

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
February 2	Deliberative Session 1 PM – Ashland School Gym
March 1	deadline for tax abatements
March 12	Official Balloting Day 8AM – 7 PM – Ashland School Gym
April 1	All real property assessed to owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials.
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2011-12 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2012 year
April 30	2012 Dog tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2013 tax bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2013 tax bill due

MEETING SCHEDULES

**Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month – 7 PM at Ashland School Library
Board of Selectmen	Work session – Second Monday of the Month – Time TBA
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the month 7PM at Ashland School Library Work Session – Third Wednesday 6:30 PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as needed – posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6 PM – Town Office
Housing Standards	As needed
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month – 6 PM – Location TBA
Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday - 7 PM - Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First/Third Thursday – 5:30 PM – Utility Office



ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF ASHLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the fiscal year ending
December 31, 2012

INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2010

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

Lat 43.695°N Lon 71.631°W
Elevation 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

CABLE – TIME WARNER

TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

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

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – THURSDAY 5:30-7:30

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – THURSDAY 3:30 - 5

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 RESISTRATION	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 DEPT	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 DEPT	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 COUNTY CAP		968-3560

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DEDICATION



Anthony “Tony” L. Randall

We take this opportunity to pay tribute to Anthony L. Randall, known to most as “Tony”. As Tony completes his fourth year as Police Chief for the Town of Ashland, we dedicate this 2012 Annual Town Report to him.

As a life-long resident of Ashland, Tony has worn many hats. From his days as a star athlete at Ashland High School, his membership on the Board of Selectmen, his service on the Planning Board, to his current role as Chief of Police, one characteristic remains consistent – Tony’s dedication to the Town of Ashland.

Tony meets every goal that he sets for himself. After high school, he attended college and became a licensed surveyor. He took this accomplishment and continued on to create a successful business. When the town decided to elect its Chief of Police in 2009, Tony accepted this challenge as well. He ran, he won, and he graduated with the 150th Class of NH Police Academy.

Chief Randall has shown great presence within the community that he calls home. His contributions and leadership within the Ashland Police Department have been outstanding.

The residents of Ashland look forward to a very long association with Tony in whatever role he chooses.

Ashland Town Report 2012

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:

Marion Frisch

Alma Holt

Robert Crews

James Wallace

Rita Defosses

Pauline Bergeron

Brian Moriarty Sr.

Garry Hiltz

James Lindroth

Dallas Martin

William Owens

James Bluhm

Raymond Knowlton

Barbara Libby

Samuel Norman

Joyce Grier

Amiee-Mariee Bernard

Everett Heath

Elsie London

Michael Stewart

Robert Fisk

Jack Currier

TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

<u>Board of Selectmen</u>	Jeanette I. Stewart [Chairman]	2015
	Daniel Golden	2014
	Philip Preston	2013
<u>Town Administrator</u>	Paul Branscombe	
<u>Office Assistant</u>	Patricia Crowell	
<u>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</u>	Patricia Tucker	2015
<u>Dep. Town Clerk/Tax Collector</u>	Anne Abear	
<u>Town Treasurer</u>	Linda Guyotte	2014
<u>Dep. Town Treasurer</u>	Linda Eastman	
<u>Town Moderator</u>	Roberta Hoerter	2014
<u>Trustees of Trust Funds</u>	Thomas Peters	2015
	Richard Pare	2014
	Richard Ogden	2013
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Lynn Davis	2015
	David Ruell	2014
	Alice Staples	2013
<u>Supervisors of the Checklist</u>	Beverly Ober	2018
	Mary Ann Reinholz	2016
	Teri Linden	2014
<u>Electric Commissioners</u>	Roberta "Bobbi" Hoerter	2015
	Daniel Vaughn	2014
	Kendall L. Hughes	2013
<u>Water & Sewer Commissioners</u>	John C. Hughes	2015
	Robert Boyle	2014
	Alan Cilley	2013
<u>Ashland Planning Board</u>	Susan MacLeod	2015
	Frances Newton	2014
	Gordon McCormack Jr	2014
	Robert Boyle	2013
	Jeanette I. Stewart [BOS Rep]	
	Alternate Anthony Randall	2013
	Alternate Elisabeth Cody	2015
<u>LRPC Rep</u>	Gordon McCormack Jr	2015
<u>Zoning Board of Adjustment</u>	Elaine Allard	2013
	Don Latulippe	2014
	Robert Boyle	2014
	Michelle Fistek	2013
	Ellison Badger	2015
<u>Code Enforcement Officer</u>	Robert Hicks	2014
<u>Building Inspector</u>	Robert Hicks	2014

<u>Electrical Inspector</u>	Duane “Butch” Smith	
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	Erik Ames	
<u>Highway Department</u>	Timothy Paquette – Director	
	Raymond Dow	
	Daniel Thompson	
	George Chase	
<u>Transfer Station</u>	Richard Hutchinson	
	Douglas Ober	
<u>Town Mechanic</u>	Lee Huckins	
<u>Park and Rec Director</u>	James Gleich	
	Nancy Nieves – Afterschool Aide	
<u>Police Department</u>	Chief Anthony Randall	
	Lt. Donald Marren	
	Sgt. Daniel Hamilton	
	Officer Bruce Cote	
	Officer Patrick Brady [Resigned]	
	Special Seth Learned	
	Adm, Howard Beaudry	
	Adm. Jamie Lyford	
<u>Scribner Trustees</u>	Elliott Dupuis	2014
	Alfred Salvoni	2013
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Mark Schultz	2013
	Rene Liebert	
	Daniel Stack	2013
	Stacy Luke	
	Gordon McCormack Jr.	2015
<u>Health Officer</u>	Frances Newton	2015
	Paul Branscombe, Deputy	
<u>Welfare Director</u>	Robert Hicks	
	Paul Branscombe, Deputy	
<u>Housing Standards Board</u>	Ellison Badger	2013
	Jane Felton	2014
	Kathleen Maher	2015
	Health Officer Frances Newton	
	Fire Chief Stephen Heath	
<u>Electric Department</u>	Superintendent Lee Nichols	
	Joe Vittum	
	Melvin Holland	
	Devon Anderson	
	Linda Pack	
	Karen Wheelock	
<u>Water/Sewer Department</u>	Operator Utility Partners	
	Russell Cross Jr. – Manager	
	John Fligg	
	Kay Mudgett	

<u>Joint Loss Management</u>	Patricia Crowell	2015
	Craig Moore	2013
	Joe Vittum	
	Timothy Paquette	2013
	George Chase	
	Daniel Hamilton	2014
	Robert Hicks	2014
<u>Memorial Park Trustees</u>	Jeanette I. Stewart	
	Philip Preston	2015
	Stephen Jaquith	2014
<u>Fire Department</u>	Ernest Hutter	2013
	Chief Stephen Heath	2014
<u>Emergency Management</u>	Dep. Chief Timothy Joubert	2014
	Lee Nichols	2014
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Paul Branscombe, Deputy	
	Stephen Felton	2013
	David Ruell	2015
	Christine Austin	2013
	Sandra Coleman	2014
	Ingrid Heidenreich	2014
	Mark Scarano	2015
	David Toth	2015
	Philip Preston, BOS ex officio	
	Miriam Brown, School Board ex officio	
	Daniel Golden, BOS alternate	
Mardean Badger, School Board Alt.		
<u>Capital Improvement Committee</u>	Anne Abear	
	Stephen Felton	
	Susan MacLeod	
	Jeanette I. Stewart	
	David Toth	
<u>Pemi Baker Solid Waste District</u>	Timothy Paquette	2015
	Paul Branscombe, Alternate	

2012

ELECTION RESULTS

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
TOWN/SCHOOL
STATE PRIMARY
STATE GENERAL**



ABSENTEE
 OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
ASHLAND — DEMOCRATIC
 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
 JANUARY 10, 2012

Tommy Gardner
 SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval opposite your choice like this
- To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

CANDIDATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

I hereby declare my preference for candidate for the office of PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES to be as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

Randall Terry Putnamville, West Virginia	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aldous C. Tyler Madison, Wisconsin	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Wolfe, Jr. Chattanooga, Tennessee	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Cowan Monticello, Vermont	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Ely Lake Forest, Illinois	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig "Tax Freeze" Freis Lake Elsinore, California	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Greene Mountain View, California	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
John D. Haywood Durham, North Carolina	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert B. Jordan Garden Grove, California	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barack Obama Chicago, Illinois	85	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cornelius Edward O'Connor West Palm Beach, Florida		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edward T. O'Donnell, Jr. Wilmington, Delaware	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darcy G. Richardson Jacksonville, Florida	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermin Supreme Rockport, Massachusetts	2	<input type="checkbox"/>

WRITE-IN

DELEBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES TOWN OF ASHLAND, NH February 4, 2012

Moderator Philip Preston declared the First Session of the Town Meeting to order at the posted time of 1:00 PM.

