gosse, Patty Heinz, Kathy Jaquith, and Katie Maher. Many thanks also to those who helped the days of the parade and fireworks, including Cathy and Jerry Landroche and Phyllis Reitsma. Most of all, many, many thanks to those who came forward in May to help with the events. It became apparent to the committee in the fall of 2016 that the man-power needed to fundraise and produce the Fourth of July events was lacking. Amanda Loud made the need for additional help public in February 2017 by going before the Board of Selectmen. At the May Fourth of July meeting, we had over 30 volunteers who wanted the Fourth Celebrations to continue in Ashland. At the August meeting, the 2017 committee resigned, and a new committee, headed by Fran Wendelboe, took over. We wish them all the very best as they continue Ashland's tradition.

ASHLAND 150th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Ashland's 150th Celebration will start with a play reenacting our secession and first town meeting. Then a train ride from the Ashland Station to and from the Common Man Inn in Plymouth for a Civil War Costume Ball. Hardtacks will be providing live music and local dance instructor, Megan Francis, has agreed to assist with lessons as to period dances including a grand march. The final choices have been made as to the six sites for each of the two cemetery walks and we are working on the stories they will have to tell. Club Soda has been selected for the street dance in the middle of the week. "Alumni day" will include displays by the various classes in the Ashland gym. The parade will be on Saturday afternoon from the Fire Station to the L W Packard ballpark. In addition to the 150th ceremony, there will be bands, individual entertainers and dance groups performing at the ballpark throughout the day, as well as a community BBQ, and fireworks in the evening. Then ending the week will be a Whitten Woods walk and boat parade on Little Squam Lake. Our long-term project in remembrance of the 150th is a stone structure to display an old LW Packard bell, possibly on South Main Street, by Mechanic Street. Preliminary plans are being discussed with the Department of Public Works, John Glidden and Pemi-Baker Memorials and we hope to have a design in place soon.

The Committee has made regular presentations to the Board of Selectmen to keep them apprised of our plans. We are working with the Ashland Elementary School as well as Chief Randall of the Police Department and Chief Heath for the Fire Department.

Our logo has been finalized with the help of Stacey Lucas of the Fig Tree and includes a covered bridge and loons. Our fundraising includes a pictorial book of vintage and current pictures of Ashland (created by Frank Flanders, a former Ashland resident), commemorative mugs, pens, Christmas ornaments and license plate for display on the front of vehicles beginning January 1, for one year. There is also a black & white 2018 calendar of places which have changed or are gone. Items may be purchased directly at Elaine Hughes Realty group, Fran's Ceramics & Gifts or ordered through the Ashland Elementary School.

Our float won \$100 at the 2017 4th of July parade. Banners are being offered to be sponsored by various businesses and individuals and displayed on utility poles throughout our town in 2018. Plans are to have a booklet which will focus on the people of our town, present and past. We received \$5,000 from the Town last year and will be requesting another donation this year. Donations or inquiries may be made to "Ashland 150th Celebration Fund", PO Box 15, Ashland NH 03217. Our goal is to cover some, if not all, of the costs of the 150th, so they may be enjoyed by all, young and old.

Sesquicentennial fever has begun!

Jane Lyford Sawyer, Chair
Kendall Hughes, Vice Chair
Bob Baker, Treasurer
Jeanette Lyford Stewart, Secretary

Ashland 150th Anniversary Celebration Schedule Week of July 20 to July 29, 2018

Fri: July 20

Secession Re-enactment; First Town Meeting (Ashland Gym)

Sat: July 21

Train Ride from Ashland Railroad Station to/from Civil War Costume Ball
(Common Man Inn, Plymouth)

Sun: July 22

1st Cemetery Walk (Green Grove Cemetery)
Town Historic Walk (Ashland Historical Society)

Mon: July 23

Rain Date - 1st Cemetery Walk

Tue: July 24

2nd Cemetery Walk (Green Grove Cemetery)

Wed: July 25

Street Dance - Old Cars/Trucks (Pleasant Street)(If rain, Ashland Gym)

Thu: July 26

Rain Date - 2nd Cemetery Walk

Fri: July 27

Alumni Day (Ashland Gym)

Sat: July 28

Parade (Fire Station to Ballpark)
150th Ceremony; Various Events; Vendors; Entertainers (Ballpark)
Fireworks (Viewing from Ballpark)

Sun: July 29

Rain Date for Fireworks
Whitten Woods Walk (off Highland Street)
Boat Parade (Old & New) (Covered Bridge to Holderness & Return)

HERITAGE COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4PM at the Fire Station

All are welcome to join our efforts to acknowledge and preserve Ashland's heritage.

Susan MacLeod, Chair (April 2020), David Ruell, Recording Secretary (April 2019), Katie Maher, Financial Officer (April 2018), Kathleen DeWolfe, (April 2018). Leigh Sharps, *Ex Officio* Board of Selectmen (April 2018)

The Ashland Heritage Commission had a productive 2017 advancing key projects and developing new ones.

4th of July Committee: As a Heritage Commission subcommittee, the Fourth of July Committee deposited all monies raised in 2017 into the Heritage Fund. These funds are specifically designated for the Fourth of July celebration events in 2018 and beyond. New members revitalized the subcommittee this past August, and in October they voted to become a Town committee under the Board of Selectmen.

Town Hall: The Commission was awarded an LCHIP grant for \$18,250, 50% of the estimated \$36,500 maximum required to conduct a professional historical architectural and engineering assessment of Ashland Town Hall. The other half will be donations, in-kind work and warrant article appropriation. The building has been neglected in recent years due to budget constraints and suffers compliance deficiencies and physical degradation. The goal is to preserve the building's historic exterior and rehabilitate its interior making it safe, more accessible, and to maximize its use efficiently.

The Commission has granted by the Board of Selectmen the enjoyable task of seasonally decorating the Town Hall. All are invited to join in with creative ideas and help to display community pride with a festive and inviting Town Hall.

Town-owned Buildings Project: Town Hall, the Scribner Building, the Whipple House, and the Booster Club are among the buildings considered historically and/or culturally important. In addition, the Town owns the Fire Station and the Utilities buildings. The Commission has developed a listing of these assets to provide to the Selectmen for discussion on the best uses of these buildings into the future.

New Hampshire Barn Project: The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance launched a barn survey with the goal of surveying 52 barns in 52 weeks in 2017. The Commission participated in the training event and developed a list of barns of varying types in town. This project focused on stand-alone barns first by surveying the Stevens, Sharps and Dion barns during the summer months. If you would like your barn included in the historical record created, please contact the Commission.

In conjunction with this project, in July the Commission sponsored the NH Humanities program on connected farm buildings unique to New England presented by Professor Thomas Hubka, author of *Big, House, Little House, Back House, Barn*.

Master Plan: The Commission worked on updates to *Town of Ashland Master Plan, Chapter 9, Historical and Cultural Resources* and submitted it to the Planning Board for a future public hearing.

Ashland Appreciation Day: Working in coordination with Selectmen, Department of Public Works and volunteers, the Commission sponsored the inauguration of this event. In anticipation of our 150th year celebrations, tasks included sprucing up the front of Town Hall with recoating the parking lot, cleaning and painting the front entrance, cleaning up the jail by removing the tar stains, and more plantings in the front garden. The day's activities culminated with the dedication of a plaque honoring former Selectman Norm DeWolfe's service. Established as an annual event, the Commission will make plans to participate again in

2018. Suggestions for honoring people, showing love for the Ashland community and its history, or other ideas for appreciating our Town are welcome, as well as joining in with the planning and fun.

Programs for 2018: The Commission is planning on a number of programs highlighting local cultural events and historical assets. Among them is a photo project requesting residents of Ashland to take photos of their homes in 2018 for the historical record. Photos will also be taken recreating old postcard views throughout town. The Commission has set up a Facebook page (Ashland Heritage) for people to add their photos and view others posted.

The Ashland Heritage Commission was established March 2015 by the passing of Warrant Article 14 in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 with five appointed and up to three alternate members and the creation of a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d. The Heritage Commission advises on the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY-2017

SUBMITTED BY DAVID RUELL, PRESIDENT

2017 was an active year for the Ashland Historical Society, with much accomplished.

The Whipple House was a major focus this year. The entire rear wooden wall, the shutters, the gable eaves and windowsills of the main block, were all painted. Clapboards were replaced. The south slope of the apartment shed roof was resingled. More electrical outlets were installed on the second floor. The basement dehumidifier was replaced and a copier donated. The apartment saw the resealing of the kitchen floor and the installation of a fan in the bathroom. A safety railing was installed around the open stairwell in the apartment shed. The driveway fence was repaired and painted. Three dead elms and a tree growing into the museum shed foundation were removed. The replacement of a leaking chimney with a Moose Plate grant was delayed by the withdrawal of the original contractor, but we have hired a new contractor and hope to have the work completed next year. Furniture that had been on loan from the New Hampton Historical Society for decades was returned to that Society, to provide more display and work space in our museum. The exhibits were partly rearranged with three new exhibits, featuring highlights of the Jeanne Demers collection donated last year, curiosities from our collection, and the circa 1899 quilt made by the Earnest Workers of St. Mark's Church.

The Railroad Station Museum attracted the most visitors, hosting ten fall foliage train rides, as well as summer visitors, two Society programs, board and committee meetings. The work of restoring the old shanty began with the almost complete replacement of the deteriorated roof, the removal of the old floor and the installation of new floor joists and subfloor. The station cellar saw the removal of the broken water heater, and the installation of an electrical outlet and a railing on the stairs, the last required by our insurance company. The platform was repaired and resealed. The brush was cut back.

The Toy Museum was not open this year, as the museum committee explored options for sharing the collection with the public in various ways, by visiting similar museums and meeting with their museum officials. The exterior saw painting, the repair of the screen doors, and the replacement of clapboards, entry steps and rails.

After a busy 2016, with its celebration of the 200th Anniversary of The Year Without A Summer and the completion of the exterior, the Reuben Whitten House had a relatively quiet year, with the updating of the interior display and the website, and visits from schoolchildren.

Our collections continue to grow. Two more years of Ashland items in local newspapers were added to our archives, so it now covers a full century from 1848 through 1947. Three more years of the local newspaper in the 1950's were also copied. The indexing and updating of recent scrapbooks of such news items was completed.

The Society's outside exhibits are enlarged copies of historic photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office included one on Ashland's Early Houses, and three miscellanies of interesting photographs, mostly from our collection with some borrowed, of different subjects, for which we did not have enough images for a full exhibit, but which were still worth displaying. Our Christmas Night exhibit featured old Ashland houses.

The Society sponsored five free public programs. Three were N.H. Humanities programs, including Dudley Laufman on contra dancing in New Hampshire, Steve Taylor on the state's road construction boon in the last half of the 20th century, and, co-sponsored with the Ashland Heritage Commission, Thomas Hubka on the connected farm buildings of New England. Malcolm "Tink" Taylor spoke on the railroads in New Hampshire. A more local talk outlined the history of the Ashland Town Hall.

The Society was able to fund its various projects and efforts through memberships, business sponsorships, other donations (notably a large donation from Dr. Whipple's daughter-in-law), rent of the Whipple House apartment, sales, a donation from the local tourist railroad, and program grants from NH Humanities.

The 150th Anniversary celebration in 2018 will be a good time to look back at the history of our town. The Society plans for the Anniversary include an historic walking tour of the village and a grand display of our enlarged historic photographs of Ashland.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK - 2017

Trustees: Steve Jaquith, Mark Liebert, Susan MacLeod, Liz Stevens

The year 2017 began and ended in the same fashion, with a fabulous display of Holiday lights and decorations. Santa's "Elves" seem to outdo themselves every year by making the Park so festive.

This spring a meeting of the Trustee's was held at the Park; to go over how the Park fared through the winter, what needed fixing, and to determine what kind of work was needed to be done. At this time, it was noted that our grand old Sugar Maple, the crown of the Park was not doing well. The Trustees decided to have a few Arborists come by and diagnose the condition of the tree. All three gave the same conclusion, the tree had a serious problem with rot in the main trunk, was a hazard to the visitors to the park, and needed to be taken down. The Selectboard was notified, as were the townspeople, and this fall the large Sugar Maple was removed. Some of the wood has been saved and we are exploring the possibility of having the wood worked into some items that could be offered for sale in the future. We hope to use these items to help raise some money for a replacement tree for the park. The expense for the Tree Removal was covered by the Memorial Park funds.

This summer the Ashland Garden Club continued their fine work of keeping the gardens around the Park, blooming and beautiful. The Town DPW has also been a huge help at the park, providing services when possible.

This summer the Park had many occasions where it was used; as a place to sit and enjoy the view of the river, for a plant sale, for a number of concerts, and sometimes just a lovely spot to gaze upon as people passed by. We the Trustee's would like to thank everyone that had a hand in helping to maintain this little oasis in the center of Town.



