

1 **DISCUSSION:** Chief Heath expressed the importance of passing the article. If the article
2 didn't pass then the fire apparatus would have to be returned and prior appropriation would be
3 lost.

4 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

5 **MOTION PASSED**

6
7 **ARTICLE** Public Works loader

8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand
9 One Hundred Forty-Two dollars (\$27,142) for the second payment of the five-year lease
10 purchase for the Public Works loader.

11
12 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

13 *To recommend the lease payment for the public works loader.*

14 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

15 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

16 **MOTION PASSED**

17
18 **ARTICLE** Transfer station mini loader

19 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three
20 Hundred Ninety-One dollars (\$5,391) for the final payment of the four-year lease
21 purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

22
23 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

24 *To recommend the lease payment for the transfer station mini loader.*

25 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

26 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

27 **MOTION PASSED**

28
29 **ARTICLE** Road Improvements CRF

30 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand
31 Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund
32 established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads

33
34 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

35 *To recommend the road improvement CRF warrant article.*

36 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

37 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

38 **MOTION PASSED**

39
40 **ARTICLE** Property Tax Map (GIS) CRF

41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand
42 Three Hundred (\$39,300) to be added to the Property Tax Map CRF. This sum to come
43 from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

44
45 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

46 *To recommend the property tax map CRF warrant article.*

1 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos
2 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
3 **MOTION PASSED**

4
5 **ARTICLE** Fire Department CRF
6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand
7 Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established
8 in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

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10 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe
11 *To recommend the fire department CRF warrant article.*

12 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

13 **DISCUSSION:** Chief Heath reviewed with the Board the future capital expenditure needs of
14 the department. Funding the CRF will continue to help the infrastructure need.

15 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

16 **MOTION PASSED**

17
18 **ARTICLE** Public Works CRF

19 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand
20 Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund
21 established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or
22 repairs.

23
24 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe
25 *To recommend the public works CRF warrant article.*

26 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

27 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

28 **MOTION PASSED**

29
30 **ARTICLE** Police Department CRF

31 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand
32 Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund
33 established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department
34 vehicles.

35
36 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
37 *To recommend the police department CRF warrant article.*

38 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

39 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

40 **MOTION PASSED**

41
42 **ARTICLE** Library CRF

43 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars
44 (\$20,000) to be placed in the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, established
45 in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including
46 furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

1 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe
2 *To recommend the library CRF warrant article.*

3 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

4 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

5 **MOTION PASSED**

6
7 **ARTICLE** Building Maintenance CRF

8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thousand Dollars
9 (\$5,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for
10 the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

11
12 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

13 *To recommend the building maintenance CRF warrant article.*

14 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

15 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

16 **MOTION PASSED**

17
18 **ARTICLE** Emergency Management CRF

19 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars
20 (\$2,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the
21 purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency
22 Operation Plan.

23
24 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

25 *To not add the emergency management CRF to the warrant.*

26 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

27 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

28 **MOTION PASSED**

29
30 **ARTICLE** Establish assessment CRF

31 To see if the town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our
32 constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least
33 as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000
34 towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. It is
35 anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2024.

36
37 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

38 *To recommend the assessment CRF warrant article.*

39 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

40 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

41 **MOTION PASSED**

42 **ARTICLE** Change Building Maintenance CRF

43 To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Building Maintenance
44 and Repair Fund to the Building Maintenance and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund.

45
46 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

1 *To recommend the warrant article to change to the building maintenance CRF.*

2 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

3 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

4 **MOTION PASSED**

5
6 **ARTICLE** Transfer station truck scale

7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand
8 Dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of installing a new truck scale at the Transfer Station.
9 This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

10
11 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

12 *To recommend the transfer station truck scale warrant article.*

13 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

14 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

15 **MOTION PASSED**

16
17 **ARTICLE** Transfer station building structure

18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand
19 Four Hundred Dollars (\$43,400) for the purpose of erecting a building structure for
20 storage at the Transfer Station. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount
21 to be raised from taxation.

22
23 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

24 *To recommend the transfer station building structure warrant article.*

25 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

26 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

27 **MOTION PASSED**

28
29 **ARTICLE** Transfer station compact containers

30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand
31 Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500) for the purpose of purchasing two compact containers at
32 the Transfer Station. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised
33 from taxation.

34
35 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

36 *To recommend the transfer station compact containers warrant article.*

37 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

38 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

39 **MOTION PASSED**

40
41 **ARTICLE** Contingency Fund

42 To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for
43 unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to go
44 into the fund. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from
45 taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general
46 fund. Majority vote required

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2 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
3 *To recommend the contingency fund warrant article.*

4 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

5 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

6 **MOTION PASSED**

7
8 **ARTICLE** Per-diem firefighters

9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand
10 dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Fire Department salary line for the purpose of
11 staffing two per diem firefighters (no benefits) during the day time at the fire station.

12
13 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

14 *To recommend the per diem firefighter warrant article.*

15 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

16 **DISCUSSION:** Chief Heath made comment to the Board of Selectmen about the need for
17 staffing the department to better respond to emergency calls. Due to limited staffing at the
18 department, there are times during the general hours (800 to 1659) that aren't responded too.

19 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

20 **MOTION PASSED**

21
22 **ARTICLE** Conservation Commission

23 To see if the town will reduce the Ashland Conservation Commission membership from
24 five to three.

25
26 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

27 *To recommend the conservation commission warrant article.*

28 **SECOND:** Selectman DeWolfe

29 **DISCUSSION:** Board members felt now might be the time to propose membership
30 reduction as the commission has not had full membership for years and has not had a quorum
31 of three for most of the calendar year.