Town of Ashland annual report dedication was presented to former employee Mark W. Ober.

Introduction of head table - Selectman Jeanette I. Stewart; Selectman Glenn Dion, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe, Attorney Paul Fitzgerald, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Budget Committee Members Stephen Felton, David Ruell, Frances Newton, Sandra Coleman, Miriam Brown, Ingrid Heidenreich.

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- Member Board of Selectmen - 3 year term
- Member Board of Selectmen - 1 year term
- Town Moderator - 2 year term
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 year term
- Town Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 3 year term
- Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term
- Electric Commissioner - 3 year term
- Water and Sewer Commissioner - 3 year term
- Budget Committee - 3 year term [three positions]

Moderator Preston declared that this article was the election of officers that would appear on the ballot.

ARTICLE 2 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows

Question 1. Are you in favor of changing the title of Section 5 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance to read "Non Conforming Uses and Lots"?

Question 2. Are you in favor of adding to Section 5, a section to be numbered 5.5 to read "A lot of record created prior to zoning will be exempt from the lot sizing and road frontage requirements of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance?"

Moderator stated that this article will be on the Zoning Ballot. No discussion.

ARTICLE 3 - OPERATING BUDGET

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an 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 **\$6,207,648**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$6,770,684** 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.

Moderator Preston read the article as written; no comments; declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.

The following motion came after suspension of discussion on Article 25.

Motion to add \$23,777 to the operating budget; seconded - withdrawn; (1) Motion to amend Article 3 operating budget to be \$6,231,425 -Robin Fisk; second - Linda Pack; discussion on the motion; voice vote was not definitive; hand count Yes 24, No 27; amendment was defeated; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4 SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement) [Tax impact \$.003]

Shall the voters of the Town of Ashland vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Ashland and the SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the following increases in salaries, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3702 [\$2813 of which shall come from utility rates not general taxation] for the 2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Fiscal Year	Town Estimated Cost	Utilities Estimated Cost
FY 2012	\$ 889	\$ 2,813
FY 2013	\$10,105	\$11,310
FY 2014	\$ 6,835	\$ 6,904

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 2-0
Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0-1

Moderator Preston read the article as written; Selectman Stewart explained the changes to the bargaining agreement; this was discussed and declared by the moderator that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5 (Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items)

Shall the voters of the Town of Ashland, if Article 4 (SEIU Local 1984 Bargaining Agreement) is defeated, authorize the Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant correcting the article number; the article was discussed.

Sandra Coleman moved to go back to Article 4; seconded; voice vote was not decisive; show of hands 26 yes; 37 no; motion was declared defeated.

Moderator Preston declared that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 6 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LOADER LEASE [Tax Impact 10.8 cents]

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$142,100 for the purpose of leasing a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,420 for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 5-4

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7 - FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF [Tax Impact 10.2 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the replacement of the Fire Department roof.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 9-0

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; motion to amend the article to read “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the replacement or repair of the fire department roof” - Glenn Dion; seconded by Selectmen Stewart. Discussion; voice vote was in the affirmative with no dissent; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 8 - ESTABLISH ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF [Tax Impact 47.3 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125, 000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 9-0

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 9 - POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION RADIOS [Tax Impact 3.8 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$10,100) to replace five hand held communication radios for the Ashland Police Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Chief Randall explained the need for the radios; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 10 - ESTABLISH FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CRF [Tax Impact 3.0 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 2-1
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 9-0

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Chief Heath explained the need for the article; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 11 - MASTER PLAN [Tax Impact 3.8 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of continuing the process of updating the Town of Ashland Master Plan. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 8-1

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; no discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 12 - TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER TRACTOR LEASE [Tax Impact 5.7 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for \$55,200 for the purpose of leasing a four wheel drive tractor for the transfer/recycling center and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed of \$15,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease includes an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee does not recommend this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; PW Director Paquette explained the need for the replacement of this piece of equipment; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 13 - TOWN CLOCK [Tax Impact 0.6 cents]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; no discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 14 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Establish Ashland CIP Committee

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as provided by RSA 674:5, (1) to remove the Planning Board's responsibility for the town capital improvement program and (2) to establish, appoint and implement a Capital Improvement Program Committee, whose purpose shall be to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years, to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in the completion of the annual budget. Membership of such committee shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Trustees and other townspeople.

Moderator read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 15 - TRANSFER OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer to Edmund and Terry White a portion of town owned property located on River Street abutting property now owned by Edmund and Terry White on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; Anthony Randall explained that the transfer of property would provide the White's the property that they are currently utilizing; no discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 16 - CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen?

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; explanation that town is required by law to have Cemetery Trustees; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 17 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - CADY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol-and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims, and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 18 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Pemi-Baker Community Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$9,342) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization and Ashland's home health and hospice agency), for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. This sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) 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.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 19 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Bandstand

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to have the Bandstand currently located in the ROW on the L. W. Packard ball field relocated to another location where it can get better usage.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article with a vote of 2-1
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 6-3

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant. (1) Motion to add the words "vote to" between will and raise - Stewart; second - Dion; voice vote in the affirmative; (2) Motion to change the sum of \$5000 to \$2500 - Robert Hicks; second - Ann Reever; voice vote in the affirmative; discussion on the article as amended; (3) Motion to add the following to the article - These funds are to encumbered until such time as the location is established and approved by the Board of Selectmen - Lee Nichols; seconded - Steve Felton; discussion on the article as amended to read "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 to have the Bandstand currently located in the ROW on the L.W. Packard ball field relocated to another location where it can get better usage. These funds are to be encumbered until such time as the location is established and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Voice vote was in the affirmative.

Motion to close discussion - Robin Fisk; seconded; voice vote in the affirmative; Moderator Preston declared that the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 20 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. requests that \$6,000 be raised and appropriated for Grafton Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2012. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2011 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. provided services for 202 Ashland residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$100,867.60.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article with a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 7-2

Moderator Preston entertained a motion to amend the article as written in the warrant to read - "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6000 for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2012. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2011 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. provided services for 202 Ashland residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$100,867.60. - moved by Richard Ogden; seconded by Ellison Badger; voice vote on the amendment in the affirmative with dissent; discussed; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 21 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Genesis

The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2,239 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3,270 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2011; 85 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 11 Ashland residents in fiscal year 2011. We provided \$12,291 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 6-3

Moderator Preston entertained a motion to amend the article as written in the warrant to read - "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,239 for Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3,270 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2011; 85 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 11 Ashland residents in fiscal year 2011. We provided \$12,291 in charitable care to Ashland residents. - moved by David Ruell; seconded by Jeanette Stewart; voice vote on the amendment in the affirmative with dissent; discussed; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 22 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Plymouth Regional Clinic

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or any portion that the Town feels is appropriate, for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to support Plymouth Regional Clinic, a nonprofit free clinic providing health care to the low income uninsured.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article with a vote of 2-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 5-4

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 23 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Tri County CAP

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland do hereby petition the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 8-1

Moderator Preston entertained a motion to amend the article as written in the warrant to read - “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland - moved by Glenn Dion; seconded by Jeanette Stewart; discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 24- PETITIONED ARTICLE - The Bridge House

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any amount that the Town feels is appropriate, for the fiscal year 2012-2013 to support The Bridge House, a nonprofit shelter, providing programs and services leading to stability and independence for the areas homeless families and individuals. Priority is offered to veterans.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-0
Budget Committee recommends this article with a vote of 8-1

Moderator Preston entertained a motion to amend the article as written in the warrant to read - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year 2012-2013 to support The Bridge House, a nonprofit shelter, providing programs and services leading to stability and independence for the areas homeless families and individuals. Priority is offered to veterans. - moved by Glenn Dion; seconded by Jeanette Stewart; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 25 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Park and Recreation Director

Shall the town maintain the current Park and Recreation Director’s position as a salaried full time (40 hours per week) position? This article shall take effect immediately and would not be considered a new job opening.