Ashland Memorial Park
2017 Financial Statement

Kathryn E Jaquith, Treasurer

Balance on hand - Jan. 1, 2017	\$2,575.37
Credits: Transfer from Invested Funds	\$500.00
Interest	\$0.25
Total Credits	+\$500.25
Expenditures: USPS – Box Rent	\$64.00
PF Property Maintenance – Spring Clean Up	\$170.00
Chippers – Removal of trees	\$2,250.00
PF Property Maintenance – Fall Clean Up	\$265.00
Total Expenditures	-\$2,749.00
Balance on hand – Dec. 31, 2017	\$326.62

2017 VITAL STATISTICS



TOWN OF ASHLAND - VITAL RECORDS 2017

BIRTHS

	DATE	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
SAYGE, LEYTI	2/28/2017	MANCHESTER, NH		BERTI, MARISSA
AYERS, OWEN ZACHARY	7/7/2017	LEBANON, NH		AYERS, NATASHA
BRICK, ELI EARL	9/22/2017	PLYMOUTH, NH		WEEKS, JESSICA
MANYK, JOSEPH CASH	10/13/2017	PLYMOUTH, NH	MANYK, MICHAEL	MANYK, JESSICA

DEATH

	DATE	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
PIPER, DEBRA	1/18/2017	LACONIA	MERCH, WILLIAM	MCCORMACK, SANDRA
PARKER JR, RICHARD	2/19/2017	ASHLAND	PARKER SR, HOWARD	THIMMER, MARGARET
DUNN, LINDA	2/20/2017	PLYMOUTH	DUNN, WALTER	CALAIS, HELEN
MASON, ALLEN	2/21/2017	PLYMOUTH	MASON, EARL	METCALF, ALICE
MARSH, KATHLEEN	3/14/2017	LEBANON	O'MARA, WALTER	MANSFIELD, MARION
BROWN, KEITH	4/2/2017	LEBANON	BROWN, FREDERICK	GRIFFIN, HELEN
LINDROTH, VIRGINIA	4/7/2017	ASHLAND	GUSTAFSON, CARL	APPEL, LORETTA
SAVAGE, ALICE	5/8/2017	ASHLAND	KNEEDLER, HARDING	HARRIS, CHRISTINA
SOUTHWORTH, RICHARD	5/23/2017	ASHLAND	SOUTHWORTH, ROBERT	BURROWS, APRIL
BOYLE, ROBERT	8/22/2017	MEREDITH	BOYLE, JOSEPH	DAVIS, MARY LOUISE
YOUNG, ROBERT	8/23/2017	LACONIA	YOUNG, ROGER	LEROUX, ESTER
TROTT, SHEILA	8/28/2017	PLYMOUTH	BENNETT, ORMAN	KENDALL, BLANCHE
DINGER JR, GILBERT	8/31/2017	LEBANON	DINGER SR, GILBERT	FULLER, DONNA
MARSH, THOMAS	9/3/2017	PLYMOUTH	MARSH, ELMER	BRADY, AGNES
ST CYR, GEORGE	9/5/2017	MANCHESTER	ST CYR, ARTHUR	DUHAIME, MARK
DALESANDRO, PAUL	10/5/2017	ASHLAND	DALESANDRO, JUSTIN	CAMPO, FRANCES
HUGHES, JOHN	11/16/2017	PLYMOUTH	HUGHES, BERT	MORRISON, MARY
KATHAN II, MERRITT	12/12/2017	ASHLAND	KATHAN, MERRITT	ZELA, IRENE
STEWART, EDMUND	12/20/2017	FRANKLIN	STEWART, LEO	TILTON, ALICE
BROWN, EDWARD	12/31/2017	CONCORD	BROWN, JOHN	HAWEENY, JOSEPHINE

MARRIAGE		ISSUED	PLACE	DATE
BOYLAND II, JAMES	DAMIANI, KIMBERLY	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	5/20/2017
SMITH, LESLIE E	VOGEL, MICHAEL V	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	6/2/2017
RANDLETT-BODEN, CHRISTOPHER	CHARLES, TRISHA M	TILTON	TILTON	6/10/2017
MARSH, DAVID D	LEE, TRACY A	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	6/17/2017
PERRY, JESSICA R	DUQUETTE JR, DENNIS J	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	7/1/2017
SARGENT, JEREMIAH R	DROSS, APRIL M	ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	7/15/2017
STEVENS, JACOB M	DAUER, RACHEL E	ASHLAND	MILTON	8/12/2017
PIPER, CYNTHIA	STANDING, PAUL N	ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	10/29/2017
WRIGHT, NATHAN	MARTELL, CHELSEA E	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	10/31/2017

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STATISTICAL AND TOWN FINANCIAL REPORTS



TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2017 Pat Crowell retired and Wendy Smith joined the staff as my assistant clerk. We have had a great year serving you our residents. We have assisted you with your vehicle registrations, vital record issues, voter registration and answered any number of inquiries regarding any number of issues. It has been a pleasure for us to help you.

The office continues to offer payments by credit card [there is a 2.79% convenience fee charge], cash or check. You are able to renew registrations and dog licenses on line at www.ashland.nh.gov by clicking on the EReg icon. We continue to have training through the state and the town clerk's association.

The following is a list of the Town Clerk's duties and functions that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations and titles
- Issue dog licenses
- Issue marriage licenses
- Produce certified copies of death, birth, marriage, divorce records
- Record and preserve public records of the town
- Record and certify minutes of town meeting
- Assist in all federal, state, local elections
- Accept voter registrations and forward them to the Supervisor of the Checklist
- Administer Oath of Office to elected or appointed officials
- Receive service of writs of action against the town
- Record Articles of Agreement

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by the State for Town Clerks, we at this office:

- Issue decals and plates – within the limits of the state agency
- Provide notary services [note as of December 1, 2017 there will be a \$5.00 for non-residents]
- Pursues payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds
- Issue transfer station permits
- Issue beach passes
- Aid the public in genealogy searches
- Respond to inquiries from the general public

This office is governed by the following state and federal agencies:

- NH Department of Safety – Motor Vehicle Division
 - Bureau of Registration
 - Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
 - Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- NH Department of Agriculture [Animal Industry Division]
- NH Secretary of State
 - Division of Vital Records Administration
 - Division of Archives and Records Management
 - Election Division

US Compliance with HAVA and ADA
 NH Department of Environmental Services
 NH Office of Information Technology
 NH Department of Revenue Administration

This office is audited by the town auditors as well as the Department of Safety – Motor Vehicle Division auditor.

Our hours are Monday – Friday 8-4. This office is where you come to declare residency, register to vote, register vehicles, search vital records or if you have general questions. We will do our best to point you in the right direction.

2017	01-3220-10 MV PERMITS	01-3290-10 DOG - T	01-2070-25 DOG -S	01-3290-50 VITAL - T	01-2070-20 VITAL - S	01-3290-90 MISC	DUE STATE
JAN	\$ 29,020.00	\$ 102.50	\$ 59.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 8.05	\$ 8,511.29
FEB	\$ 25,259.75	\$ 69.50	\$ 37.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 91.00		\$ 9,047.42
MAR	\$ 24,048.00	\$ 180.50	\$ 107.50	\$ 228.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 8.05	\$ 9,234.54
APR	\$ 35,757.00	\$ 496.50	\$ 257.00	\$ 191.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 11,858.29
MAY	\$ 32,592.66	\$ 257.50	\$ 141.50	\$ 213.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 13.80	\$ 13,319.32
JUN	\$ 29,889.00	\$ 304.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,145.85	\$ 12,518.58
JUL	\$ 33,392.32	\$ 308.50	\$ 35.50	\$ 187.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 11,341.89
AUG	\$ 30,666.00	\$ 54.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 10,017.11
SEP	\$ 31,350.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 260.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 2.30	\$ 11,993.34
OCT	\$ 26,562.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 284.00	\$ 8.05	\$ 10,309.02
NOV	\$ 29,925.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 88.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 10,574.98
DEC	\$ 21,145.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 143.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 1.15	
	\$ 349,606.73	\$ 1,832.50	\$ 812.50	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 1,213.70	\$ 118,725.78

As Tax Collector, I am given a warrant to collect, I send out the bills, notify property owners of delinquent accounts, I record tax liens and bring the accounts that are up for tax deeding to the Board of Selectmen. As I read back the about statement it seems pretty simple – sometimes it can get very complicated.

I would like to remind everyone that partial payments can be made throughout the year. We do accept credit cards [with a fee], checks and cash. The property tax rate is based on revenues and the budget and warrant articles that were voted in March.

Remember – WE the property owners that get the tax bill are the lifeline for Ashland – payment of the taxes are what keep the functions of the town going.

You will find the tax collectors report on the following pages.



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

This form is due March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: ASHLAND County: GRAFTON Report Year: 2017

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name
PATRICIA TUCKER
Street No. Street Name Phone Number
20 HIGHLAND ST ASHLAND (603) 968-4432
Email (optional)
ptucker@ashland.nh.gov



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Debits					
		Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Year: 2016	Year:	Year:	Year:
Property Taxes	3110	\$513,067.32			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

		Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
Taxes Committed This Year	Account	2016		
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,879,330.07		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$690.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$2,480.52		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			

		Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
Overpayment Refunds	Account	2016			
Property Taxes	3110	\$3,584.24			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
2018 prepayments		\$124,357.42			
2019 prepayments		\$10,683.37			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$5,955.67	\$28,713.61		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$6,027,081.29	\$541,780.93	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2016	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$5,407,641.09	\$373,115.33		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$690.00			
Yield Taxes				
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$5,955.67	\$28,713.61		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$138,918.02		
2018 prepayments	\$124,357.42			
2019 prepayments	\$10,683.37			
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2016	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes		\$1,033.97		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
	2016			
Property Taxes	\$475,273.22			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$2,480.52			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$6,027,081.29	\$541,780.93	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$477,753.74
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$138,859.07



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014-
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$57,235.64	\$39,049.61	\$43,869.21
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$150,845.81			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$4,731.24	\$5,933.71	\$6,063.64	\$4,676.48
Total Debits	\$155,577.05	\$63,169.35	\$45,113.25	\$48,545.69

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014-
Redemptions	\$97,850.20	\$21,084.32	\$23,427.44	\$9,779.24
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$4,731.24	\$5,933.71	\$6,063.64	\$4,676.48
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$52,995.61	\$36,151.32	\$15,622.17	\$34,089.97
Total Credits	\$155,577.05	\$63,169.35	\$45,113.25	\$48,545.69

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$477,753.74
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$138,859.07



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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Patricia

Tucker

1-19-18

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Patricia Tucker, Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2017
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2017	\$ 2,166,658.84	\$ 362,587.80	\$ 36,587.13	\$ 710,857.46
DEPOSITS	\$ 7,345,572.52	\$ 2,986,335.88	\$ 205,452.15	\$ 716,048.61
EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,047,276.97	\$ 3,043,750.60	\$ 200,835.29	\$ 409,253.21
INTEREST	\$ 3,998.92	\$ 463.54	\$ 65.05	\$ 2,018.41
TOTAL	\$ 2,468,953.31	\$ 305,636.62	\$ 41,269.04	\$ 1,019,671.27
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2017				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 350,904.02	\$	\$ 41,269.04	
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 2,118,049.29	\$ 64,306.48	\$	\$ 13,967.12
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT		\$ 26,262.54	\$	\$ 744,557.84
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 2,468,953.31	\$ 90,569.02	\$ 41,269.04	\$ 758,524.96
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 192,863.68		
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 22,203.84	\$	\$ 261,146.31
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK		\$ 215,067.52	\$	\$ 261,146.31
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017	\$ 2,468,953.31	\$ 305,636.54	\$ 41,269.04	\$ 1,019,671.27
		4TH OF JULY BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	\$ 13,970.15
		4TH OF JULY DEPOSITS	\$	\$ 19,259.60
		4TH OF JULY INTEREST	\$	\$ 71.59
		4TH OF JULY EXPENDITURES	\$	\$ 5,504.38
		ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 2016	\$	\$ 27,796.96

2017 GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS						
	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL YEAR 2017	INTEREST YEAR 2017	PRINCIPAL BALANCE		
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE						
\$235,631 Water System Bond 01-4711-20-981	March	6,042	2,646			
Due Annually @3.99%	September	6,042	2,531			\$120,836
Payable to Northway		\$ 12,084.00	\$ 5,177.00			
Final Payment 9/10/2027						
\$1,092,191 Water Project 01-4721-20-984	January	32,123	12,799			
Interest @ 3.99%	July	32,123	12,169	\$		578,218
Payable to Northway Bank		\$ 64,247	\$ 24,968			
Final Payment 07/16/2026						
\$944,000 River St Improvement R1 and R2 01-4711-20-986	January		16,910			
Interest @ 2.753%	June	48,000	16,910	\$		798,000
Payable to NHMBB-Peoples United Bank		\$ 48,000	\$ 33,820			
Final payment 08/15/2029						
Subtotal Long Term Debt		\$ 124,331	\$ 63,965	\$	1,497,054	
UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM: CAPITAL LEASE:						
\$132,096 - PW Loader Lease/Purchase 01-4902-40-500	April	27,342	846			0
Interest @ 3.3%						
Payable to Deere Credit, Inc.						
Final Payment 04/10/2017						
\$48,719 - TS Lease Purchase Mini Loader 01-4902-40-600	Monthly	12,938				14,218
Payable to Wells Fargo Equipment Monthly						
Final Payment 06/07/2019						
Subtotal Capital Lease		\$ 40,280	\$ 846	\$	14,218	
Totals		\$ 164,610	\$ 64,811	\$	1,511,272	