32 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

33 **MOTION PASSED**

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35 **IV. DEFAULT BUDGET**

36
37 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

38 *To recommend the Executive default budget at \$166,527.*

39 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

40 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

41 **MOTION PASSED**

42
43 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

44 *To recommend the Election & Registration default budget at \$37,827.*

45 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

1 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
2 **MOTION PASSED**
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4 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
5 *To recommend the Financial default budget at \$96,366.*
6 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
7 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
8 **MOTION PASSED**
9
10 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
11 *To recommend the Property Tax default budget at \$22,611.*
12 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos
13 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
14 **MOTION PASSED**
15
16 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
17 *To recommend the Legal default budget at \$15,000.*
18 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
19 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
20 **MOTION PASSED**
21
22 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
23 *To recommend the Personnel Administration default budget at \$451,743.*
24 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
25 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
26 **MOTION PASSED**
27
28 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
29 *To recommend the Land Use default budget at \$13,185.*
30 **SECOND:** Selectman Newton
31 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
32 **MOTION PASSED**
33
34 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
35 *To recommend the General Government Buildings default budget at \$38,852.*
36 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
37 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
38 **MOTION PASSED**
39 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
40 *To recommend the Cemetery default budget at \$50.*
41 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
42 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
43 **MOTION PASSED**
44
45 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
46 *To recommend the Insurance default budget at \$82,031.*

1 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos
2 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
3 **MOTION PASSED**
4
5 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
6 *To recommend the Economic Development default budget at \$4.*
7 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
8 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
9 **MOTION PASSED**
10
11 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
12 *To recommend the Police Department default budget at \$451,579.*
13 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
14 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
15 **MOTION PASSED**
16
17 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
18 *To recommend the Police Department detail default budget at \$3,230.*
19 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
20 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
21 **MOTION PASSED**
22
23 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
24 *To recommend the Ambulance default budget at \$50,424.*
25 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos
26 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
27 **MOTION PASSED**
28
29 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
30 *To recommend the Fire Department default budget at \$247,556.*
31 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
32 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
33 **MOTION PASSED**
34
35 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
36 *To recommend the Building Inspector default budget at \$22,531.*
37 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
38 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
39 **MOTION PASSED**
40
41 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
42 *To recommend the Emergency Management default budget at \$3,000.*
43 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
44 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
45 **MOTION PASSED**
46

1 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
2 *To recommend the Public Works default budget at \$205,790.*
3 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos
4 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
5 **MOTION PASSED**
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7 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
8 *To recommend the Highway & Streets default budget at \$209,761.*
9 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
10 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
11 **MOTION PASSED**
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13 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
14 *To recommend the Town Mechanic default budget at \$61,668.*
15 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
16 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
17 **MOTION PASSED**
18
19 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
20 *To recommend the Street Lighting default budget at \$42,000.*
21 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
22 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
23 **MOTION PASSED**
24
25 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
26 *To recommend the Transfer Station default budget at \$144,385.*
27 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
28 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
29 **MOTION PASSED**
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31 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
32 *To recommend the Health Officer default budget at \$2,354.*
33 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
34 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
35 **MOTION PASSED**
36
37 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
38 *To recommend the Animal Control default budget at \$1,200.*
39 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
40 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
41 **MOTION PASSED**
42
43 **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps
44 *To recommend the General Assistance default budget at \$26,710.*
45 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
46 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

1 **MOTION PASSED**
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3 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
4 *To recommend the Parks & Recreation default budget at \$49,290.*
5 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
6 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Barney abstained)
7 **MOTION PASSED**
8
9 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
10 *To recommend the Parks & Recreation Campground default budget at \$9,938.*
11 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
12 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Barney abstained)
13 **MOTION PASSED**
14
15 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
16 *To recommend the Parks & Recreation Summer Program default budget at \$43,335.*
17 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
18 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Barney abstained)
19 **MOTION PASSED**
20
21 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
22 *To recommend the Parks & Recreation After School Program default budget at \$19,503.*
23 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
24 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Barney abstained)
25 **MOTION PASSED**
26
27 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
28 *To recommend the Parks & Recreation Community default budget at \$661.*
29 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
30 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Barney abstained)
31 **MOTION PASSED**
32
33 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
34 *To recommend the Library default budget at \$65,172.*
35 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney
36 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
37 **MOTION PASSED**
38 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos
39 *To recommend the Patriotic Purposes default budget at \$11,189.*
40 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
41 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
42 **MOTION PASSED**
43
44 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
45 *To recommend the Conservation Commission default budget at \$500.*
46 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

1 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

2 **MOTION PASSED**

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4 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

5 *To recommend the Debt Service (Principal) default budget at \$129,331.*

6 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

7 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

8 **MOTION PASSED**

9
10 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

11 *To recommend the Debt Service (Interest) default budget at \$54,486.*

12 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

13 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

14 **MOTION PASSED**

15
16 **MOTION:** Selectman Lamos

17 *To recommend the Tax Anticipation Note default budget at \$1.*

18 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

19 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

20 **MOTION PASSED**

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22 **V. YEAR END ENCUMBRANCES**

23
24 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney

25 *To encumber funds from the fire department vehicle maintenance line (01-4220-10-450).*

26 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

27 **DISCUSSION:** encumbrance of funds are for service to Engine 1.

28 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

29 **MOTION PASSED**

30
31 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney

32 *To encumber \$1,713 from Police Department line 01-4210-10-620 for ammo purchase.*

33 **SECOND:** Selectman Lamos

34 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

35 **MOTION PASSED**

36
37 **VI. Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 1:50 P.M.**

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39 *These minutes were written by Town Administrator Charles Smith on December 28, 2018.*