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; discussion; (1) Motion to suspend discussion on Article 25 - Fisk; seconded; voice vote in the affirmative; (2) Motion to reconsider Article 3 [Budget] -Robin Fisk; second-David Ruell; voice vote in the affirmative with dissent

Amendment to Article 3 was defeated and Moderator Preston declared that Article 25 would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 26 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Membership of Board of Selectmen

We, the undersigned, propose this warrant article to see if the Town of Ashland should return to a 5-member Board of Selectmen from the current 3-member Board in order to ensure Select Board representation on all town committees and town meetings.

Moderator Preston entertained a motion to amend the article as written in the warrant to read - "Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?" - moved by Glenn Dion; seconded by Jeanette Stewart; voice vote in the affirmative with dissent; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 27 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Northern Pass

To see if the Town will vote to register and disseminate to all concerned its objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of Ashland as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy and the health and well being of its residents.

Moderator Preston read the article as written in the warrant; no discussion; Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

Chairman Stewart thanked all those who attend the meeting and thanked those who worked on boards and committees.

The being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned by Moderator Preston at 4:07 PM.

Minutes taken by

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk

TOWN OF ASHLAND OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
MARCH 13, 2012

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Member Board of Selectmen - 3 year term

Jeanette Stewart	242
Frances Newton	152
_____	Write in

Member Board of Selectmen - 1 year term

Sandra A. Coleman	183
Philip Preston	201 Write ins

Town Moderator - 2 year term

Bobbi Hoerter	312
_____	Write in

Town Clerk/Tax Collector -3 year term

Patricia Tucker	334
Sherrie L. Downing	98
_____	Write in

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 year term

Thomas Peters	321
_____	Write in

Library Trustee - 3 year term

Lynn Davis	364
_____	Write in

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term

Beverly J. Ober	385
_____	Write in

Electric Commissioner - 3 year term

Bobbi Hoerter	300
_____	Write in

Water and Sewer Commissioner - 3 year term

Gordon F. McCormack Jr.	169
John C. Hughes	189
_____	Write in

Budget Committee - 3 year term [three positions]

David Toth	272
David Ruell	334
Mark Scarano	269

ARTICLE 3 - OPERATING BUDGET

YES 309 NO 56

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an 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 **\$6,207,648**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$6,770,684** 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.

ARTICLE 4 SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement) [Tax impact \$.003]

YES 230 NO 170

Shall the voters of the Town of Ashland vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Ashland and the SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the following increases in salaries, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3702 [\$2813 of which shall come from utility rates not general taxation] for the 2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Fiscal Year	Town Estimated Cost	Utilities Estimated Cost
FY 2012	\$ 889	\$ 2,813
FY 2013	\$10,105	\$11,310
FY 2014	\$ 6,835	\$ 6,904

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 8-0-1

ARTICLE 5 (Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items)

YES 255 NO 130

Shall the voters of the Town of Ashland, if Article 4 (SEIU Local 1984 Bargaining Agreement) is defeated, authorize the Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

ARTICLE 6 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LOADER LEASE [Tax Impact 10.8 cents]

YES 176 NO 226

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for One Hundred Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$142,100) for the purpose of leasing a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department, and to raise appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$28,420)** for first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 5-4

ARTICLE 7 - FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF [Tax Impact 19.0 cents]

YES 330 NO 84

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the replacement or repair of the fire department roof.

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 8-0

ARTICLE 8 - ESTABLISH ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF [Tax Impact 47.3 cents]

YES 266 NO 143

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125, 000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 9-0

ARTICLE 9 - POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION RADIOS [Tax Impact 3.8 cents]

YES 258 NO 143

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$10,100) to replace five hand held communication radios for the Ashland Police Department.

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 10 - ESTABLISH FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CRF [Tax Impact 3.0 cents]

YES 251 NO 156

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Selectmen recommend 2-1
Budget Committee recommend 9-0

ARTICLE 11 - MASTER PLAN [Tax Impact 3.8 cents]

YES 243 NO 168

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of continuing the process of updating the Town of Ashland Master Plan. (Majority vote required)

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 8-1

ARTICLE 12 - TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER TRACTOR LEASE [Tax Impact 5.7 cents]

YES 152 NO 258

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$55,200) for the purpose of leasing a four wheel drive tractor for the transfer/recycling center and **to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease includes an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee do not recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 13 - TOWN CLOCK [Tax Impact 0.6 cents]

YES 302 NO 119

To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500)** to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 14 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Establish Ashland CIP Committee

YES 236 NO 153

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as provided by RSA 674:5, (1) to remove the Planning Board's responsibility for the town capital improvement program and (2) to establish, appoint and implement a Capital Improvement Program Committee, whose purpose shall be to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years, to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in the completion of the annual budget. Membership of such committee shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Trustees and other townspeople.

ARTICLE 15 - TRANSFER OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

YES 291 NO 111

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer to Edmund and Terry White a portion of town owned property located on River Street abutting property now owned by Edmund and Terry White on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 16 - CEMETERY TRUSTEES

YES 165 NO 223

Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen?

ARTICLE 17 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - CADY [Tax Impact .4 cents]

YES 300 NO 119

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol-and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims, and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities.

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 18 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Pemi-Baker Community Health [Tax Impact 3.5 cents]

YES 313 NO 108

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$9,342) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization and Ashland's home health and hospice agency), for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. This sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) 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.

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 19 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Bandstand [Tax Impact .9 cents]

YES 156 NO 257

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) to have the Bandstand currently located in the ROW on the L.W. Packard ball field relocated to another location where it can get better usage. These funds are to encumbered until such time as the location is established and approved by the Board of Selectmen

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-1

ARTICLE 20 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. [Tax Impact 2.3 cents]

YES 337 NO 79

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000) for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2012. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2011 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. provided services for 202 Ashland residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$100,867.60

Selectmen recommend 3-0
Budget Committee recommend 7-2

ARTICLE 21 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Genesis [Tax Impact .8 cents]

YES 250 NO 162

To see if the town will vote **to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$2,239)** for Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3,270 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2011; 85 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 11 Ashland residents in fiscal year 2011. We provided \$12,291 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 6-3

ARTICLE 22 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Plymouth Regional Clinic [Tax Impact .5 cents]

YES 220 NO 188

To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$1,200)**, or any portion that the Town feels is appropriate, for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to support Plymouth Regional Clinic, a nonprofit free clinic providing health care to the low income uninsured.

Selectmen do not recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 5-4

ARTICLE 23 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Tri County CAP [Tax Impact 1.2 cents]

YES 311 NO 105

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

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 8-1

ARTICLE 24- PETITIONED ARTICLE - The Bridge House [Tax Impact 1.9 cents]

YES 279 NO 132

To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)** for the fiscal year 2012-2013 to support The Bridge House, a nonprofit shelter, providing programs and services leading to stability and independence for the areas homeless families and individuals. Priority is offered to veterans.

Selectmen recommend 2-0
Budget Committee recommend 8-1

ARTICLE 25 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Park and Recreation Director

YES 190 NO 213

Shall the town maintain the current Park and Recreation Director's position as a salaried full time (40 hours per week) position? This article shall take effect immediately and would not be considered a new job opening.

ARTICLE 26 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Membership of Board of Selectmen

YES 195 NO 202

Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?

ARTICLE 27 - PETITIONED ARTICLE - Northern Pass

YES 285 NO 114

To see if the Town will vote to register and disseminate to all concerned its objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of Ashland as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy and the health and well being of its residents.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Moderator Bobbi Hoerter declared the polls open at 8 AM and stated that they would not close before 7 PM. The absentee ballots would be cast starting at 1 PM.

Election officials present for the day were: Moderator Bobbi Hoerter; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Terri Linden, Maryann Reinholz; Ballot Clerks Patricia Dame, Kathi Sheer, David Ruell, Steve Orlich, Margaret Duguay, Elizabeth Cody, Kathleen Maher, Norma Cole; Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart, Daniel Golden; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman.