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF Ashland ON DECEMBER 31, 2017													
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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST FUND												
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	7,950.00				7,950.00	5,060.31	2,395.88		7,456.19	15,406.19
9/18/1966	Crimmings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	800.00				800.00	4,274.73	1,024.61		5,299.34	6,099.34
2/8/1977	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	MF	1,013.39				1,013.39	656.16	329.35		985.51	1,998.90
8/7/1974	Ordway Cheney	Library	MF	2,109.90				2,109.90	1,047.22	622.86		1,670.08	3,779.98
5/13/1985	Harriet Addison	Library	MF	983.86				983.86	1,044.80	604.11		1,648.91	2,632.77
3/1/1995	J. Rollins Trust	Mem.Park		* 3578.23									
8/12/1993	Memorial Park	Maintenance		* 38549.73									
	J. Rollins & Memorial Park *	Mem.Park	MF	42,127.96				42,127.96	12,137.94	6,198.60	-500	17,836.54	59,964.50
11/29/2012	Blake Firemans Association	Fire Fund	MF	48,432.13				48,432.13	5,715.85	8,345.49		14,061.34	62,493.47
10/13/2012	Water Tank	CRF	MM	101,319.43				101,319.43		348.92		348.92	101,668.35
12/31/2012	Road Improvement	CRF	MM	483,087.97	125,000.00	242,685.89		365,402.08		1,144.65		1,144.65	366,546.73
3/9/2004	Employee Dissability Fund	CRF	MM	2,459.28				2,459.28		8.46		8.46	2,467.74
3/12/2002	Ashland Electric	CRF	MM	309,244.42		309,244.42		0.00		594.49	(594.49)	0.00	0.00
4/1/2007	Ashland Water	CRF	MM	64.58				64.58		0.23		0.23	64.81
4/1/2007	Ashland Sewer	CRF	MM	22,506.40				22,506.40		77.50		77.50	22,583.90
4/13/2012	Septic Receiving	CRF	MM	428,053.93				428,053.93		1,474.12		1,474.12	429,528.05
8/1/2011	Town Clock	CRF	MM	4,559.67				4,559.67		15.70		15.70	4,575.37
12/20/2016	Emergency Management	CRF	MM	1,000.00	1,000.00			2,000.00					2,000.00
7/10/2013	Police Car	CRF	MM	28,367.26	30,000.00			58,367.26		102.30		102.30	58,469.56
12/31/2013	Fire Truck replace or repair	CRF	MM	175,695.19	50,000.00			225,695.19		612.72		612.72	226,307.91
12/15/2015	Town Building Maintenance	CRF	MM	36,806.06	25,000.00	14,955.00		46,851.06		61.06		61.06	46,912.12
12/15/2015	Library Building Fund	CRF	MM	25,007.87	25,000.00			50,007.87		57.13		57.13	50,065.00
7/12/2016	Publics Works	CRF	MM	4,736.81	35,000.00	35,000.00		4,736.81		13.55		13.55	4,750.36
Ashland	School District Special	CRF	MM	67,108.53	20,000.00			87,108.53		241.63		241.63	87,350.16
12/12/2013	School Safety	CRF	MM	155,474.07	50,000.00	60,000.00		145,474.07		498.58		498.58	145,972.65
5/13/1985	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	MF	9,336.34				9,336.34	5,547.04	2,524.38	(3,000.00)	5,071.42	14,407.76
8/16/1987	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	MF	2,012.62				2,012.62	523.36	164.38		687.74	2,700.36
	COMMON TRUST FUND TOTAL			1,960,257.67	361,000.00	(661,885.31)		1,659,372.36	36,007.41	27,460.70	(4,094.49)	59,373.62	1,718,745.98
Special Note: 2013 Warrant Article #5 instructed the Town to place \$125,000 into Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund; Only 18,035.29 was provided to Trustees.													
The Failure of the Selectboard to transfer the funds from the above Warrant Article leaves \$106,964.71 unaccounted for. Reported to AG's office, they show no interest.													

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2017 (MS 1)

VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
CURRENT USE	\$	192,307.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$	-
RESIDENTIAL	\$	68,157,300.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	12,554,200.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$	80,903,807.00
VALUE OF BUILDING ONLY		
RESIDENTIAL	\$	122,105,300.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$	3,113,900.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	27,819,150.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$	153,038,350.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE	\$	4,433,224.00
SQUAM RIVER HYDRO/POWER	\$	323,250.00
NORTHWOODS RENEWABLES	\$	42,150.00
NH ELECTRIC COOP	\$	2,243.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$	238,743,024.00
EXEMPTIONS		
BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$	60,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$	300,000.00
RSA 72:36-A	\$	745,350.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	\$	1,105,350.00
NET VALUE ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	237,637,674.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	232,836,807.00

Information is taken from DRA MS 1 form [2017 summary valuation of property]

Scribner Memorial Trust

December 31, 2017

Balance as of December 31, 2016 \$110994.00

Expenses:	2016	2017
Maintenance	2206.22	3984.88
Supplies	185.90	127.05
Insurance	1021.00	1053.00
Bookkeeper	0.00	0.00
Fuel	1556.80	1488.80
Misc.	674.91	416.00
Telephone	501.66	464.36
Security Fire	378.84	401.52
Scribner Trustees	1250.00	1250.00

Total	\$ 7775.33	9185.61
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Income

MVSB Interest	\$.09	.19
MVSB Deposits	\$.00	.00
Transferred Funds-Stock	\$ 7500.00	10000.00

Account Balances:

MVSB	\$ 1060.99	2125.47
Brokerage Money Mkt	0	.04
Lord Abbett SECS TR	3875.67	6311.56
Loomis Sayles INVT TR	9292.26	6491.99
Black Rock FDSII	9274.10	9068.34
Alliance BernStein	12523.53	9369.27
Income Fund of America	10243.45	13665.12
AF Capitol World Growth	15995.65	23508.52
First Eagle FDS-Inc	22182.06	21835.80
Permanent Portfolio FD	13221.50	8351.30
Sabrient Bakers Dozen	13324.79	16487.91
TOTAL	\$110994.00	117215.32

Balance as of December 31, 2017 \$117215.32

Submitted by:

Richard Pare'
 Thomas Peters
 Richard Ogden
 Mark Ober
 Alfred Salvoni



Tax Rate Breakdown Ashland

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,985,993	\$237,637,674	\$8.36
County	\$440,824	\$237,637,674	\$1.86
Local Education	\$2,952,301	\$237,637,674	\$12.42
State Education	\$527,210	\$232,836,807	\$2.26
Total	\$5,906,328		\$24.90

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,906,328
War Service Credits	(\$27,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,879,328

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

10/17/2017

Town of Ashland Tax Rate Guide

The following is a guide on how the town's property tax rate is set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA).

1. Total appropriations
 - a. In 2017, total appropriation approved by legislative vote (SB2) was \$7,149,156.
2. Total estimated revenue
 - a. In 2017, the total estimated revenue was \$4,959,380 (amount includes utility user fees and unassigned fund balance).
3. Adjustments (Credits & Overlay)
 - a. Two adjustments are added to the total tax effort.
 - i. War Service Credits for our veterans (\$27,000).
 - ii. Overlay; an allowance for nonpayment of taxes (\$19,217).

Once the three components are determined the tax effort is calculated as such:

Total Appropriations	\$7,149,156
- Total Estimated Revenue	(\$4,959,380)
- Fund Balance Use	(\$250,000)
+ War Service Credits	\$27,000
+ Overlay	\$19,217
Amount Raised from Taxes (tax effort)	\$1,985,993

The amount raised from taxes is then divided by the town's total property valuation then multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the tax rate.

$$(\text{Amount Raised} / \text{Total Property Valuation}) \times \$1,000$$

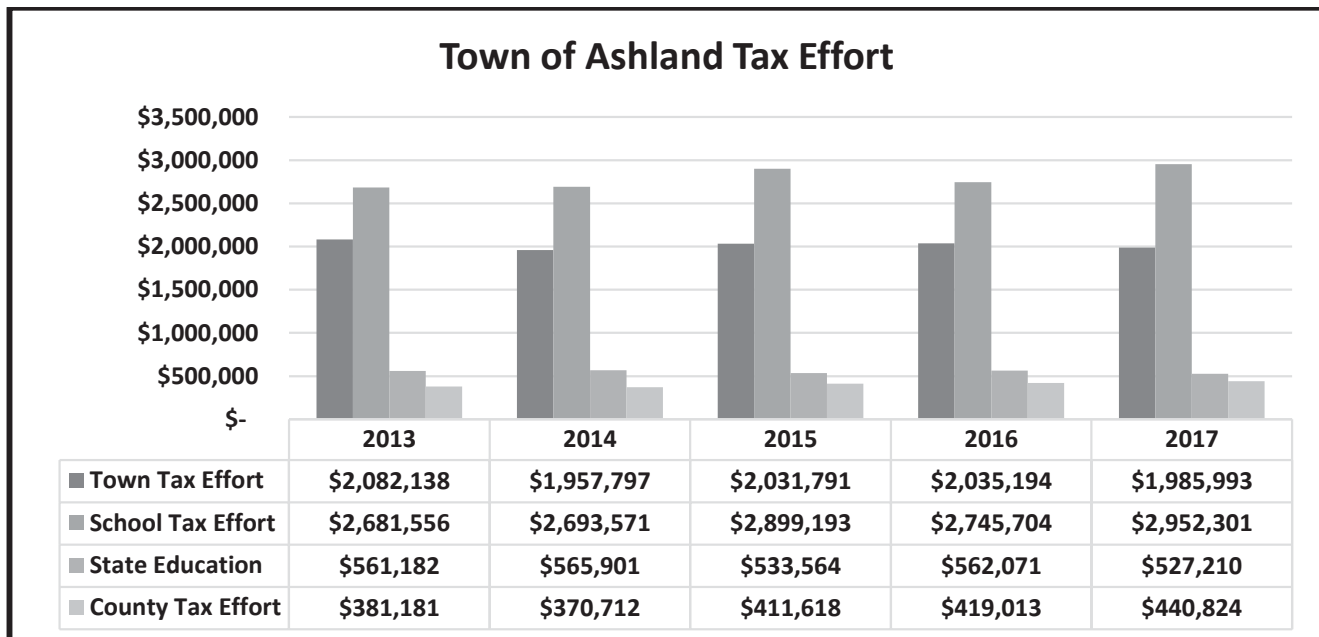
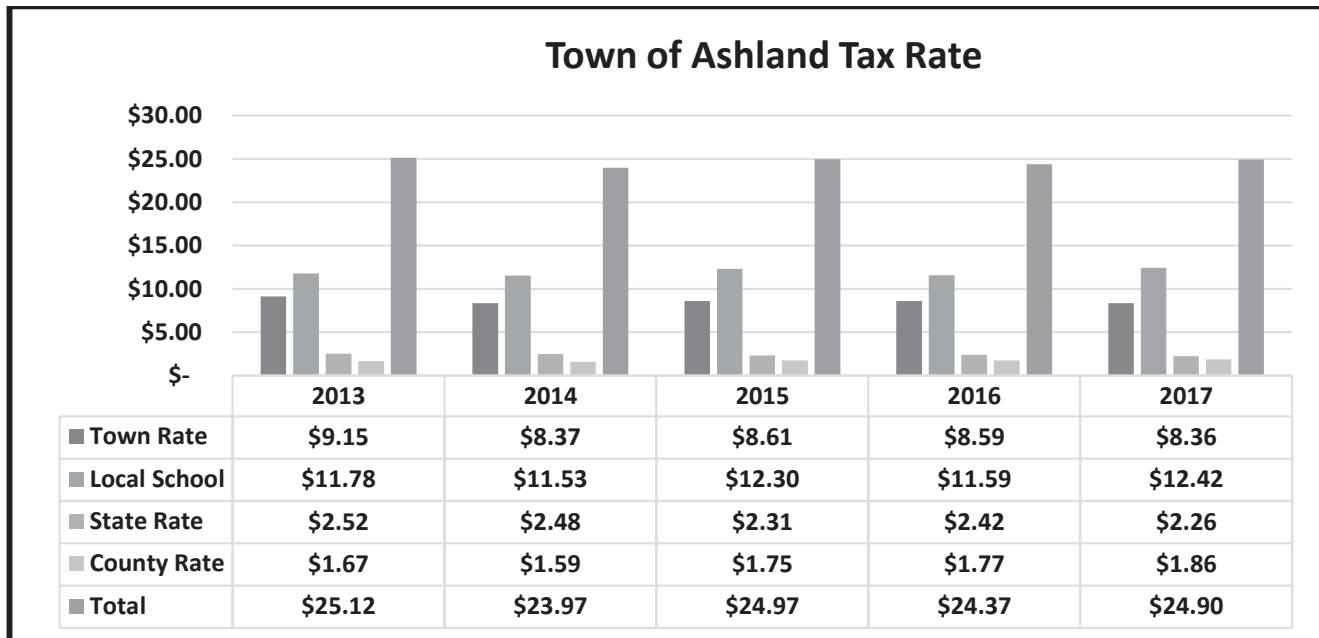
$$(\$1,985,993 / \$237,637,674) \times \$1,000 = \$8.59$$

