

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 4

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
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:
- 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.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>KATHLEEN DEWOLFE <u>211</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>FRANCES NEWTON <u>190</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SIVALINGHAM <u>63</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GRANT <u>52</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>MARDEAN BADGER <u>271</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>DAVID TOTH <u>219</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ADJUTANT <u>56</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b> two-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>LORNA LEIGH SHARPS <u>251</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>YOGEL <u>49</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> six-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>BEVERLY OBER <u>239</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PHYLLISS REITSMA <u>56</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER</b> two-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>BADGER <u>43</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> two-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>SANDRA COLEMAN <u>225</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>SHERRIE DOWNING <u>222</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>PATRICIA TUCKER <u>308</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER</b> one-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>GLENN DION <u>259</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> two-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>KATIE MAHER <u>134</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>THOMAS E. PETERS <u>155</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> three-year term <span style="float: right;">vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

**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.

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

**Needed 190**

YES  **187**  
NO  **129**

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## 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  298  
NO  58

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

**Needed 214**

**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  261  
NO  90

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  221  
NO  127

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  290  
NO  61

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  294  
NO  55

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  214  
NO  132

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  278  
NO  80

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

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### ARTICLES CONTINUED

**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.

YES  361  
NO  58

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  242  
NO  114

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 repairing roads.

YES  260  
NO  97

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  242  
NO  111

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  243  
NO  110

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  241  
NO  113

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  210  
NO  142

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  196  
NO  157

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

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## 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  286  
NO  65

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
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  178  
NO  161

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  194  
NO  144

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  225  
NO  118

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  261  
NO  77

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  99  
NO  232

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  222  
NO  115

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  135  
NO  194

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-1

**Needed 197**

**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  114  
NO  209

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

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**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

YES

NO

**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

**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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YES  150  
NO  191

YES  142  
NO  192

YES  143  
NO  207

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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  151  
NO  186

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 \$58,636.51.

YES  312  
NO  45

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  308  
NO  47

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  281  
NO  74

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  295  
NO  59

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 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.

YES  241  
NO  63

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  276  
NO  58

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

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**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  252  
NO  106

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  261  
NO  69

**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  237  
NO  94

"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.  
"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."

YES  185  
NO  145

**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."

YES  224  
NO  94

**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 44:9-a, RSA 874:51, 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."

YES  209  
NO  118

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

# SAMPLE BALLOT



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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2018

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TOWN CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

### QUESTIONS

~~Strikeout~~ indicates existing language in the *Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance* to be deleted, underline 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

245  
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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

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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

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~~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 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.~~

YES

NO

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