Total on Checklist End of Day		1305
Republicans	425	
Democrats	302	
Undeclared	578	
Total casting ballots	364	
		27%

Patricia Tucker, CTC
Town Clerk - Ashland



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
ASHLAND
DEMOCRATIC
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 11, 2012

Wm Gardner
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval (s) opposite your choice (s) like this
2. To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

<p>For Governor Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Jackie Cilley 48 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Maggie Hassan 92 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bill Pearce Kennedy 13 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For State Representatives Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2:</p> <p>Jeremy J. Olson 31 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Philip Preston 103 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Judy Wallick 97 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Lara Joan Saffo 108 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Ann McLane Kuster 135 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For State Representative Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Tom Ploszaj 19 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Catherine Mulholland 106 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Bonnie McCrory Parker 102 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Beth Funicella 96 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Kelley Jean Monahan 113 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For State Senator Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Robert C. Lamb, Jr. 116 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Martha B. Richards 131 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>

TOTAL VOTES CAST
364

Ashland Results



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
**ASHLAND
REPUBLICAN**
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 11, 2012

Wm. Gardner
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval (s) opposite your choice (s) like this
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<p>For Governor Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Ovide Lamontagne 149 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Kevin H. Smith 59 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Robert M. Tarr 1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Miroslaw Dziedzic 4 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Dennis Lamare 17 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Charles Bass 165 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gerard Beloin 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Will Dean 11 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Raymond S. Burton 140 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Jerry Thibodeau 65 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For State Senator Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Jeanie Forrester 183 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For State Representatives Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2:</p> <p>Jeff Shackett 62 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Barbara M. Emery 46 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Robert Hull 50 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Skip Reilly 102 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For State Representative Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Paul H. Simard 159 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Douglas R. Dutille 163 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Carol A. Elliott 172 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Tyler Drummond 157 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Rebecca R. Wyman 167 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Omer C. Ahern, Jr. 180 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Delegate to the State Convention Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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TOTAL VOTES CAST
364

STATE GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

STATISTICS

Venue - Dupuis Cross Post #15 - 37 Main Street

Polling Hours - 8 AM to 7 PM

Poll Workers - Moderator Roberta Hoerter; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman; Board of Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart; Daniel Golden; BOS Designee Ann Reever; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Ballot Clerks Norma Cole, Margaret Duguay, Patricia Dame, Maureen Salvoni, Kathi Sheer, ElisabethCody, Kathleen Maher, David Ruell, Patricia Heinz; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Teri Linden, MaryAnn Reinholz.

Checklist

Start of Day	1320
Same Day Registrations	210
Total on Checklist	1530

Ballots Cast	1156
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[1149 at polls, 2 Federal Only, 5 UOVACA]

Percentage voting	76%
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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
ASHLAND
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Tom Barber
SECRETARY OF STATE



INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To Vote.** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-In.** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

Offices	Democratic Candidates	Libertarian and Other Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For President and Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	581 Barack Obama Joe Biden <input type="checkbox"/>	27 Libertarian Gary Johnson James P. Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution Virgil Goode James Clymer 2	522 Mitt Romney Paul Ryan <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	606 Maggie Hassan <input type="checkbox"/>	40 Libertarian John J. Bahiarz <input type="checkbox"/>	462 Dvide Lamontagne <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	506 Ann McLane Kuster <input type="checkbox"/>	72 Libertarian Hardy Macia <input type="checkbox"/>	513 Charles Bass <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	312 Beth Funicella <input type="checkbox"/>	63 Libertarian Howard L. Wilson <input type="checkbox"/>	652 Raymond S. Burton <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	494 Robert C. Lamb, Jr. <input type="checkbox"/>		562 Jeanie Forrester <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representatives Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2	462 Judy Wallick <input type="checkbox"/> 513 Philip Preston <input type="checkbox"/>		421 Jeff Shackett <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Skip Reilly <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representative Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1	507 Catherine Mulholland <input type="checkbox"/>		473 Paul H. Simard <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	437 Douglas R. Dutille <input type="checkbox"/>	121 Independent Joshua Dickey <input type="checkbox"/>	437 Douglas R. Dutille <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	445 Lara Joan Saffo <input type="checkbox"/>		445 Lara Joan Saffo <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	417 Bonnie McCrory Parker <input type="checkbox"/>		572 Carol A. Elliott <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	545 Kelley Jean Monahan <input type="checkbox"/>		425 Tyler Drummond <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1			648 Rebecca R. Wyman <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	526 Martha B. Richards <input type="checkbox"/>		512 Omer C. Ahern, Jr. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2012 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the 2012 General Court

- "Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b a new article to read as follows: [Art.] 5-c. (Income Tax Prohibited.) Notwithstanding any general or special provision of this constitution, the general court shall not have the power or authority to impose and levy any assessment, rate, or tax upon income earned by any natural person; however, nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit any tax in effect on January 1, 2012, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax." (Passed by the N.H. House 256 Yes 110 No; Passed by State Senate 19 Yes 4 No) CACR 13
604 Yes **431** No
- "Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 73-a [Supreme Court, Administration.] The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the supreme court justices, make rules governing the administration of all courts in the state and the practice and procedure to be followed in all such courts. The rules so promulgated shall have the force and effect of law. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matters by statute. In the event of a conflict between a statute and a court rule, the statute, if not otherwise contrary to this constitution, shall prevail over the rule." (Passed by the N.H. House 242 Yes 96 No; Passed by State Senate 19 Yes 5 No) CACR 26
509 Yes **495** No
- Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution.
"Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"
392 Yes **626** No

2012

**DEPARTMENTS
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COMMISSIONS**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Submitted by Chairman Jeanette Stewart, Vice Chairman Daniel Golden & Philip Preston

Repair and improvement of the Town's infrastructure were the Board of Selectmen's highest priorities in 2012, and that included renovations to buildings, replacement of the Collins Street Bridge and improvements in communications.

Buildings and Bridges

The biggest item was the Fire Station roof which over the years has developed multiple leaks. Concerned that a failure of the roof would cause extensive damage to the fire trucks it was supposed to protect, the Selectmen hired a structural engineer to examine the roof and make recommendations for repair or replacement. It was determined that the porous cement underneath the roof membrane had become so saturated with water that it is now in danger of collapsing under a heavy snow load. Acting upon the advice of several engineers, the Selectmen signed a contract to replace the roof. In the absence of a capital reserve fund for that purpose, the decision was made to include the replacement cost in the 2013 Budget.

In September, the NH Department of Transportation red-listed the Collins Street Bridge when it discovered that cracks in an outside concrete beam had caused some supporting cables within it to be severely compromised by corrosion. By directing traffic onto the remaining beams, it was possible to continue using the bridge pending removal and replacement. In just four weeks, the Town had a new bridge, with half of the cost paid by the Water and Sewer Department, part of whose revenue would have been lost had the bridge become unusable. By taking the action they did, the Board and the Department saved the Town a lot of money.



The Booster Club became the focus of a project to improve the energy efficiency of that building by adding insulation and new siding, thereby reducing operating costs. At the Town Hall, the front doors were finally replaced. The Board hopes that similar improvements will be possible at other Town facilities.

Communications

A new host for the website was found, and there have been significant improvements in its content and design. Selectmen's meetings on the first and third Monday evenings of each month were videotaped and could be viewed on Public Access Channel 3.

Committees

Appointments were made to the Conservation Committee, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Memorial Park Committee, as well as the newly formed Capital Improvement Program Committee. Some vacancies remain and, inevitably, there will be more in the future. A strong local government depends upon the interest of the people it serves, and the need for volunteers continues.

In Conclusion

To save the Town money, the Selectmen contracted with Primex for property and liability insurance. Unfortunately, the problems with the Fire Station roof and the Collins Street Bridge strained the Town's finances in 2012 and necessitated the elimination of some road improvements. However, because of careful budgeting, we continue to have a high credit rating with a low debt-to-equity ratio. As of February 1st, Ashland collected 94% of the 2012 property taxes.

The Selectmen want to take this opportunity to extend their appreciation to those individuals who have enhanced our community by serving on boards and committees.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the Town of Ashland.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Paul Branscombe

It is with great pleasure that I present my second annual report to the residents of Ashland for the year 2012. I should like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support in my ability and effectiveness and to Pat Tucker and Pat Crowell for helping me navigate through the many municipal storms that we encountered this year. I hope that the community recognizes the Town office as custodians of public trust. My role has been and always will be to administer the policies set forth by the Board of Selectmen.

It has been another tough year for our community from a financial perspective and the mood in Ashland has been fractious and sour, worn down by the continuous crushing pressure of events. Firstly it was the findings that the Fire House roof was failing and in dire need of replacement. Then the State announced that the Collins Street Bridge, the Towns lifeline to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Transfer Station was put on their Red List and was to be barricaded and closed. The Ashland Tax Rate rose from 20.11 to 21.98, an increase which led to public sentiments of stop spending and reduce the burden on tax payers.