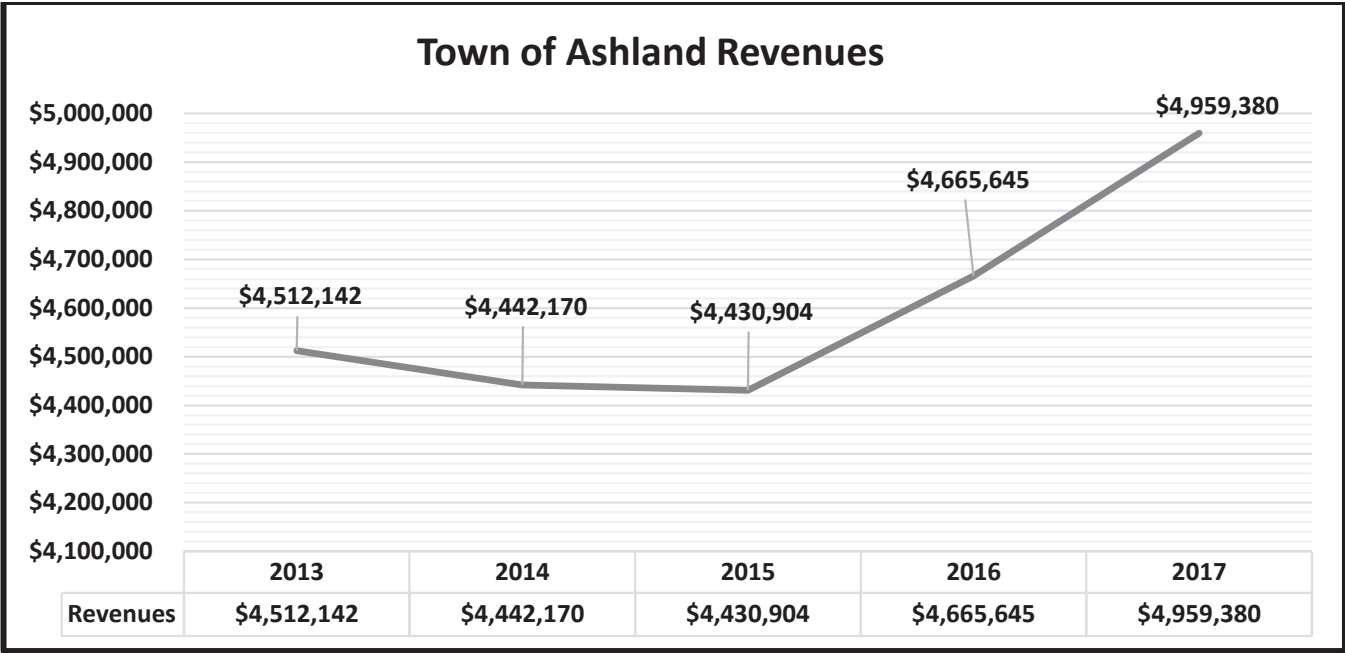
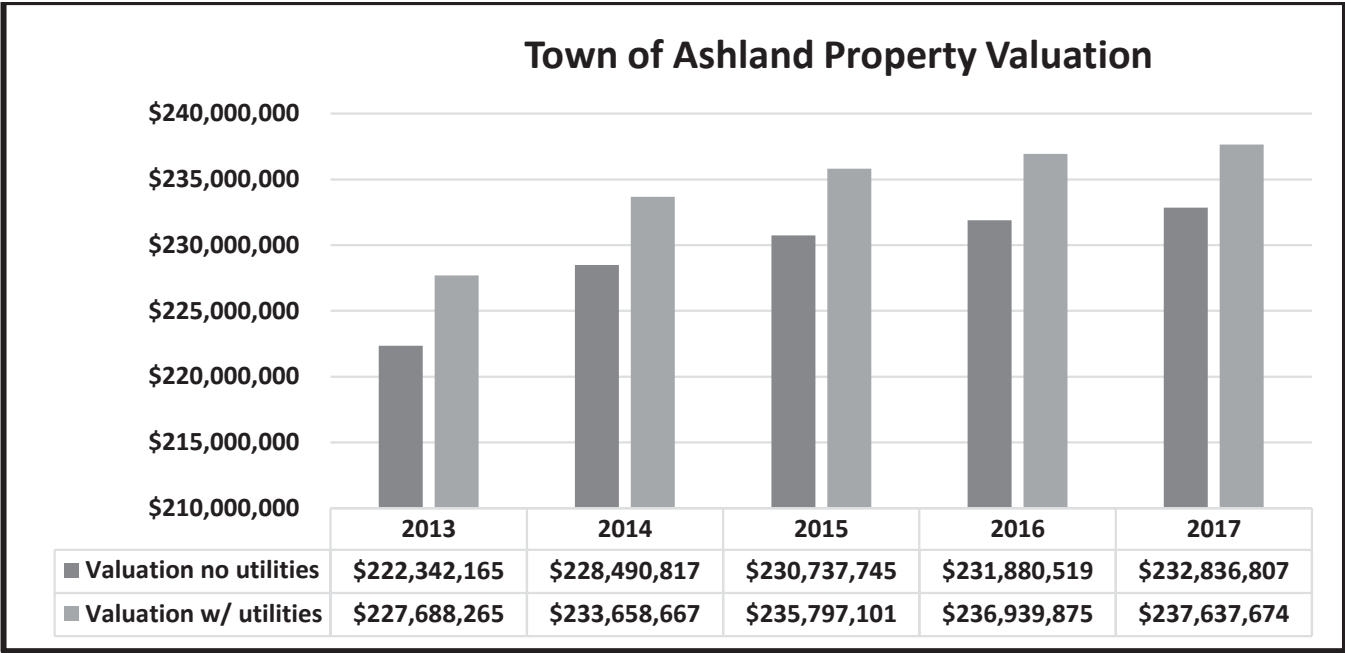
Therefore in 2017, the town's portion of the total property tax rate was \$8.59. Below is a breakdown of the towns total tax rate:

Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Town	\$1,985,993	\$237,637,674	\$8.36
County	\$440,824	\$237,637,674	\$1.86
Local Education	\$2,952,301	\$237,637,674	\$12.42
State Education	\$527,210	\$232,836,807	\$2.26
Total	\$5,906,328		\$24.90

Note: the state does not include the valuation of utility poles to determine the state education tax rate

Below is a five-year historical analysis on the town's tax rate, tax effort, property valuation, and revenues.







DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations

Ashland

For the period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the appropriations used in computing the tax rate.

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
General Government					
4130-4139	Executive	06	\$210,095	(\$1)	\$210,094
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$37,227	\$0	\$37,227
4150-4151	Financial Administration	06,19	\$116,036	\$0	\$116,036
4152	Revaluation of Property	06	\$48,110	\$0	\$48,110
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	06	\$8,858	\$0	\$8,858
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$37,402	\$0	\$37,402
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$50	\$0	\$50
4196	Insurance	06	\$137,048	\$0	\$137,048
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	06	\$500	\$0	\$500
General Government Subtotal			\$610,326	(\$1)	\$610,325
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	06,19	\$582,544	\$0	\$582,544
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$48,996	\$0	\$48,996
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$234,518	\$0	\$234,518
4240-4249	Building Inspection	06	\$22,609	\$0	\$22,609
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$891,667	\$0	\$891,667
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Administration	06,19	\$262,873	\$0	\$262,873
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$282,534	\$0	\$282,534
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$587,407	\$0	\$587,407



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
Sanitation					
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$130,598	\$0	\$130,598
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$130,598	\$0	\$130,598
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Administration	06	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,354
4414	Pest Control	06	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	27,28,29,30,31,3 2,33,34	\$30,993	\$0	\$30,993
Health Subtotal			\$34,547	\$0	\$34,547
Welfare					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	06	\$29,478	\$0	\$29,478
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$29,478	\$0	\$29,478
Culture and Recreation					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	06	\$104,382	\$0	\$104,382
4550-4559	Library	06	\$61,340	\$0	\$61,340
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$11,689	\$0	\$11,689
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	40	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$182,411	\$0	\$182,411



DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
Conservation and Development					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	06	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Debt Service					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	06	\$124,331	\$0	\$124,331
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	06	\$63,997	\$0	\$63,997
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	06	\$1	\$0	\$1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$188,329	\$0	\$188,329
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04,10,11	\$94,917	\$0	\$94,917
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$494,917	\$0	\$494,917
Operating Transfers Out					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	07	\$3,181,053	\$0	\$3,181,053
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	09	\$322,018	\$0	\$322,018
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	08	\$202,906	\$0	\$202,906
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12,13,14,15,16,17,18	\$291,000	\$0	\$291,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds	36	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$3,998,477	\$0	\$3,998,477
Total Voted Appropriations			\$7,149,157	(\$1)	\$7,149,156



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Explanation for Adjustments

Warrant	Reason for Adjustment
02	Vote Count: Y-149 N-186
03	Vote Count: Y-127 N-247
04	Amendment from deliberative minutes not completed in town notes area. Article was amended to read: "Shall the town vote to authorize the board of selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$533,403.31 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33-7e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,789.85 as a down payment for that purpose?"
06	Scribner error - Adjusted appropriation amount down \$1 to reflect certified minutes, acct line 4130-4139.

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		2017						
MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE	
001-003-006	L/O NO ASHLAND ROAD	8.8	\$ 49,800.00		4063	756	6/20/2014	
001-003-006-011	UNDEVELOPED PROPOSED BLD SITES			\$ 100,000.00	4063	756	6/20/2014	
to 001-003-006-035								
003-001-007	L/O DEPOT STREET	0.41	\$ 35,900.00				1/8/1979	
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	\$ 187,600.00	\$ 66,400.00	1142	551	6/9/1971	
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 8,200.00					
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	\$ 285,050.00	\$ 7,833,600.00		222	4/22/1955	
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE (PUMP STATION)	36.34	\$ 187,900.00	\$ 23,400.00	2191	54	4/15/1996	
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 36,600.00					
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALL FIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	\$ 224,150.00	\$ 186,200.00				
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119		
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/1952	
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/1962	
	DEED - BROWN				770	328		
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/1969	
005-001-005	L/O NORTH ASHLAND ROAD	0.98	\$ 8,100.00		4063	758	6/20/2014	
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	\$ 6,700.00		2394	653	5/24/1999	
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	\$ 5,400.00		2394	651	5/24/1999	
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	\$ 777,300.00	\$ 4,400.00	863	431	5/18/1955	
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	\$ 326,350.00	\$ 70,600.00				
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND	2.5		\$ 176,100.00				
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	\$ 81,750.00					
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	0.019	\$ 43,500.00		549	503		
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	0.52	\$ 30,800.00		471	126		
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,400.00		1109	519	3/3/1970	
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 20,400.00		2394	652	5/24/1999	
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 5,050.00					
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	\$ 312,200.00	\$ 2,879,200.00				
016-003-021	L/O OFF SCHOOL STREET	0.55	\$ 38,050.00		726	135		
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	\$ 143,500.00	\$ 467,700.00	1167	405	7/3/1972	
					939	225		
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 15,100.00		2155	649	8/24/1995	
					2155	653	8/24/1995	
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 1,600.00				
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/1969	
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	429	9/26/1969	
	DEED - HAVLOCK LAND				1029	500		
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07						
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 210,700.00	1120	106	7/21/1970	
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	\$ 142,900.00	\$ 250,700.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935			
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	\$ 168,600.00	\$ 13,800.00	402	182	6/17/1895	
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	\$ 100,200.00	\$ 10,100.00	712	169		
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	\$ 158,300.00	\$ 561,200.00	425	82	6/17/1895	
017-009-003	SO MAIN ST/CORNER DEPOT	0.07	\$ 2,600.00					
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 1,050.00					
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 57,100.00		2394	650	5/24/1999	
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	\$ 195,300.00	\$ 401,700.00	1359	656		
018-001-001-001	DEPOT STREET	27.76	\$ 56,750.00				1/8/1979	
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	\$ 27,550.00		1416	659	3/5/1981	
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	\$ 27,400.00		1416	659	3/5/1981	
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD (WATER TOWER)	1.2	\$ 89,900.00	\$ 673,400.00	1424	233	6/17/1981	
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE	0.59	\$ 800.00		3005	855		
	TOWN CLOCK DEED RECORDED TOWN CLERK BOOK - MAY 22, 1894							
SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS		SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND						

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that

are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of OPEB Funding Progress, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Pension Contributions, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information appearing on pages 54 through 55 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Melanson Heath

May 22, 2017

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,116,789	\$ 1,636,345	\$ 3,753,134
Restricted cash	676,373	309,244	985,617
Investments	189,125	-	189,125
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	513,067	-	513,067
User fees	-	432,165	432,165
Intergovernmental	154,118	-	154,118
Inventory	-	14,349	14,349
Other assets	19,552	-	19,552
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	133,223	-	133,223
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,447,656	248,246	1,695,902
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	8,459,353	7,160,916	15,620,269
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	381,588	96,620	478,208
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	14,090,844	9,897,885	23,988,729
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Accounts payable	50,713	370,004	420,717
Accrued payroll	18,703	-	18,703
Accrued liabilities	27,305	-	27,305
Due to school district	1,514,669	-	1,514,669
Due to other governments	281	-	281
Internal balances	(17,489)	17,489	-
Other liabilities	1,105	16,178	17,283
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	124,330	134,532	258,862
Compensated absences	4,148	-	4,148
Capital lease	39,455	-	39,455
Bond premium	6,063	-	6,063
Landfill postclosure care costs	14,000	-	14,000
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,451,048	337,917	1,788,965
Compensated absences, net of current portion	37,328	-	37,328
Capital Lease, net of current portion	16,239	-	16,239
Bond premium, noncurrent	72,756	-	72,756
Landfill postclosure care costs noncurrent	126,000	-	126,000
OPEB liability	634,479	-	634,479
Net pension liability	1,496,112	432,902	1,929,014
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	50,186	27,979	78,165
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,667,431	1,337,001	7,004,432
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	9,851,315	6,936,713	16,788,028
Restricted for:			
Special purposes	79,465	-	79,465
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	54,985	-	54,985
Expendable	137,797	-	137,797
Unrestricted	(1,700,149)	1,624,171	(75,978)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 8,423,413	\$ 8,560,884	\$ 16,984,297

