



**Ashland**

The inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):**

Date: February 2, 2019  
 Time: 10:00 A.M.  
 Location: William J. Tirone Gymnasium 27 Highland Street, Ashland, NH  
 Details:

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date:  
 Time:  
 Location:  
 Details:

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before January 28, 2019 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Ashland Post Office and that an original was delivered to Ashland Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
William DeLuca	BOS	
Harold S. Larsen	BOS	
Casey Barney	BOS	
Frances Newton	BOS	
Leigh Sharp	BOS	



**Article 01 Election of Officers**

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen: 3-year term – 1 position  
Budget Committee: 3-year term – 1 position  
Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3-year term – 1 position  
Library Trustee: 3-year term – 1 position  
Electric Commissioner: 3-year term – 1 position  
Water and Sewer Commissioner: 3-year term – 1 position  
Cemetery Trustee: 3-year term – 1 position

**Article 02 Road Reconstruction Project**

ARTICLE 2. No tax impact in 2019  
[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

**Article 03 Septage Receiving Station**

ARTICLE 3. No tax impact  
To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$500,000 (gross budget) for the construction and equipping of a new Septage Receiving Station and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the 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  
5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
5-0

**Article 04 Waste Water Treatment Plant**

ARTICLE 4. No tax impact  
To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (gross budget) to evaluate the long-term viability of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the 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  
5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
5-0

**Article 05 Town Operating Budget**

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 \$2,832,844. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,779,789 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

**Article 06 Ashland Electric Department**



ARTICLE 6. No tax impact  
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 \$3,254,040. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,204,185 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

**Article 07 Ashland Water Department**

ARTICLE 7. No tax impact  
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 \$239,189. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$271,665 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

**Article 08 Ashland Sewer Department**

ARTICLE 8. No tax impact  
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 \$480,935. Should this article be



defeated, the operating budget shall be \$456,366 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

**Article 09 Fire engine lease**

ARTICLE 9. Estimated tax impact is \$0.44  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eight Nine dollars (\$107,789) for the second-year payment of the four-year lease purchase agreement for the Fire Department fire engine as authorized by vote on March 14, 2017.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

**Article 10 Public Works loader lease**

ARTICLE 10. Estimated tax impact \$0.11  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Two dollars (\$27,142) for the second payment of the five-year lease purchase for the Public Works loader.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

**Article 11 Transfer Station mini loader lease**

ARTICLE 11. Estimated tax impact \$0.02  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One dollars (\$5,391) 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  
6-0

**Article 12 Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 12. Estimated tax impact is \$0.41  
To see if the town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand  
Dollars (\$100,000) to be added 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  
5-1

**Article 13 Property Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 13. No tax impact  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand  
Three Hundred (\$39,300) to be added into the  
Property Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund. This  
sum to come from the fund balance and no  
amount to be raised from taxation.

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

**Article 14 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 14. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10  
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 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  
6-0



**Article 15 DPW Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 15. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10  
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 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  
6-0

**Article 16 Police Department Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 16. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10  
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 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

**Article 17 Building Maintenance and Repair CRF**

ARTICLE 17. Estimated tax impact is \$0.02  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) 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

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
4-2



**Article 18 Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund**

ARTICLE 18. Estimated tax impact is \$0.08  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added into 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

**Article 19 Establish Capital Reserve Fund town assessments**

ARTICLE 19. Estimated tax impact is \$0.08  
To see if the town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2024.

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

**Article 20 Change purpose of CRF**

ARTICLE 20. No tax impact  
To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Building Maintenance and Repair Fund to the Building Maintenance and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. 2/3 majority required.

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





**Article 21 Install new truck scale at Transfer Station**

ARTICLE 21. No tax impact  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of installing a new truck scale at the Transfer Station. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote  
5-0  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee  
vote 4-2

**Article 22 Erect building structure at Transfer Station**

ARTICLE 22. No tax impact  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$43,400) for the purpose of erecting a building structure for storage at the Transfer Station. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

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

**Article 23 Purchase compact containers at Transfer Station**

ARTICLE 23. No tax impact  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500) for the purpose of purchasing two compact containers at the Transfer Station. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

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

**Article 24 Establish Contingency Fund**



ARTICLE 24. No tax impact  
To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to go into the fund. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required.

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

**Article 25 Fire Department per diem**

ARTICLE 25. Estimated tax impact \$0.22  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Fire Department salary line for the purpose of staffing two per diem firefighters (no benefits) during the daytime at the fire station.

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

**Article 26 Ashland Conservation Commission membership**

ARTICLE 26. No tax impact  
To see if the town will vote to reduce the Ashland Conservation Commission membership from five to three.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 3-2-1

**Article 27 Adopt Town Manager**

ARTICLE 27. PETITIONED. Town Manager  
Do you favor adoption of town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes



Annotated?

**Article 28 Board of Selectmen membership**

ARTICLE 28. PETITIONED. Board of  
Selectmen membership

To see if the town will vote to change the Select  
Board from 5 Selectmen to 3 Selectmen.

**Article 29 Pemi-Baker Community Health**

ARTICLE 29. Estimated tax impact \$0.04  
PETITIONED. Pemi-Baker Community Health  
To see if the town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven  
Hundred Dollars (\$9,700) for Pemi-Baker  
Community Health.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote  
4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
4-1-1

**Article 30 Grafton County Senior Citizens**

ARTICLE 30. Estimated tax impact \$0.02  
PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens  
Council, Inc.  
Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six  
Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to Grafton County  
Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for  
Ashland residents in 2019.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote  
4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
6-0

**Article 31 Lakes Region Mental Health Center**

ARTICLE 31. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED. Lakes Region Mental Health  
Center

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Three  
Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to  
Lakes Region Mental Health Center for the  
delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services.



Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote  
4-1  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
6-0

**Article 32 Tri County Community Action/Grafton Cty**

ARTICLE 32. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED. Tri-County Community Action  
Grafton County  
Shall the voters raise and appropriate Three  
Thousand One Hundred 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  
4-1  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
6-0

**Article 33 Voices Against Violence**

ARTICLE 33. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED. Voices Against Violence  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars  
(\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2018-2019 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  
4-1  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
6-0

**Article 34 Day Away Program**

ARTICLE 34. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED. Day Away Program  
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.



Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
vote 3-2  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
5-0-1

**Article 35 CADY**

ARTICLE 35. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED. Communities for Alcohol and  
Drug Free Youth (CADY)  
Shall the voters raise and appropriate One  
Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for Communities for  
Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-  
profit organization serving Ashland and nearby  
towns.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote  
4-1  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote  
6-0