Funds were put in the 2013 Fire Department Budget to compliment the warrant article that passed last March and hopefully the roof will be replaced in April of 2013. The Town Administrator was able to convince the NHDOT to keep the Collins Street Bridge open, which with construction speed never seen before by the State Bridge Engineers the bridge was replaced in ten days. Funds to cover the cost of this emergency were found in the Town Budget and the Water & Sewer Commissioners contributed to half of the cost. The Selectmen had hoped to keep the Town portion of the tax rate down as they did last year with a contribution from the unassigned general fund balance (previously termed surplus). However changes to the general accounting principles (GASB 54) left our dollar figure in the fund balance open to interpretation. The Town portion of the tax rate increased by 11.5% and coupled with increases in the other components, local school, state school and the county the overall increase was 10.9%.

The Selectmen were cognizant of the fact that with the lack of capital reserves the community was ill prepared to react to any unexpected expense so they elected to have a Capital Improvement Program committee formed to analyze the Towns future short and long term requirements. This CIP committee has proved to be a valuable addition to our financial tool box.

Through regular communication with the Town office, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee have kept a watchful eye on our current and future cash balances, our unassigned general fund balance and our current long term debt. Also with thoughtful cooperation with Department Heads the Budget Committee have been able to better understand the needs of each Town Department. The Budget Committee worked diligently to level fund the proposed 2013 Town Budget presented to them by the Selectmen and will continue their deliberation into the New Year. Budget cuts will be inevitable but we cannot give up our essential services so some hard choices will have to be made as we direct our limited taxpayer funds to our core responsibilities. Change is hard and the protests will be loud.

Looking back over the year there have been many accomplishments in Ashland. It was mentioned earlier about the replacement of the Collins Street Bridge where the Town office had little notification of its deterioration. A State report in March 2012 gave it a satisfactory rating however in October this bridge was Red Listed which meant the superstructure had deteriorated in six short months. We were fortunate to have secured the services of Arnold Graton who amazingly replaced the entire bridge to include guardrails and paving in ten short days.

The Town Administrator applied for and was successful in being awarded a Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL) grant from the Foundation for Healthy Communities for the Town of Ashland, beating out five other Towns. This grant has allowed the Ashland HEAL Steering Committee to identify initiatives in the areas of healthy eating and active living to present to the community in the New Year.

We successfully completed the design of the Town's new website and negotiated a change in web hosts. Ashland resident Mardean Badger has been retained to become our website content manager. Residents are encouraged to explore the new site and view the many new enhancements. The Town office partnered with Plymouth to have the Board of Selectmen's meetings video-taped and these can be seen on public access channel 3 as well as the video link to the website.

The Ashland Revitalization Alliance raised funds for the civic beautification of Main Street with three season 'Welcome to Ashland' banners depicting our famous Covered Bridge and State flower and Holiday banners decorated with a wreath symbol. This group was also responsible for arranging a series of 'Music in the Park' concerts held at the gazebo in Memorial Park.

The on-line newsletter, the 'Ashland Bulletin' is in its eighty seventh week and the subscriber list is growing. This Bulletin has helped the Town office share information and established a direct connection with residents who were unable to view the website or attend Selectmen's meetings.

Talks of Economic Development in Ashland prompted the Town Administrator to strike up a conversation with District 2 Senator Jeannie Forrester which ultimately led to a 'think tank' style economic forum held at the Holderness Town Hall in late October. The keynote speaker was PSU President Sara Jayne Steen and the word of the day was 'Partnering.' It is critical for communities the size of Ashland to partner with businesses such as PSU in an endeavor to support the significant areas of economic issues, environment and education.

Residents will recall that the Town office kept the community abreast of Hurricane Sandy which caused so much devastation in New York and New Jersey. Our prayers go out to those who suffered. This was reminiscent of Tropical Storm Irene last year as we dodged another weather related bullet. The weather folks at FEMA can only speculate that Ashland was in the 'hook' of one of the outer bands of the storm. Thanks goes to our Emergency Management Director, Lee Nichols who wore two hats during the storm as he is also our Electric Superintendent and to Fire Chief Steve Heath who with volunteers manned the Fire Station until he was sure that no harm would come to our community.

It is hoped that the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by many residents will continue to flourish in 2013. The voice of the Town's folk as we go to the polls in March 2013 will be as important as ever as it is the general public that can illuminate the path for Ashland to follow.

In closing allow me to mention that I always welcome visitors to my office who wish to express their opinions and concerns which can only lead to make Ashland a better place to live and work.

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Steve Felton on behalf of the Ashland Budget Committee

Chair /Steve Felton, Vice- Chair/ David Ruell, Secretary/ Christine Austin, Phil Preston, Miriam Brown, David Toth, Ingrid Heidenreich, Marc Scarano, Sandra Coleman, Dan Golden (alternate- select board) Mardean Badger (alternate-school)

2012 has been a very busy and challenging year for the town of Ashland as well as the Ashland Budget Committee.

The budget committee continued to conduct meetings throughout the year and met with all town departments as well as the school and utilities to review year to date budget status in each area and to stay informed of current and projected needs and issues.

This was our second year of meeting with all municipal departments to receive updates and review financials and it has certainly helped the committee stay better informed on the needs and financials of each area as we focus on short term as well as long term needs and planning. This makes our primary responsibility of presenting a 2013 budget to the public a much better informed process.

We also conducted 2 financial forums for the public that were also available to view on public TV. The purpose of the forums was to make every effort to keep the public informed on our current financial situation, and provide information on current trends and anticipated future needs to help ensure the voters are as informed as possible.

We continue to look at ways to begin to build our general fund balance as well as making a continued effort to save for our future capital project needs like road repair, building maintenance and vehicle and equipment replacement, while minimizing and stabilizing property tax dollars needed.

Challenges and opportunities we as a town will need to continue to focus on include:

- Balancing the money needed for annual operating budget needs with the critical need to build our general fund reserves and capital reserves, while minimizing the impact on property tax dollar needs.
- Find ways to attract new business that meet our town's vision and help our tax base
- Find creative ways to minimize costs by working with other communities and businesses to pool our resources for mutual benefit.
- Find ways to deal with what has been a constant shifting of costs to local government by the state and federal government

Working together as a community we will be able to keep Ashland the town we all envision, while ensuring we are financially stable.

ASHLAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE

Submitted by -Chair Steve Felton, Vice- Chair David Toth, Secretary Susan MacLeod, Anne Abear, Jeanette Stewart

The members of the Ashland Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee are pleased to be able to present a brief recap of our activities for 2012 along with a look into 2013.

The CIP Committee was established by warrant article last year and the purpose of the committee is to prepare a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of 10 years. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be to aid the select board and the budget committee in their consideration of the annual budget. The following is the RSA that describes the scope and purpose of the committee.

674:6 Purpose and Description. – The capital improvements program shall classify projects according to the urgency and need for realization and shall recommend a time sequence for their implementation. The program may also contain the estimated cost of each project and indicate probable operating and maintenance costs and probable revenues, if any, as well as existing sources of funds or the need for additional sources of funds for the implementation and operation of each project. The program shall be based on information submitted by the departments and agencies of the municipality and shall take into account public facility needs indicated by the prospective development shown in the master plan of the municipality or as permitted by other municipal land use controls.

Once our committee membership was determined, we began the task of defining the guidelines, timelines, action steps, and forms we will use to begin the project of better identifying, prioritizing, and planning for the town's capital project needs.

We have received initial project need information from the town departments and utilities and will be working with these departments as well as the school in better defining and prioritizing these needs and putting them into a 10 year capital needs budget. This will help the select board and budget committee by providing better information on our short and long term capital project needs, which should help for better planning in our budget process for the funding of these needs.

The initial recommendations from the CIP Committee in 2012 included \$25,000 for a capital reserve account for police vehicle repair or replacement, \$25,000 for a capital reserve for fire department vehicle repair or replacement, and \$40,000 in the budget for energy efficiency replacement work based on an energy audit done for the town.

We intend to present a well-developed 10 year capital projects needs worksheet to the select board, budget committee and public, prior to the 2014 budget season. We will be working with all the departments involved to help define and prioritize these needs.

Our meetings are held the 3rd Wed of each month at 7pm at the fire house and more frequently as needed. Minutes of our meetings and other CIP news can be found on the town website.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Library Trustees Alice Staples, Lynn Davis, David Ruell

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2012:

- Patron visits: 9,489
- Programs offered: 70
- Items circulated: 13,909
- Computer users: 1,389
- Volunteer hours: 34.75
- Home visits: 32

The Ashland Town Library continued offering exceptional service to the town in 2012. The four public computers saw an increase in use over 2011. The downloadable book service has been quite successful. Over 400 books have been downloaded since the service began last year. Patrons can download books to various devices via the library website, <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/main.asp>.