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Ashland Electric Department
Ashland, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ashland Electric Department (the Department) (an enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Ashland Electric Department's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Ashland Electric Department, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

The financial statements of Ashland Electric Department are intended to represent the net position, and the changes in net position and cash flows, of only that portion of the business-type activities of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire that is attributable to the transactions of Ashland Electric Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the net position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Pension Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United

States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Melanson Heath

July 26, 2017

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current:

Cash and short-term investments	\$ 332,191
Restricted cash	309,244
User fees, net of allowance for uncollectibles	347,306
Inventory	14,349

Noncurrent:

Capital assets:

Land and construction in progress	231,006
Other assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,176,711

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

96,620

**TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED
OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

3,507,427

LIABILITIES

Current:

Accounts payable	345,345
Due to other governments	529
Other current liabilities	16,178
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Bonds payable	134,532

Noncurrent:

Bonds payable, net of current portion	337,917
Net pension liability	432,902

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

27,979

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED
INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

1,295,382

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	1,935,268
Unrestricted	<u>276,777</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,212,045</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Operating Revenues:

Charges for services	\$ 2,859,031
Street lighting	36,195
Other	<u>57,242</u>
Total Operating Revenues	2,952,468

Operating Expenses:

Administration	155,526
Power purchase	2,142,331
Payroll and related	369,868
Operations	153,216
Depreciation	<u>132,084</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,953,025</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(557)

Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):

Investment income	1,820
Interest expense	<u>(13,597)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	<u>(11,777)</u>
Change in Net Position	(12,334)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>2,224,379</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 2,212,045</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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Additional Offices:

Nashua, NH
Andover, MA
Greenfield, MA
Ellsworth, ME

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Ashland Water and Sewer Department
Ashland, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department (the Department) (an enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Department's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

The financial statements of Ashland Water and Sewer Department are intended to represent the net position, and the changes in net position and cash flows, of only that portion of the business-type activities of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire that is attributable to the transactions of Ashland Water and Sewer Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the net position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the infor-

mation and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Melanson Heath

July 26, 2017

ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
User charges	\$ 224,391	\$ 271,786	\$ 496,177
Septage fees	-	440,174	440,174
Other	12,032	4,200	16,232
Total Operating Revenues	236,423	716,160	952,583
Operating Expenses:			
Operating expenses	309,801	389,464	699,265
Depreciation	142,679	107,460	250,139
Total Operating Expenses	452,480	496,924	949,404
Operating Income (Loss)	(216,057)	219,236	3,179
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Investment income	576	2,436	3,012
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	576	2,436	3,012
Change in Net Position	(215,481)	221,672	6,191
Net Position at Beginning of Year	3,506,060	2,836,588	6,342,648
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 3,290,579	\$ 3,058,260	\$ 6,348,839

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

2017 OUTSIDE AGENCIES





DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Affairs Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free in New England)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

January 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans. We are able to help those who are homeless or unemployed, and also offer high quality healthcare for both primary care and a variety of specialty care options. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans! Please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us, in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363, extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ - and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time Service Officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans, including nonmembers, in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Mulcahy
Acting Medical Center Director

Bennington CBOC
186 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 440-3300

Brattleboro CBOC
71 GSP Drive
Brattleboro, VT 05301
(802) 251-2200

Burlington CBOC
128 Lakeside Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 657-7000

Littleton CBOC
264 Cottage Street
Littleton, NH 03561
(603) 575-6701

Rutland CBOC
232 West St
Rutland, VT 05701
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CADY 2017 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ASHLAND

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Ashland for your support over the past year—together we are building possibilities, potential, and promise for our youth!

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of so many of our young people. The most responsible and humane strategy is to stop these tragic situations from occurring in the first place.

Former Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Michael Botticelli, powerfully stated, “Addiction doesn’t start with prescription drug abuse or heroin use. It starts with alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. If we want to end the epidemic our country is experiencing, then we must put resources on the ground for prevention of substance use.” Use of addictive substances during adolescence is a health and safety issue that poses serious risks of harm including interference with brain development. Substance misuse also significantly increases the chances of addiction with those beginning use before age 15 nearly 7 times more likely to develop a substance use disorder. We must keep in mind that substance abuse is not inevitable—addiction is a progressive disease that’s preventable. CADY works to build protective factors for our children and youth and together with our community partners we are accomplishing that important goal.

As I write this year’s annual report, I am excited to share information about the progress we have made over the past year. We have built youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming through school-based initiatives; youth leadership opportunities and employment through the Launch Youth Entrepreneurship Program; and providing our most vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to learn, grow and to turn their lives around through our region’s juvenile court diversion program, Restorative Justice. Many of the high-risk youth referred to Restorative Justice are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives.

Your support allowed CADY to introduce a new protective factor this year with the implementation of the Lion’s Quest prevention curriculum at Plymouth Elementary School. We know the earlier we provide education the greater the likelihood of preventing the problem of substance use before it starts. We also continue to promote use of the permanent Rx Medication Drop Box at the Plymouth Police Department where Pemi-Baker area residents can prevent prescription drug abuse by safely disposing of unwanted or expired prescriptions. By using the drop box you will prevent the diversion of potentially harmful and lethal drugs to kids. We are proud to collaborate with the Plymouth Police Department, Speare Memorial Hospital, and the Central NH Public Health Network on this important prevention initiative so let’s: TAKE IT TO THE BOX!

Our community outreach includes an ongoing media campaign designed to raise awareness on substance misuse and solutions with CADY Corner submissions to the Record Enterprise, school newsletters, and the PennySaver, as well as social networking sites Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. We also host a video library and other outstanding resources for parents and community on our website: cadyinc.org.

Beyond our primary prevention mission, our work with the Substance Use Disorders Continuum of Care statewide system included sponsoring Naloxone Kit Distribution events; ongoing promotion of

the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line (1-844-711-HELP); providing resources to families of children struggling with addiction so they can access services that just may save their children's lives; and hosting of community trainings as well as key educational opportunities at our Annual Regional Prevention Summit in May.

While we are grateful for our many successes, we have a long way to go. Together we can protect our children and erase the sad headlines of addiction and tragic overdose deaths by stopping the problem before it starts. Thank you Ashland for your ongoing support of prevention, encouragement, and active participation!

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
Executive Director

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION July 1st 2016 – July 30th 2017 (FY17)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities as enabled by NHRSA 36 for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we engage in. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include group and cooperative purchasing, technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning, and economic development. LRPC is primarily funded through local, state, and federal resources. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

OUTREACH

- Worked with town on the Northern Border Regional Grant;
- Developed procurement strategy for town including creating RFQ for design services and drafting RFP for Design/Build Construction services;
- Submitted all quarterly NBRC reports for town;
- Consulted with town on various engineering and construction issues affecting project timeline;
- Discussed TAP proposal with Ashland municipal official, reviewed past project scoring;
- Signed contract for RSMS services for town;
- Met with Ashland Selectman to discuss Brownfields;
- Notified Select Boards of Commission and TAC terms and renewals;
- Followed up with town officials as needed; and
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- Hosted the June 26, 2017 Annual Meeting held at the Wolfeboro Inn in Wolfeboro NH, with featured speaker NH Senator Jeb Bradley. Approximately 100 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and the Senator's speech;
- Began work on Electricity Aggregation that would ultimately save participating communities and school districts approximately \$110,000

- Completed environmental assessments on contaminated properties throughout region to control liability and encourage redevelopment through Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program;
- Provided solid waste technical assistance to Lakes Region Communities through a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Solid Waste & Water grant award;
- Provided Geographic Information System and map making, printing, and scanning services to communities throughout the region;
- Assisted planning boards, ZBA's, and conservation commissions with Technical Land Use Assistance;
- Convened and staffed Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) meetings;
- Updated the PRLAC website; addressed questions about availability of information relative to Northern Pass testimony - minutes, agenda (10 years) and Management Plan; and sent follow-up information to PRLAC representatives, including legislative tracking links;
- Addressed Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) award ceremony in Ashland with NHDRED Commissioner Rose, NBRC Co-Chair and representatives from US Senator Ayotte and US Representative Kuster's offices;
- Continued interim Town Planner/Circuit Rider assistance to enrolled communities;
- Led Lakes Region community involvement in Regional Public Health Roundtable and webinar on Financing Climate Change Actions;
- Responded to numerous requests for reviews on Developments of Regional Impact, prepared draft comments, discussed with staff and municipal planners, corresponded with state and local officials, reviewed relevant state statutes, and explored methods of improving LRPC process;
- Assisted many Lakes Region communities in developing and updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for acceptance by NH Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
- Provided Master Plan Update assistance to communities;
- Coordinated with NH Division of Historical Resources Architectural Historian regarding panel to assist in the development of historic resources survey through FEMA Storm Recovery Program;
- Maintained appropriate staff training in FEMA hazard mitigation planning;
- Maintained dialogue and provided critical regional information to US Census on draft New Hampshire Town-wide Area Form Proposal and Manual, and 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Information Guide and website information;
- Worked to become designated as Local Development District (LDD) through federal Northern Regional Border Commission to make region eligible for grant funding program and assisted members with upcoming funding round;
- Assisted several communities with recruiting, interviewing, and hiring new Planning Department staff members; and
- Conducted Regional Shared Services Survey to gauge communities' interest in potential shared services and cooperative buying opportunities.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Handled over 43 tons of Hazardous Substances from 25 Communities and safeguarded the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 28th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days;
- Had the assistance of over 80 volunteers;
- Had record number of cars in attendance, 1,839;

- Business cards with supplementary information about the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) and disposal of unused medications were printed and distributed. New this year were colorful refrigerator magnets with contact information, collection reminders, and a recipe for a non-toxic cleaner;
- This was the first year of a contract with a new vendor, Clean Venture/ACV. This arrangement is an important step in controlling costs to the communities and LRPC; and
- Our survey asked about willingness to pay a disposal fee on both latex and oil-based paints to allow for recycling of unused paint. 74% of those responding approved of the concept.

EDUCATION

- Convened five Area and Full Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: Solar power, Accessory Dwelling Units, Regional Electricity Demand Aggregation, legislation in the Lakes Region (including legislation on setback on seasonal docks, NH Energy Policy, and Complete Streets among other topics), a view from the NH Senate, and the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program;
- Provided valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II Brownfield Assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites;
- Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning;
- Prepared strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys, etc.;
- Upgraded our website, www.lakesrpc.org to include an improved home page with a rotating display and links to our most visited pages, improved HHW page, a new Solid Waste page, improved community pages, link to our new Facebook page and much more;
- Developed and awarded Lake Winnisquam Watershed Management Assistance Program;
- Collaborated with other regional planning commissions through NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Executive Directors' meetings in Concord;
- Coordinated with Belknap county conservation district on regional aquifer protection ordinances and supported BCCD's efforts on bank stabilization project;
- Corresponded with staff and others regarding the Lake Winnisquam Watershed Homeowners' Association watershed protection efforts and coordinated Local Source Water Protection Grant outreach meeting with NH DES;
- Coordinated Source water protection workshop and review of groundwater protection model ordinance requirements with planning board representatives from 6 communities;
- Trained by NH DHHS in Climate Adaptation Strategies;
- Researched, developed with health partners and circulated Lyme disease resources and materials;
- Coordinated and hosted several Solid Waste Roundtable meetings. Topics included: Universal Waste, Electronic Waste, Composting, Recycling, and Plastic Bags; and
- Began development of a resource guide for municipal outdoors workers and landscapers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Served as NH Business Finance Authority (NHBFA) Board member and voted on major credit and bond issues including loan guarantees for area businesses;

- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region;
- Continued to work with area economic development organizations, and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration;
- Worked with NHBFA and City of Franklin officials to develop a loan application to perpetuate downtown development. Assisted city on whitewater park EDA application;
- Participated in search committee and interviews for NHBFA Executive Director; and
- Worked with Northfield EDC on wastewater system expansion.

TRANSPORTATION

- Continued working with the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to spur economic development and preserve regional scenic quality and visitor experiences;
- Provided Geographic Information System services and technical land use assistance to our communities;
- Conducted over 200 annual traffic counts around the region;
- Coordinated and conducted meetings of the regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development;
- Assisted communities with Road Safety Management Systems analysis;
- Provided assistance to two public transportation groups: The Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council, and the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council;
- Continued work on the Regional Transportation resources webpage;
- Conducted culvert inventories in pilot communities throughout the region;
- Conducted Catch basin inventories in Alton and Center Harbor;
- Supported Complete Streets regional discussion and state legislation;
- Coordinated with NHDOT Safety Engineer and municipal officials to establish Road Safety Audits in several communities; and
- Conducted regional assessment of regional bike-ability including gaps in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the region.

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

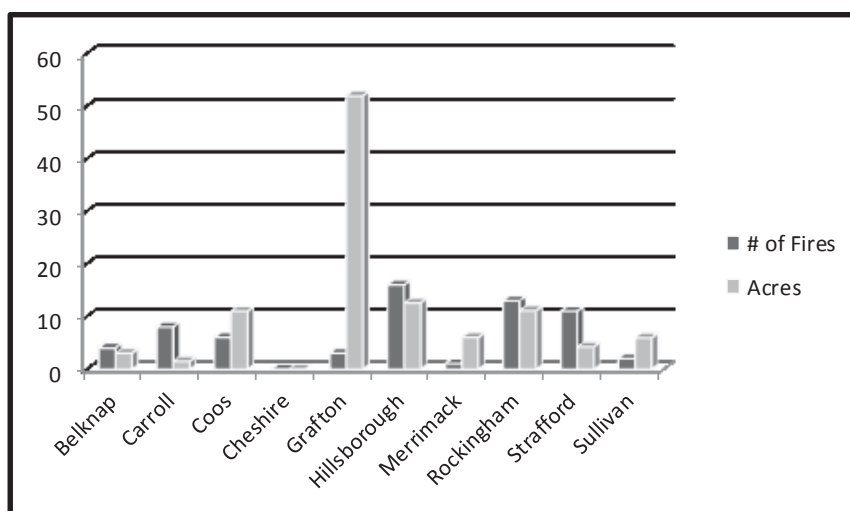
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)



HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!



Supporting Aging in Community

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 877-711-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 866-634-9412)

*Grafton County
Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
is an equal opportunity provider.*

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2016-17, 102 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and 45 were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,464 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 3,349 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 595 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 66 visits with a trained outreach worker and 148 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 520 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2016-17 was \$59,636.51.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Ashland's population over age 60 has increased by 57.6% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council would very much appreciate Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, *Executive Director*

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phone: 603-448-4897 • fax: 603-448-3906 • www.gcsc.org

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Ashland

October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 102 Ashland residents (out of 495 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 45 Ashland residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	4,813	x	\$9.39	\$	45,194.07
Transportation	Trips	595	x	\$15.08	\$	8,972.60
Social Services	Half-hours	66	x	\$25.56	\$	1,686.96
ServiceLink	Contacts	148	x	\$25.56	\$	3,782.88
Activities		315		N/A		

Number of Ashland volunteers: 7 Number of Volunteer Hours: 520

GCSCC cost to provide services for Ashland residents only	\$	<u>59,636.51</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2017	\$	<u>7,000.00</u>
Received from Town of Ashland for 2017	\$	<u>7,000.00</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2018	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.
2. Services were funded by federal and state programs, 56%; local government, 11%; client donations, 9%; charitable contributions, 15%; grants and contracts, 4.5%; other, 4.5%.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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Josh Trought, Treasurer

Regan Pride, Secretary

c/o North Country Council

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2017 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 215 households participated in the program, a smaller turnout than last year. It was estimated that over 10,000 pounds of solid and 1,200 gallons of liquid material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$25,201. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,055, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The net expenditures for the program were \$15,146 (a cost of \$.55 per resident overall).

In 2018, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 26th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 29th). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

The District also collaborated on fluorescent light bulb and ballast recycling programs. This year we recycled roughly 44,712 linear feet of straight fluorescent bulbs, 4,177 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 706 "U-tube" bulbs, along with 50 pounds of ballasts, and 116 smoke detectors. The importance of this effort is the fact that these items contain heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium, lithium, and PCBs – all of which are harmful to human health and the environment. The cost for this effort in 2017 was \$5,662.68

Prices for recyclables have been on a roller-coaster ride this year, and are on the downside in general. All interested entities in North America are concerned about pending policy changes coming in 2018 from the historically largest consumer of recyclable materials – China. Policies such as Green Fence, enacted in 2013, and National Sword, enacted this year, have placed heavy restrictions on imports of recyclables – especially plastic – and also imposed tough quality standards for recycled paper and cardboard. The end result of these has been a reduction in the scrap value of recyclable materials, and a backlog of shipments at harbors across the United States.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at pemibakerswd@gmail.com

Respectively Submitted,
Regan Pride, Secretary



Ashland - Campton - Danbury - Dorchester - Easton - Ellsworth - Franconia - Groton - Landaff - Lisbon - Littleton - Lyman
Plymouth - Rumney - Sugar Hill - Thornton - Warren - Waterville Valley - Wentworth

2018 PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:

EXPENDITURES 2018

Budget Item:	2017 Budget	2017 (YTD est.)	2018 Budget
Household Hazardous Waste Program	\$24,000.00	\$23,899.50	\$24,000.00
Fluorescents Recycling	\$5,000.00	\$5,662.68	\$5,000.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,302.38	\$1,000.00
Administrative Services	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$8,500.00
Legal Services	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
NRRA Dues	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Misc.	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Liability Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL:	\$39,050.00	\$39,164.56	\$41,550.00

REVENUES 2018:

Budget Item:	2017 Budget	2017 (Actual)	2018 Budget
State of NH HHW Grant	\$5,587.00	\$5,055.00	\$5,587.00
Individually Assessed NRRA Dues	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
PBSWD Checking Account Withdrawal	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
NCES HHW Donation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Other Revenue (sponsors & donations)	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$2,500.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$0.00
Town Appropriations	\$21,663.00	\$21,596.92	\$24,163.00
TOTAL:	\$39,050.00	\$33,754.42	\$41,550.00

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TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2018

In accordance with the legally posted warrant, Moderator Bobbi Hoerter, called the session to order at 12:00 PM on February 3, 2018. Officials at the head table were: Board of Selectmen Frances Newton, Harold Lamos, Leigh Sharps, Casey Barney; Town Administrator Charles Smith; Legal counsel Paul Fitzgerald; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman; Moderator Bobbi Hoerter; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Budget Committee Jeanette Stewart, Eli Badger, David Ruell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Hoerter.

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Moderator Hoerter announced the candidates for office:

Board of Selectmen: 3-year term – 2 positions – **Frances Newton, Kathleen DeWolfe**
Board of Selectmen: 2-year term – 1 position - **Lorna Leigh Sharps**
Town Moderator: 2-year term – 1 position
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 3-year term – 1 position –**Patricia Tucker**
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3-year term – 1 position – **Katie Maher, Thomas E. Peters**
Library Trustee: 3-year term – 1 position – **Mardean Badger**
Supervisor of the Checklist: 6-year term – 1 position - **Beverly Ober, Phylliss Reitsma**
Electric Commissioner: 3-year term – 1 position – **Sandra Coleman**
Electric Commissioner: 1-year term – 1 position - **Glenn Dion**
Water and Sewer Commissioner: 3-year term – 1 position – **David Toth**
Water and Sewer Commissioner: 2-year term – 1 position
Budget Committee: 3-year term – 2 positions – **Sherrie Downing**
Budget Committee: 2-year term – 2 positions
Cemetery Trustee: 3-year term – 1 position

ARTICLE 2. No tax impact in 2018

[Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,799,420 for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street, High Street, and Smith Hill Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,799,420 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 3/5 ballot vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

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ARTICLE 3. No tax impact – paid from septage receiving revenue

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 (gross budget) for the construction and equipping of a new Septage Receiving Station and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in bonds or notes for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. 3/5 ballot vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued,

Tejasinha Sivalingam moved to amend the article to insert the word “revenue” in front of the word “bond”; the proposed amendment was seconded; discussion ensued; the moderator called for a vote and the motion to amend failed by show of hands.

There being no further amendments proposed the article was declared to appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4. No tax impact – paid from septage receiving revenue

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (gross budget) for development of an Asset Management Plan for the Water and Sewer Department sewer capital assets, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Not recommend by the Budget Committee vote 3-2-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5. Estimated tax impact is \$11.70

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,783,337. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,780,961 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1

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ARTICLE 6.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the **February 3, 2018 Deliberative Session Minutes – Page 3**

budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,125,250. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,125,250 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$178,191. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$253,066 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of articles 1-7 – Sivalingam; seconded; vote by hand count declared passed.

ARTICLE 8.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$422,401. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$403,780 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 9.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.23

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$53,500) for the first-year payment of the four-year lease purchase agreement for fire engine as authorized by vote on March 14, 2017.

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 10. Estimated tax impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the final payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-1-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 11. Estimated tax impact \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease purchase agreement for \$189,590 for the purpose of purchasing a four-wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,142 for the first-year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 12. Estimated tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 13. Estimated tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 14. Estimated tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment

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purchase, replacement or repairs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 15. Estimated tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 16. Estimated tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 17. Estimated tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 18. Estimated tax impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

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Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 19. Estimated tax impact is \$0.03

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 20. No tax impact

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of upgrading the town tax maps to be named the Property Tax Map CRF and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred (\$39,300) to be placed into the fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 21.

Shall the Town of Ashland, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to expend from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to repair the roads?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Employee Disability Payment Fund created in 2002. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

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Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 23.

Shall the Town of Ashland rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, Motion made by Tejasinha Sivalingam; seconded by Jeanette Stewart to amend the article to include at the end of the question –“If this article passes the budget committee would be eliminated”; discussion on the amendment; Motion to call the vote – Pare; seconded; passed by hand vote; Moderator Hoerter called for the vote on the amendment – passed by hand vote; no further amendments proposed; it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 24.

Shall the Town of Ashland reduce the number of members of the Municipal Budget Committee from 9 to 7 [5 elected members at large and 1 BOS representative and 1 Ashland School Board representative]? This would be effective March 2019.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 25. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Ashland on March 9, 1999, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?” [40:14 VII] A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question shall be required to rescind.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 26. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?” As provided for by RSA 40:14-b Default Budget Determined by Budget Committee. [RSA 40:14-b II (b) (c)] 3/5 majority required to pass [RSA 40:14 I]

Not to recommend by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

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ARTICLE 27. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland elect the Planning Board by ballot? [RSA 669:17] [RSA 673:2]

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 28. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland's Zoning Board of Adjustment members be elected as prescribed by RSA 673:3 and RSA 673:5?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 29. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the "Community Rights-Based Ordinance" to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and ecosystems of Ashland, New Hampshire by establishing a Community Bill of Rights which prohibits activities and projects that violate the Bill of Rights, and which provides for enforcement of the Bill of Rights against corporations and governments engaged in those activities and projects?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0-1

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, Motion to amend by Ginger Grant to add the following at the end of the proposed article – "as presented inclusive of the nine page ordinance as written" – discussion ensued; a secret ballot was called for; results were 58 ballots cast – yes 25, no 33; the amendment was declared to have failed; no further amendments proposed; a motion to call the vote by Stewart, seconded, passed by hand vote; the Moderator declared the article would appear on the ballot as written

Motion to restrict reconsideration of articles 8-31 – Sivalingam, seconded and declared passed by hand vote.

ARTICLE 30. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance as drafted below in accordance with RSA 31:39-a Conflict of Interest Ordinances?

SECTION I: DECLARATION OF POLICY: Where government is based on the consent of the governed, every citizen is entitled to have complete confidence in the integrity of that government. Each local officer of the Town, whether elected or appointed, including paid or unpaid members of various Town boards, commissions, or committees (hereinafter referred to as "Town Official"), must earn and honor that trust by his or her conduct in all official actions. It is the purpose of this ordinance to ensure fair consideration of any application or matter to be voted upon, and also to ensure the appearance of fair consideration so as to maintain public confidence in the integrity of Town government.

SECTION II: CATEGORIES FOR DISQUALIFICATION: A Town Official shall be disqualified to act on a matter before a Town board, commission, or committee (hereinafter called the "Town Board") because of a conflict of interest as follows:

A) FINANCIAL INTEREST: When the Town Official has a direct personal financial interest in a matter before the Town Board. Such interest includes, but is not limited to, an ownership interest, a mortgage interest, a creditor or debtor interest or relationship.

B) RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE: When the Town Official is directly related by blood or by marriage to the person requesting action, or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board. Directly related shall mean spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent, or grandchild.

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C) EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP: When the Town Official, or a member of the Town Official's family (family shall mean husband, wife, or child) has an employment relationship with the person requesting action or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board

D) ABUTTER: When the Town Official is an abutter to the land which is the subject matter or action requested or to be taken by the Town Board.

E) GIFTS: When the Town Official has taken, for personal use, from any person, any fee, gift, or other valuable item in the course of the Town Official's work or in connection therewith, when such gift or valuable item is given in the hope of, or expectation of, receiving a favor or better treatment than that accorded to other persons requesting action or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board.

*One or more of the above grounds for disqualification may apply, for example, relationship by blood or marriage to an abutter. *

SECTION III: DISCLOSURE: A Town Official shall be under a duty to disclose that a conflict of interest, as defined in Section II above, exists when a matter is before the Town Board of which the Town Official is a member or participant. Thereafter, the Town Official shall withdraw from the Town Board considering such matter, shall not sit with the remainder of the Town Board, shall not participate in any deliberative sessions on such matter, and shall not vote on such matter. The Town Official may remain in the room where the Town Board is meeting, and may participate in the discussion, but only as a member of the general public.

SECTION IV: CHALLENGE PROCEDURE: **A)** Any person may inquire into the possible conflict of interest of any Town Official on any matter requiring official action, stating the grounds for the inquiry. **B)** Such challenged Town Official shall be obligated to inform the person if any conflict of interest exists. **C)** If the person making the inquiry is not satisfied with the challenged Town Official's response he may require the presiding officer of the Town Board to call for a vote as to whether or not the challenged Town Official shall be disqualified to take the official action. A majority of the remaining Town Board members, including alternates, shall determine whether or not the challenged Town Official may be allowed to take the official action.