The Ashland Town Library held their first annual Summerfest this year. The event was well-attended and involved many volunteers from the community; individuals and businesses contributed time, food, equipment and service. There was a performance by the Hampstead Stage Company, and live animals from the Science Center.

Many programs were offered this year, including:

- Reading with Willow, a program from Therapy Dogs International that encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener
- Children’s story times
- For adults: Book Discussion Groups
- Jewelry making workshop

The upstairs rooms continue to be used by various groups: Pemi- Baker Literacy, Ashland Garden Club, PRHS tutors, and individuals doing homework and research.

The library and the Scribner Trustees worked with the fire department to upgrade electrical and fire alarm systems this year. There is still some work to be done to meet all the fire codes, but the improvements have enhanced the safety and security of library employees and patrons. The Scribner Trustees also had the back half of the roof re-shingled this year. Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds.

The Friends of the Library raised funds with their annual book and bake sale and silent auction, donated many dvds, books, sponsored programs and contributed many volunteer hours. They also purchased some of the free passes available at the library for local attractions. The library trustees are very grateful for the hard work of this group! If you would like to join the Friends of the Ashland Town Library, please contact the library for more information.

The library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade, and photos with Santa Claus during Christmas Night in Ashland

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, and Linda Simko. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to their commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY – 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$4,755.69
Donations Deposited	2,735.00
Interest	4.00
Bad Check	(45.00)
Transfers to General Fund	(2,408.49)
 Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	 \$5,041.20

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$ 39.75
Deposit from Appropriation	750.00
Interest	.06
 Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	 \$ 789.81

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2011	\$1,121.86
Patron Fees Deposited	715.00
Interest	.95
Transfers to General Fund	(1,440.96)
 Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	 \$ 396.85

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2011	\$ 320.60
Copier Fees Deposited	394.00
Interest	.34
Transfers to General Fund	(565.92)
 Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	 \$149.02

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year **\$2,918.50**

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$58,230.00
Transfers from Donations	2,408.49
Transfers from Patron Fees	1,440.96
Transfers from Copier Fees	565.92
Gifts of Friends of the Library	650.00
Insurance Claim	2,124.51
Reimbursement of Lost Materials	108.42
Repair of Damaged Materials	12.00
Refunds	29.26
Sales of Books	20.00
Interest	.44
 Total Income	 \$65,590.00

Total Available Funds \$68,508.50

EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$36,293.53
FICA	2,251.93
Medicare	526.67
Audios	1,119.96
Books	7,176.01
Subscriptions	440.31
Videos	1,252.46
Downloadable Books	350.00
Equipment	719.96
Public Access Computer	3,250.00
Software	189.98
Tech Support	149.00
Web Hosted Catalog	1,999.00
Cleaning	2,056.00
Code Compliance	1,626.00
Dues	115.00
Education	100.00
Furniture	45.00
Mileage	120.20
Miscellaneous	43.22
Postage	272.95
Programs	848.15
Supplies	1,504.22
Utilities and Telephone	1,974.98

Total Expenditures \$64,424.53

Balance, end of fiscal year **\$4,083.97**

PARKS AND RECREATION

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

Programming:

Ashland Parks and Recreation had gone through some budgetary changes at the start of 2012. The Parks and Recreation Directors position was reduced to half time during the school and full time for 10 weeks during the summer. This change in schedule proved a little challenging at first. The After School Program became the main focus of the department during the school year. This program had 20 students registered at the end of the academic school year and it re-opened in the fall with 25 students enrolled at the close of 2012. Nancy Neives returned as the After School Program Assistant.

The Ashland Area Recreation Association continued with their support of the programs by co-sponsoring the "Kids Night Out" Program in the fall of 2012. My thanks go out to this group for all of their support.

The 2012 Summer Camp Program took a hit with budgetary cuts; two counselor positions were left vacant. There were 31 children registered with the camp and they had a wonderful time during the brief 6 week program. Our Summer Camp Staff did an outstanding job with all of the children keeping them safe and active at the beach and the ball field. What is in store for 2013? Wait and see.

The Ashland Firemen's Association did an outstanding job with the ice rink during the winter months. The skating rink, located behind the bandstand at the ball field, continues to offer skating opportunities for everyone throughout the year; ice in the winter and a smooth riding surface during the warmer months. Our thanks go out to these fine members of the Ashland community.

Campground & Beach

The campground had another great season. The Edward Doggett Campground was at full capacity again this past year. All 23 sites were filled and well used this past summer. We are looking forward to another packed summer at the campground. The Camping season was from May 1st through Columbus Day Weekend. The campground will return to same season, May 1st through Columbus Day Weekend, in 2013.

The Ashland Beach season was sparked with the news that there were to be no beach fees!? The beach was well used and abused during the summer. The budget only allowed for two guards for five days per week. This situation often presented a crowded beach without enough lifeguard presence. Often the beach was left in a huge mess even though trash cans were within sight and easily accessible to all patrons. The swim raft took a lot of damage this past summer. In fact, by order of the Board of Selectmen based upon recommendation of the Town of Ashland insurance carrier, the raft was dismantled and sold for parts. The end of an era has come to pass.

Our thanks go out to Tim Paquette and his crew for all of the wonderful assistance they have given throughout the year installing and removing the wheelchair ramp. The Ashland Beach continues to be one of the only public beaches in New Hampshire that is completely accessible to all would be patrons.

The “Snack Shack” concession booth was a big hit again this past summer. Lakes Region Community Service Council took over the task of running the Snack Shack.

Facilities Updates:

Throughout 2012 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our buildings but also the quality of our programming available to the community. Proposed improvements for 2012 took place:

- Finished winterization of the Booster Club.
- Finished updating and code corrections to the Booster Club.
- Preventive maintenance with the removal and replacement of some older trees from the Edward N. Doggett campground.
- Repair of the tennis courts (Public Works Department)

Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs and programs possible, without all of your help, contributions of time, effort, and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. My thanks to Tim Paquette, all of the gentlemen at the Highway, Police Chief Tony Randall, all of the Ashland Police Officers, Lee Nichols, Electric, Water & Sewer Department, Ashland Firemen’s Association, and for all of the ladies in the Utilities Office for your assistance with the various project throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Paul, Pat, Patsy, and Anita for everything they have helped me with throughout the year. Your assistance really makes a difference. Let us hope that 2013 shines brighter than 2012.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Timothy Paquette

2012 was another busy year for the Public Works Department. We dealt with ice, heavy rains, and a bridge failure, as well as our daily road maintenance and other responsibilities.

The year started off with freezing rain and ice. Four hundred and fifty [450] tons of sand was used in January alone. The Board of Selectmen authorized the PWD to move the resident's sand shed to the landfill to avoid unauthorized taking or the sand and to avoid vandalism. This was not a popular decision, but it saves taxpayer dollars from pouring out of town in the form of "sand".

The spring and summer months brought some heavy rains to the area, but we were fortunate enough not to have had any major problems. During the summer we continued with our maintenance of the ball field and parks in town. We also kept up with our various other duties – brush cutting, hot topping, trash pickup, road grading, ditch work, shoulder work and other duties as assigned.

In September the town was informed that the Collins Street Bridge had failed its annual inspection. With many people working TOGETHER the town was able to plan and fund the project rather quickly. Unfortunately some things in the budget were sacrificed; but with the Water and Sewer Department paying for half of the bridge project, the reconstruction of the bridge was completed at no additional cost to the taxpayers. We would like to thank Arnold Graton and his crew for an outstanding job; we would like to thank David and Janet Sansouci for their patience and cooperation during this project as well.



Employee safety and skill enhancement is very important to this department. Our employees have taken advantage of chain saw safety classes, driving classes, and road grading classes.

Ashland continues to exchange functions with Holderness as they do our shoulder work and we do their roadside mowing.

We continue to assist other departments and organizations throughout the year and I thank all our other departments that in turn assist us.

Members of the Public Works Department are Director Tim Paquette, Raymond Dow, Daniel Thompson, George Chase, and our Town Mechanic Lee Huckins.