SECTION V: APPEAL PROCEEDINGS: Appeals under this ordinance shall be governed by RSA 31:39-a.

SECTION VI: ORDINANCE PROVIDED TO TOWN OFFICIAL: Upon taking his/her position, the Town Official, as defined above, shall be furnished by the Town Clerk with a copy of this Ordinance. Each such person shall sign a written acknowledgment that he/she has been provided with such a copy. The acknowledgment shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Town Official's appointment papers.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of adoption at the Ashland Town Municipal Voting Day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this ordinance shall exempt affected Town Officials who are in office or employed by the Town at the time this ordinance is adopted for a period of ninety (90) days.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 31. PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Estimated tax impact is \$0.03

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2018. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2017, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 102 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 45 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$59,636.51.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 32. PETITIONED. Tri-County Community Action Grafton County Estimated tax impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

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Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 33. PETITIONED. Genesis Behavioral Health Estimated tax impact is \$0.01
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 34. PETITIONED. Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) Estimated tax impact is \$0.00
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 35. PETITIONED. Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) Estimated tax impact is \$0.00
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) for the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) for the purpose of continuing services of reviewing applications for development along the Pemi River corridor as well as providing water sampling for the Department of Environmental Services and acting as an intervenor in the NH State Energy Commission's review of the Northern Pass project in order to lessen the impact of this project for the residents of Ashland.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 36. PETITIONED. Voices Against Violence Estimated tax impact is \$0.01
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2017-2018 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

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Moderator Hoerter read this article, no discussion, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 37. PETITIONED. Ashland 150th Committee Estimated tax impact is \$0.06
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to help defray the costs of the 150th celebration of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150th Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 38. Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the *Ashland Building Regulations*?

Purpose: To eliminate the repetitious language in Article 1 that is the same in Article 2 Duties.

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 39. Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the *Ashland Building Regulations* to add "site plan"?

Purpose: To mention approved site plans that are already required by regulations prior to issuance of building permits.

"ARTICLE 2.2 If a site plan or subdivision of land is involved, the Ashland Planning Board must approve a developer's plan before a permit may be issued."

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 40. Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the *Ashland Building Regulations* to add "market value if new"?

Purpose: To clarify that pre-fabricated buildings of a value of \$800 or more require a permit.

"ARTICLE 3.1 Any person or persons, partnership, trust, or corporation intending to construct or erect a new building or to make structural alterations of an estimated material cost or market value if new, of more than \$800 shall first make application for a permit on forms obtained from the Building Inspector."

Moderator Hoerter read this article, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 41. Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the *Ashland Building Regulations*?

Purpose: To clarify that all amendments to Building Regulations will be by town meeting vote except the fee schedule which will continue to be amended through the public hearing process.

"ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS: This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal town meeting when such amendment is published in the warrants calling for the meeting. Amendments to these regulations [other than adjustment of fees] are to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting."

ARTICLE 42. Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the *Ashland Building Regulations* to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set fees?

Purpose: To retain the current process of public hearings for amending the building permit fees.

ARTICLE 15: FEES: ~~Fees for permits may be set by the Planning Board after a public hearing, and do not have to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting.~~ In accordance with RSA 41:9-a, V, RSA 674:51, III (d) the Board of Selectmen have the authority to set Building permit fees provided that the Board of Selectmen first holds a public hearing on any proposed change in compliance with RSA 41:9-a, IV."

The following Zoning questions were discussed. These questions will appear on the Official Zoning Ballot.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS WARRANT 2018

[~~Strikeout~~ indicates existing language in the *Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance* to be deleted, underscore indicates amended language to be added.]

QUESTION 1: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which adds a new Section 9B, a Groundwater Protection Ordinance that creates an overlay district according to the map which accompanies the proposed ordinance, and within that area, regulations are established to protect both public and private water supplies from possible pollutants?

QUESTION 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which amends *Article 4.7* to clarify applications, locations, and sizes of signs on Bed and Breakfast premises?

4.7 Bed and Breakfast

~~Exit and Entrance and Parking signs to be determined by applicant and reviewed by Planning Board.~~

Signs located on the property and intended to regulate or guide activities within the property even though such signs may be incidentally visible from outside the property are exempt from the sign permit. They shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size.

QUESTION 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which adds a new Article 10. SEVERABILITY (SAVING CLAUSE), to update to current language insuring the validity of the ordinance?

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not affect or impair any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

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QUESTION 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which amends the definition of "Sign" in Article 10 DEFINITIONS? [NOTE: Number of Article would change to 11 with added SEVERABILITY Article 10.]

ARTICLE 10 11: DEFINITIONS Sign: ~~An advertising~~ Any device that shall include any billboard, outdoor sign, notice poster, display figure, painting, message, placard or any other device which is designated or intended to attract the attention of the public and which is erected and maintained on any property with the purpose to set forth the name of the business or profession conducted on any property, ~~or~~ to identify the goods or services produced or sold on any property or to convey a message to the public. This definition does not include signs warning of hazards on private property, or street numbers for private residences.

Moderator Hoerter adjourned the meeting at 2:19 PM.

Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
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BALLOT 1 OF 4

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

three-year term vote for not more than two
KATHLEEN DEWOLFE ☐
FRANCES NEWTON ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

two-year term vote for not more than one
LORNA LEIGH SHARPS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN MODERATOR

two-year term vote for not more than one

(Write-in) ☐

**TOWN CLERK/
TAX COLLECTOR**

three-year term vote for not more than one
PATRICIA TUCKER ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**TOWN TRUSTEE OF
THE TRUST FUNDS**

three-year term vote for not more than one
KATIE MAHER ☐
THOMAS E. PETERS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one
MARDEAN BADGER ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

six-year term vote for not more than one
BEVERLY OBER ☐
PHYLLISS REITSMA ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one
SANDRA COLEMAN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

one-year term vote for not more than one
GLENN DION ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSIONER**

three-year term vote for not more than one
DAVID TOTH ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSIONER**

two-year term vote for not more than one

(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

three-year term vote for not more than two
SHERRIE DOWNING ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

two-year term vote for not more than two

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. No tax impact in 2018
[Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,799,420 for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street, High Street, and Smith Hill Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,799,420 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 3/5 ballot vote required.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 3. No tax impact – paid from septage receiving revenue

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 (gross budget) for the construction and equipping of a new Septage Receiving Station and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in bonds or notes for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. 3/5 ballot vote required.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

ARTICLE 4. No tax impact – paid from septage receiving revenue

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (gross budget) for development of an Asset Management Plan for the Water and Sewer Department sewer capital assets, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

Not recommend by the Budget Committee vote 3-2-1

ARTICLE 5. Estimated tax impact is \$11.70

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,783,337. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,780,961 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1

ARTICLE 6.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,125,250. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,125,250 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

ARTICLE 7.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$178,191. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$253,066 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

ARTICLE 8.

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$422,401. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$403,780 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

ARTICLE 9. Estimated tax impact is \$0.23

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$53,500) for the first-year payment of the four-year lease purchase agreement for fire engine as authorized by vote on March 14, 2017.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 10. Estimated tax impact \$0.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the final payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-1-1

ARTICLE 11. Estimated tax impact \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease purchase agreement for \$189,590 for the purpose of purchasing a four-wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,142 for the first-year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 12. Estimated tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repaving roads.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 13. Estimated tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 14. Estimated tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 15. Estimated tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 16. Estimated tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

ARTICLE 17. Estimated tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 18. Estimated tax impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan.

YES ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

NO ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 19. Estimated tax impact is \$0.03

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 20. No tax impact

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of upgrading the town tax maps to be named the Property Tax Map CRF and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred (\$39,300) to be placed into the fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

ARTICLE 21.

Shall the Town of Ashland, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to expend from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to repair the roads.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-3

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Employee Disability Payment Fund created in 2002. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 23.

Shall the Town of Ashland rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32? If this article passes the Budget Committee would be eliminated.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

ARTICLE 24.

Shall the Town of Ashland reduce the number of members of the Municipal Budget Committee from 9 to 7 [5 elected members at large and 1 BOS representative and 1 Ashland School Board representative]? This would be effective March 2019.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

ARTICLE 25. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Ashland on March 9, 1999, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? [40:14 VII] A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question shall be required to rescind.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-1

ARTICLE 26. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? As provided for by RSA 40:14-b Default Budget Determined by Budget Committee. [RSA 40:14-b II (b)(c)] 3/5 majority required to pass [RSA 40:14 I]

YES ☐

NO ☐

Not to recommend by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 27. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland elect the Planning Board by ballot? [RSA 669:17] [RSA 673:2]

YES ☐

NO ☐

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

ARTICLE 28. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland's Zoning Board of Adjustment members be elected as prescribed by RSA 673:3 and RSA 673:5?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

ARTICLE 29. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the "Community Rights-Based Ordinance" to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and ecosystems of Ashland, New Hampshire by establishing a Community Bill of Rights which prohibits activities and projects that violate the Bill of Rights, and which provides for enforcement of the Bill of Rights against corporations and governments engaged in those activities and projects?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0-1

ARTICLE 30. PETITIONED ARTICLE

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance as drafted below in accordance with RSA 31:39-a Conflict of Interest Ordinances?

SECTION I: DECLARATION OF POLICY: Where government is based on the consent of the governed, every citizen is entitled to have complete confidence in the integrity of that government. Each local officer of the Town, whether elected or appointed, including paid or unpaid members of various Town boards, commissions, or committees (hereinafter referred to as "Town Official"), must earn and honor that trust by his or her conduct in all official actions. It is the purpose of this ordinance to ensure fair consideration of any application or matter to be voted upon, and also to ensure the appearance of fair consideration so as to maintain public confidence in the integrity of Town government.

SECTION II: CATEGORIES FOR DISQUALIFICATION: A Town Official shall be disqualified to act on a matter before a Town board, commission, or committee (hereinafter called the "Town Board") because of a conflict of interest as follows:

A) FINANCIAL INTEREST: When the Town Official has a direct personal financial interest in a matter before the Town Board. Such interest includes, but is not limited to, an ownership interest, a mortgage interest, a creditor or debtor interest or relationship.

B) RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE: When the Town Official is directly related by blood or by marriage to the person requesting action, or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board. Directly related shall mean spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent, or grandchild.

C) EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP: When the Town Official, or a member of the Town Official's family (family shall mean husband, wife, or child) has an employment relationship with the person requesting action or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board.

D) ABUTTER: When the Town Official is an abutter to the land which is the subject matter or action requested or to be taken by the Town Board.

E) GIFTS: When the Town Official has taken, for personal use, from any person, any fee, gift, or other valuable item in the course of the Town Official's work or in connection therewith, when such gift or valuable item is given in the hope of, or expectation of, receiving a favor or better treatment than that accorded to other persons requesting action or opposing action on a matter before the Town Board.

One or more of the above grounds for disqualification may apply, for example, relationship by blood or marriage to an abutter.

SECTION III: DISCLOSURE: A Town Official shall be under a duty to disclose that a conflict of interest, as defined in Section II above, exists when a matter is before the Town Board of which the Town Official is a member or participant. Thereafter, the Town Official shall withdraw from the Town Board considering such matter, shall not sit with the remainder of the Town Board, shall not participate in any deliberative sessions on such matter, and shall not vote on such matter. The Town Official may remain in the room where the Town Board is meeting, and may participate in the discussion, but only as a member of the general public.

SECTION IV: CHALLENGE PROCEDURE: A) Any person may inquire into the possible conflict of interest of any Town Official on any matter requiring official action, stating the grounds for the inquiry. B) Such challenged Town Official shall be obligated to inform the person if any conflict of interest exists. C) If the person making the inquiry is not satisfied with the challenged Town Official's response he may require the presiding officer of the Town Board to call for a vote as to whether or not the challenged Town Official shall be disqualified to take the official action. A majority of the remaining Town Board members, including alternates, shall determine whether or not the challenged Town Official may be allowed to take the official action.

SECTION V: APPEAL PROCEEDINGS: Appeals under this ordinance shall be governed by RSA 31:39-a.

ARTICLE 30 CONTINUED ON BACK

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 30 CONTINUED

SECTION VI: ORDINANCE PROVIDED TO TOWN OFFICIAL: Upon taking his/her position, the Town Official, as defined above, shall be furnished by the Town Clerk with a copy of this Ordinance. Each such person shall sign a written acknowledgment that he/she has been provided with such a copy. The acknowledgment shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Town Official's appointment papers.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of adoption at the Ashland Town Municipal Voting Day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this ordinance shall exempt affected Town Officials who are in office or employed by the Town at the time this ordinance is adopted for a period of ninety (90) days.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0

ARTICLE 31. PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Estimated tax impact is \$0.03
Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2018. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2017, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 102 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 45 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$59,636.51.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 32. PETITIONED. Tri-County Community Action Grafton County Estimated tax impact is \$0.01
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 33. PETITIONED. Genesis Behavioral Health Estimated tax impact is \$0.01
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 34. PETITIONED. Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) Estimated tax impact is \$0.00
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 35. PETITIONED. Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) Estimated tax impact is \$0.00
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) for the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) for the purpose of continuing services of reviewing applications for development along the Peml River corridor as well as providing water sampling for the Department of Environmental Services and acting as an intervenor in the NH State Energy Commission's review of the Northern Pass project in order to lessen the impact of this project for the residents of Ashland.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 36. PETITIONED. Voices Against Violence Estimated tax impact is \$0.01
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2017-2018 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

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SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

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Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 37. PETITIONED. Ashland 150th Committee Estimated tax impact is \$0.06
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to help defray the costs of the 150th celebration of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150th Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 38. Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the Ashland Building Regulations?
Purpose: To eliminate the repetitious language in Article 1 that is the same in Article 2 Duties.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 39. Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "site plan"?
Purpose: To mention approved site plans that are already required by regulations prior to issuance of building permits.