TRANSFER RECYCLING CENTER

Submitted by Public Works Director Timothy Paquette

In 2012 the Transfer Station shipped out 562 tons of trash and 222 tons of construction debris. These figures show a small increase from 2011, which on a positive note is not a decrease. Residents are doing their part in the recycling process but we can all do better.

The revenue from the facility showed a decrease which is a result of a fluctuation on market prices. We took in \$37,588. We were also at a stand still during the down time when the bridge was being constructed.

The tipping and hauling fees [cost of removal of materials] came in under budget this year. A new contract with Cassella was negotiated through the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District so the town will be paying less per ton in the years to come.

The town collected \$1120 in “dump” sticker fees in 2012. The 2013 stickers are available at the transfer station or the town office at a cost of \$2.00.

Please remember that the Town of Ashland has a Recycling Ordinance and the process is mandatory and we thank all those who do their part.

Currently the facility is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-4 and Saturday from 8-4. Our attendants have been able to do the baling process outside of the timeframe that the facility is open. The ability to do this provides a save environment for the workers, by not having to work around the customers that are using the area.

In 2012 we purchased a new storage trailer that is used to store tires, replacing a container that was extremely unsafe for the employees.

We would like to remind our residents that if they have a contractor doing work for them, they need to obtain a temporary pass to the facility, and if they are going to bring construction debris or shingles to the facility we charge by the truckload. The cost of removal of the construction debris and shingles is generally more than we charge for “dumping” because we are charged for removal by the ton. So it is our suggestion that large construction projects have a container on site for getting rid of debris.

If you have any questions when you get to the facility do not hesitate to ask one of our attendants – Doug Ober and Rich Hutchinson.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

Your Police Department currently consists of the following individuals: Chief Anthony Randall, Lieutenant Don Marren, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Officer Bruce Cote, part time Officer Seth Learned, administrative assistants Howard Beaudry and Jamie Lyford.

The Department has stayed busy with many incidents occurring throughout the year. I recommend that you look at the activity report for the department contained herewith. Keep in mind that most of the cases dealt with at the department are not necessarily blue light and siren affairs.

We are continually training to make us better prepared for incidents that may occur in an effort to protect and serve the public. Training is a very important part of the job of a police officer so that when certain situations arise they can be handled properly.

Officer Patrick Brady left the department in 2012 to take a position at his home town in New Jersey for the Wall Township Police Department. As a result of his short tenure with the department the selectmen were prompted to hold newly hired full time officers to a three year contract. The contract was put in place in an effort to minimize costs to the town for new hires. The contract requires the town be compensated for the original outlay for training and certification should they leave prior to the end of the contract.

The Department has been working short- handed since April due to the lack of part-time officers to cover voids when personnel leave, open shifts when full time officers are on vacation, sick or training. This creates an impact on the overtime budget and overall cost to the taxpayer. Therefore it is necessary for the Department to hire more part time officers.

We were able to purchase patrol rifles for each of the vehicles. Patrol rifles play an important role when certain situations arise such as active shooter incidents which have become more prevalent throughout the country. Ashland is not immune to such violence in public places. The Department appreciates the support and efforts of the taxpayer to help provide us with the equipment to make Ashland a safe place to live.

The goal of the department is to show a continued police presence in an effort to keep crime-related events to a minimum. The safety and well-being of the town requires a joint effort between the public and the Police.

I would like to thank the residents, businesses, all Ashland Departments, surrounding town departments and the personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support and hard work.

In closing I would like to remind residents that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity so please lock your vehicles.

2012 POLICE ACTIVITY

	# of calls		# of calls		# of calls
***Service Calls		<u>Criminal Activity</u>		<u>Criminal Activity</u>	
Aid to public	3,052	Adult Arrest	92	Fraud/Forgery	7
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	275	Warrant Service	13	Disturbance	40
Aid to other Law Enforcement	228	Sexual Assaults	14	Prisoner Transports	7
Aid to other Town Agency	57	Interference with Custody	10	Robbery	2
Civil Standby	26	Assault	11	Attempted Abduction	2
Alarm	20	Criminal Threatening	5	Intimidation	7
911 Hang up calls	107	Stalking	6	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Missing Persons	19	Arson	1		
Animal Complaints	6	Attempted Burglary/Burglary	12	<u>Juvenile Cases</u>	
School Crossing	60	Theft	71	Juvenile-related cases	30
Insecure Premises	340	Theft of Motor Vehicle	9		
REDDI Calls	15	Underage Alcohol Violation	6	<u>Motor Vehicle Activity</u>	
Attempted Suicide/Suicide	10	Receiving Stolen Property	7	Summons Issued	30
Lost/Property	4	Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	25	Warnings Issued	226
Check the Welfare	19	Illegal Drugs	8	DWI	6
Suspicious Activity	5	Computer Crimes	6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	91
Police Information	24	Felon in Possession of Weapon	0	Abandoning a Vehicle	6
Pistol Permits Issued	84	Carrying Handgun without Permit	1	Transporting Alcohol	4
Civil complaint	47	Issuing Bad Checks	3	Assist Motorist	28
Paper Service	24	Public Nuisance/ Disorderly Conduct	16	Parking Tickets Issued	87
Police Service	54	Protective Custody-Intoxication	6	Driving After Suspension	8
	141	Domestic Violence/Disturbance	37		
		Harrassment	17		
		Registered Sex Offenders	10		

*** Service Calls initiated by officer not included

ASHLAND JULY 4 REPORT

Submitted by Chairman Patty Heinz

We had another successful Fourth of July celebration. The committee was very small we were unable to canvas the field for donations and sell pins as thoroughly as we have done in past years. This resulted in a loss of about \$1500; the celebration continues to grow and so do the expenses.

Ten years ago, the crowd warranted having three “porta potties” – in 2012 we had to get twelve which is an expense that has increased over the years to more than \$1200.

2012 committee members for this year were Hallie Pomeroy, Phyliss Reitsma, Glenn Dion, Pat Provencher, Paul Branscombe, Kathy Jaquith, Caroline Gosse and her dedicated family, Fran Newton, David Toth, Jason Lyons, Police Chief Tony Randall and Fire Chief Steve Heath. We want to thank the Police and Fire Departments for their protection during the events.

We have already held meetings for the 2013 celebration. We have the following new members joining the meeting – Jerome and Cathy Landroche, Pat Bennett, Amanda Loud, Eli Badger, and Katy Maher [who will be Chairman in 2014]. These new members enhance the existing committee.

We are always looking for new ideas and members. At the time that this report was written we are looking for a marching band. **Please note that the parade will be on July 4 and the fireworks will be on Friday July 5.**

I want to thank the citizens and especially the committee for making the Town of Ashland July 4th Celebration the best north of Boston.

**ASHLAND 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 2012**

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2012		\$ 19,141.58
Interest for the year		\$ 1.40
		\$ 19,142.98
Income		
Donations	\$ 2,350.00	
Field Collection	\$ 1,438.00	
50/50 Raffle	\$ 1,734.00	
Canister Donations	\$ 1,155.15	
Button Sales	\$ 1,131.00	
Tee Shirt Sales	\$ 1,166.00	
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 3,236.00	
BBQ and Food Booth	\$ 1,782.00	
Vendors	\$ 2,950.00	
Parking	\$ 800.00	
Total Earned		\$ 17,742.15
Expenditures		
Fireworks (Atlas PyroVision)	\$ 10,750.00	
Parade (4 Units)	\$ 1,850.00	
Awards (Hasty Awards)	\$ 146.77	
Entertainment (4 Units)	\$ 1,225.00	
Advertising (Pennysaver)	\$ 55.00	
Toilets (Maple Ridge Septic)	\$ 1,785.00	
Buttons (Venture Print)	\$ 698.00	
Tee Shirts (Lori Ford)	\$ 1,208.70	
Food Costs (Great Am. Dining)	\$ 1,500.00	
Postage (Postmaster, Ashland)	\$ 45.00	
Total Spent		\$ (19,263.47)
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2012		\$ 17,621.66

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Trustees Stephen Jaquith [Chairman], Philip Preston, Ernest Hutter
Treasurer Mary Ruell

We continue on our quest to make the Memorial Park as picturesque as possible, as well as functional and a place for all to enjoy.

This past year, with the help of our Town Administrator Paul Branscombe we held Sunday evening musicals and it was very successful. We hope to do it again in 2013 – funds permitting. The trustees hoped to replace the old stairway but we hit a snag with inadequate funds.

As usual, Ali-Di did their great job of mulching and cleaning up. This year, Tim Paquette and his crew from the Public Works Department did a super job of mowing in the park and it was especially appreciated.