YES ☐
NO ☐

"ARTICLE 2.2 If a site plan or subdivision of land is involved, the Ashland Planning Board must approve a developer's plan before a permit may be issued."

ARTICLE 40. Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "market value if new"?

Purpose: To clarify that pre-fabricated buildings of a value of \$800 or more require a permit.

YES ☐
NO ☐

"ARTICLE 3.1 Any person or persons, partnership, trust, or corporation intending to construct or erect a new building or to make structural alterations of an estimated material cost or market value if new, of more than \$800 shall first make application for a permit on forms obtained from the Building Inspector."

ARTICLE 41. Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

Purpose: To clarify that all amendments to Building Regulations will be by town meeting vote except the fee schedule which will continue to be amended through the public hearing process.

YES ☐
NO ☐

"ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS: ~~This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal town meeting when such amendment is published in the warrants calling for the meeting. Amendments to these regulations [other than adjustment of fees] are to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting.~~

ARTICLE 42. Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the Ashland Building Regulations to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set fees?

Purpose: To retain the current process of public hearings for amending the building permit fees.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 15: FEES: ~~Fees for permits may be set by the Planning Board after a public hearing, and do not have to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting. In accordance with RSA 44:9-a, V, RSA 674:51, III (d) the Board of Selectmen have the authority to set Building permit fees provided that the Board of Selectmen first holds a public hearing on any proposed change in compliance with RSA 44:9-a, IV.~~

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐

QUESTIONS

[~~Strikethrough~~ indicates existing language in the *Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance* to be deleted, underscore indicates amended language to be added.]

QUESTION 1: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which adds a new Section 9B, a Groundwater Protection Ordinance that creates an overlay district according to the map which accompanies the proposed ordinance, and within that area, regulations are established to protect both public and private water supplies from possible pollutants?

YES ☐
NO ☐

QUESTION 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which amends Article 4.7 to clarify the applications, locations, and sizes of signs on Bed and Breakfast premises?

4.7 Bed and Breakfast

~~Exit and Entrance and Parking signs to be determined by applicant and reviewed by Planning Board. Signs located on the property and intended to regulate or guide activities within the property even though such signs may be incidentally visible from outside the property are exempt from the sign permit. They shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size.~~

YES ☐
NO ☐

QUESTION 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which adds a new Article 10. SEVERABILITY (SAVING CLAUSE), to update to current legal language insuring the validity of the ordinance?

YES ☐
NO ☐

~~If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not affect or impair any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.~~

QUESTION 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance, which amends the definition of "Sign" in Article 10 DEFINITIONS? [NOTE: Number of Article would change to 11 with added SEVERABILITY Article 10.]

ARTICLE 11: DEFINITIONS Sign: ~~An advertising~~ Any device that shall include any billboard, outdoor sign, notice poster, display figure, painting, message, placard or any other device which is designated or intended to attract the attention of the public and which is erected and maintained on any property with the purpose to set forth the name of the business or profession conducted on any property, or to identify the goods or services produced or sold on any property or to convey a message to the public. ~~This definition does not include signs warning of hazards on private property, or street numbers for private residences.~~

YES ☐
NO ☐



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Proposed Budget

Ashland

For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: 1-26-18

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Eric B. Bader	Budget Comm.	Eric B. Bader
Jeanette J. Stewart	Chair Budget Comm. Jeanette Stewart	Jeanette Stewart
David R. R. R.	W. Comm. W. R. R.	David R. R.
Bobbi Hoelter	Budget Comm.	Bobbi Hoelter
Shirley D. D. D.	" "	Shirley D. D.
H. H. H. H.	Budget Comm. (H. H.)	H. H. H.

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General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$210,094	\$219,786	\$230,846	\$0	\$230,846	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$37,227	\$39,085	\$43,678	\$0	\$43,678	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$116,036	\$100,191	\$116,567	\$0	\$116,567	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$48,110	\$31,703	\$55,610	\$0	\$55,610	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$15,000	\$17,316	\$20,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$5,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$8,858	\$2,790	\$9,722	\$0	\$7,572	\$2,150
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$37,402	\$31,019	\$37,802	\$0	\$37,802	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$30	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
4196	Insurance	05	\$137,048	\$118,423	\$135,702	\$0	\$135,702	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$610,325	\$560,313	\$649,977	\$0	\$642,827	\$7,150
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	05	\$582,544	\$546,572	\$624,916	\$0	\$624,916	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	\$48,996	\$48,257	\$49,486	\$0	\$49,486	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$234,518	\$206,606	\$246,687	\$26	\$246,713	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	05	\$22,609	\$21,776	\$22,531	\$0	\$22,531	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$3,000	\$380	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4299	Other (including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$891,657	\$823,591	\$946,626	\$26	\$946,646	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration	05	\$262,873	\$235,629	\$305,793	\$0	\$299,842	\$5,951
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$282,534	\$291,525	\$295,255	\$0	\$294,303	\$952
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$587,407	\$527,354	\$643,048	\$0	\$636,145	\$6,903
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$130,598	\$143,017	\$142,540	\$0	\$142,540	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$130,598	\$143,017	\$142,540	\$0	\$142,540	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Health								
4411	Administration	05	\$2,354	\$2,258	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,354	\$0
4414	Pest Control	05	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$30,993	\$30,993	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$34,547	\$34,251	\$3,554	\$0	\$3,554	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$29,478	\$7,450	\$26,710	\$0	\$26,710	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$29,478	\$7,450	\$26,710	\$0	\$26,710	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$104,382	\$83,777	\$123,304	\$0	\$123,304	\$0
4550-4559	Library	05	\$61,340	\$59,227	\$63,558	\$0	\$63,558	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$11,689	\$10,411	\$11,689	\$0	\$11,689	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$182,411	\$158,415	\$198,551	\$0	\$198,551	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	05	\$1,000	\$947	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1,000	\$947	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$124,331	\$124,331	\$126,331	\$0	\$126,331	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$63,997	\$63,992	\$59,032	\$0	\$59,032	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$188,329	\$188,323	\$185,364	\$0	\$185,364	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$94,917	\$94,626	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$494,917	\$94,626	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	06	\$3,181,053	\$3,181,053	\$3,125,250	\$0	\$3,125,250	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	08	\$322,018	\$322,018	\$430,651	\$0	\$422,401	\$8,250
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	07	\$202,906	\$202,906	\$244,441	\$0	\$178,191	\$66,250
4916	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$3,707,477	\$3,707,477	\$3,800,342	\$0	\$3,725,842	\$74,500
Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$6,858,156	\$5,245,464	\$6,597,706	\$26	\$6,508,179	\$88,553



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other	04	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
	Purpose: Asset Management Plan - Water & Sewer							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	31	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
	Purpose: Petition Grafton County Senior Citizens							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	32	\$0	\$0	\$3,107	\$0	\$0	\$3,107
	Purpose: Petition Tri County Community Action/Grafton City							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	33	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
	Purpose: Petition Genesis Behavioral Health							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	34	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
	Purpose: Petition CADY							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	36	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
	Purpose: Petitioned: Voices Against Violence							
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	37	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
	Purpose: PETITIONED: ASHLAND 150TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE							
4651-4659	Economic Development	35	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$400
	Purpose: PETITIONED: PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COM							
4903	Buildings	03	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
	Purpose: New Septage Receiving Station							
4903	Buildings	19	\$0	\$0	\$36,500	\$0	\$0	\$36,500
	Purpose: LCHJP Grant							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	02	\$0	\$0	\$1,799,420	\$0	\$0	\$1,799,420
	Purpose: Road Reconstruction Project							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
	Purpose: Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
	Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund							



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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
Purpose: DPW/Capital Reserve Fund								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Purpose: Police Department Capital Reserve Fund								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Purpose: Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fu								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Purpose: Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$0	\$0	\$39,300	\$0	\$0	\$39,300
Purpose: Property Tax Map CRF								
Total Proposed Special Articles								
			\$0	\$0	\$3,729,227	\$0	\$1,798,007	\$1,931,220



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$53,500	\$0	\$53,500	\$0
		Purpose: Fire engine lease purchase						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$12,938	\$0	\$12,938	\$0
		Purpose: 4th year Lease Payment escape clause mini loader						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$0	\$0	\$27,142	\$0	\$27,142	\$0
		Purpose: Public Works loader lease payment						
Total Proposed Individual Articles				\$0	\$93,580	\$0	\$93,580	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Charge Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	05	\$0	\$59,000	\$59,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$0	\$54,000	\$54,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$0	\$113,000	\$113,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$0	\$315,000	\$315,000
3230	Building Permits	05	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$0	\$327,700	\$327,700
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$0	\$107,321	\$107,321
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$0	\$57,110	\$57,110
3354	Water Pollution Grant	05	\$0	\$14,031	\$14,031
3355	Housing and Community Development	19	\$0	\$18,250	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	\$0	\$33	\$33
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	05	\$0	\$33,054	\$33,054
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$228,799	\$211,549



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Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	\$0	\$135,000	\$135,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$0	\$135,000	\$135,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	05	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
3503-3509	Other	05, 19	\$0	\$43,250	\$35,000
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$0	\$44,750	\$36,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	06	\$0	\$3,125,250	\$3,125,250
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	08	\$0	\$430,651	\$422,401
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	07	\$0	\$244,441	\$178,191
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	19	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$3,810,342	\$3,725,842
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	03, 04, 02	\$0	\$3,329,420	\$1,530,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	20	\$0	\$39,300	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$3,368,720	\$1,530,000
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$0	\$8,029,311	\$6,879,591



Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Selectmen's Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$6,311,506	\$6,597,706	\$6,509,179
Special Warrant Articles	\$302,193	\$3,729,227	\$1,798,007
Individual Warrant Articles	\$585,608	\$93,580	\$93,580
Total Appropriations	\$7,199,307	\$10,420,513	\$8,400,766
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$5,067,392	\$8,029,311	\$6,079,591
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,131,915	\$2,391,202	\$2,321,175



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee \$8,400,766

~~Less Exclusions:~~

2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes \$126,331

3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes \$59,032

4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes \$0

5. Mandatory Assessments \$0

6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above) \$185,363

7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6) \$8,215,403

8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%) \$821,540

Collective Bargaining Cost Items:

9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting) \$0

10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting) \$0

11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10) \$0

12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted \$1,799,420

Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:
(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12) \$11,021,726

Default Budget of the Municipality

Ashland

For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Donald Jones	Vice-Chair Selectboard	Donald Jones
Leslie Brown	Selectman	Leslie Brown
Francis Newton	Chairman, Selectboard	Francis Newton
Casey Barney	Selectman	Casey Barney

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General Government					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	\$210,094	\$20,256	\$0	\$230,350
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$37,227	\$5,401	\$0	\$42,628
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$116,036	(\$3,436)	\$0	\$112,600
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$48,110	\$7,500	\$0	\$55,610
4153	Legal Expense	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$8,858	\$1	\$0	\$8,859
4194	General Government Buildings	\$37,402	\$0	\$0	\$37,402
4195	Cemeteries	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
4196	Insurance	\$137,048	(\$1,346)	\$0	\$135,702
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$500	(\$499)	\$0	\$1
General Government Subtotal		\$610,325	\$27,877	\$0	\$638,202
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	\$582,544	\$47,248	\$0	\$629,792
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$48,996	\$490	\$0	\$49,486
4220-4229	Fire	\$234,518	\$11,545	\$0	\$246,063
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$22,609	(\$78)	\$0	\$22,531
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$891,667	\$59,205	\$0	\$950,872
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Administration	\$262,873	\$42,920	\$0	\$305,793
4312	Highways and Streets	\$282,534	\$4,389	\$0	\$286,923
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$42,000
4319	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$587,407	\$47,309	\$0	\$634,716
Sanitation					
4321	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$130,598	\$12,442	\$0	\$143,040
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$130,598	\$12,442	\$0	\$143,040



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Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Administration	\$2,354	\$0	\$0	\$2,354
4414	Pest Control	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$3,554	\$0	\$0	\$3,554
Welfare					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$29,478	(\$2,768)	\$0	\$26,710
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal		\$29,478	(\$2,768)	\$0	\$26,710
Culture and Recreation					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$104,382	\$18,153	\$0	\$122,535
4550-4559	Library	\$61,340	\$1,938	\$0	\$63,278
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$11,689	\$0	\$0	\$11,689
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$177,411	\$20,091	\$0	\$197,502
Conservation and Development					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000



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Debt Service					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$124,331	\$2,000	\$0	\$126,331
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$63,997	(\$4,965)	\$0	\$59,032
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$188,329	(\$2,965)	\$0	\$185,364
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$3,181,053	(\$55,803)	\$0	\$3,125,250
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$322,018	\$81,762	\$0	\$403,780
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$202,906	\$50,160	\$0	\$253,066
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$3,705,977	\$76,119	\$0	\$3,782,096
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$6,325,746	\$237,310	\$0	\$6,563,056

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