Thanks go out to Brad Wolff and his group of school children from the Ashland Elementary School. Wonderful job!

All in all, we had a good year and we continue to receive input for outside sources – the Town Administrator, as well as the Ashland Garden Club. All ideas are welcome. Remember, if you wish to make a monetary donation to YOUR Memorial Park, the address is PO Box 320 – Ashland, NH 03217.

Once again – a Thank You to all.....

**MEMORIAL PARK FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012**

Opening balance, January 1, 2012	\$2,136.01
Income	
Transfer from Town Trustees (Memorial Park Fund)	\$4,000.00
Community Council of Ashland (for Town Wide Yard Sale)	95.00
Interest	.30
Total income	\$4,095.30
Total funds available	\$6,231.31
Expenditures	
Maintenance (Ali-Di Properties)	
Spring cleaning	\$330.00
Trim bushes, weed garden	600.00
Fall clean-up	455.00
Ashland Lumber (electrical fixture)	15.21
U.S. Postal Service, P.O. Box 320	44.00
Total expenditures	\$1,444.21
Closing balance, December 31, 2012	\$4,787.10

ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

Call fire departments such as ours, are held to the same standards as career departments, both by law and by the citizens we serve. Providing training and equipment to meet these standards is a constant challenge, both financially for the tax payers, and physically for the department personnel.

We ask a great deal from our personnel, and they have logged a lot of hours; responding to 377 emergency incidents, attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participated in numerous fire and EMS certification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, and fire safety inspections. Currently our personnel hold the following certifications;

Firefighter I – 23 Firefighter I & II – 14 EMT-Basic – 6
EMT-Int. or EMT-Adv. – 6 EMT-Paramedic – 3
Inspector I – 4 Inspector I & II – 2 Swiftwater Operations – 5
Swiftwater Rescue Technician – 4

A number of these certifications require continuous training to maintain skills and for periodic recertification. Someone not familiar with the fire service may look at our low call volume and wonder why we focus on training as much as we do. The low call volume is actually what creates the need for continuous training. Skills that are infrequently used in the line of duty need to be practiced frequently in order to maintain preparedness.

We were able to upgrade our computer system this year, and have been using the new “Firehouse” software program since November. We placed a new thermal imaging camera in service on Ladder 1, and new intake valves on Engine 1 & 2 will increase the water flow capabilities of both trucks. In addition, a new portable ground monitor was placed in service on Engine 1, and a “spider” manifold valve was placed on Engine 2.

We are constantly looking for ways to meet our needs and at the same time, keep costs down. This year we were able to save money by doing our annual pump testing at the same location and day as another local department, thus reducing the cost. We also saved money by coordinating our aerial and ground ladder testing with several other local departments. We applied for and were awarded a grant from the NH Department of Forests and Lands. This grant along with the \$8000 from a warrant article passed last year, and another donation from the Ashland Firefighter’s Association allowed us to purchase the

skid unit for the forestry truck. Thus we were able to accomplish our goal a year earlier, and negated the need for requesting funds through another warrant article this year. We have also applied to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for funds that would be used to purchase personal protective clothing for our personnel, and fund training programs. There has been no word yet on whether or not we will be chosen to receive this assistance.

Once again we were 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. We did not complete the hose testing, and this will have to be a priority for the coming year. As our equipment ages, testing becomes 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 requested funds in the appropriate budget lines to allow us to keep equipment in service.

The personnel of this department make many sacrifices in their service to the community. At times, people reach a point where they decide that either due to changes in their full time job, or personal lives they can no longer meet the demands of being a firefighter and/or EMT.

This year two of our more experienced firefighters have decided to resign from the department. Tim Paquette has served for nearly twenty years. His experience and skill at driving and operating apparatus was a great asset to this department. Tim was also active in the Ashland Firefighter's Association, serving as president, and being a driving force in numerous fund raising activities. Jeff Hladyk was with the department for eleven years, serving as both a firefighter and an EMT-Basic.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 2012

Submitted by David Ruell, President

Our major historic preservation project in 2012 was the re-shingling and repair of the roof of the old Jail next to the Town Hall. The brick jail was built in 1872 - 1873 to house drunks, tramps and others found misbehaving. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it has been used in recent years for storage. The roof work, done by Red Mountain Construction, was largely funded by the Historical Society's \$2000 donation, leaving just \$461.75 to be paid by the Town. We hope to continue to preserve this interesting but little known historic building, the only structure ever built as a jail in Ashland.

The Whipple House Museum saw the installation of a proper vent in the brick chimney and other work to the gas heater in the middle room of the apartment, after the detection of carbon monoxide in that room. Other work included painting in the hallway and brush trimming. The summer exhibit on Downtown Ashland featured historic photographs of downtown buildings, interiors and activities. Some new items were added to the collection, notably several Whipple family items given by Dr. Whipple's granddaughter and two large signs, a Welcome to Ashland sign and a town campground sign.

The Archives collection also saw the addition of several items, including five more years of Ashland newspaper items from local newspapers, a collection which now covers 1848 through 1931.

The Railroad Station Museum saw the erection and dedication of the kiosk built by the Ashland School students. The kiosk should soon see the installation of text and photos giving the history of the Station and information about our museums. Missing and broken roof slates on the Station were replaced, and a large hole in the lawn filled in. The Museum hosted a presentation to the local school children on the telegraph, eight fall foliage trains, and Executive Councilor Ray Burton's annual fall train ride.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum was attractively decorated for Christmas for the summer season. The Museum again held its two annual events, the Young Ladies Tea and the Appraisal Day. The Toy Museum lost two of its best workers this year. Sam Norman, the Treasurer and an active board member, died in July. Director Shirley Splaine retired in the fall after 23 years of dedication and hard work overseeing the museum since its establishment. They will both be missed, but their contributions are much appreciated.

Our outside exhibits are enlarged copies of photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office included historic photographs of Sports and Recreation, the Ashland Fire Department, and Horse-Drawn Ashland, and contemporary photographs of Green Grove Cemetery and its Monuments. Our Christmas Night display used photographs from the Downtown Ashland display at the Whipple House Museum.

The Society presented five free public programs on state and local history. We sponsored three N.H. Humanities Council programs on the creation of the White Mountain National Forest, native New Hampshire before the arrival of the Europeans, and the Grange movement in our state. We jointly sponsored with the Holderness Historical Society another Humanities Council program on New Hampshire towns during the Civil War. Ashland mountaineer Jim Gagne gave a most interesting talk on his experiences climbing the Seven Summits, the eight high points of the continents.

Our fundraising efforts were limited to our annual membership and business sponsorship drive in the spring, a food sale and rental of spaces at the Town Wide Yard Sale, sales of merchandise, a food sale at the Ray Burton train ride, and our annual appeal to our members. Larger donations were received for the chimney vent at the Whipple House and for the fall foliage train rides. We appreciate all the donations that we received.

We are thankful to all who gave their time, money and labor to the Society's museums, exhibits, programs and projects during 2012.

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Submitted by Chairman Susan MacLeod

The Planning Board was established in 1950; currently the membership of the board consists of four (4) members at large [appointed by the Board of Selectmen] and a representative from the Board of Selectmen. Three alternate members may also be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Current members of the Planning Board are Susan MacLeod, Robert Boyle, Gordon McCormack Jr., Frances Newton and Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart. Alternate members are Anthony Randall and Elisabeth Cody.

The major ongoing project for the Planning Board has been the updating of the Town of Ashland Master Plan. Master Plans are defined in state law (RSA 674:2) as both a reference and policy document for communities. This blueprint for the Town's future is based on public input, is researched and written with the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC), and paid for with funds voted by warrant and encumbered by the Board of Selectmen.

In 2011, the *Community Vision, Land Use, Transportation and Demographics and Housing* chapters were adopted, and at public hearings in 2012, *Recreation, Community Facilities, Utilities and Public Service, and Historic and Cultural Resources* chapters were added. The Board is currently working on the *Economic Development* chapter and plans to complete the Master Plan with an *Implementation* chapter in 2013.

In addition, the Board is in charge of hearing proposals for subdivisions, site plans, and boundary line adjustments. If the proposal falls outside the guidelines as defined in the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance, the project is referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in order to seek a variance or special exception.

In 2012, the Board approved 1 lot line adjustment, 2 voluntary mergers of lots, 2 subdivisions, 2 Home Occupations, 6 Site Plan Reviews for businesses, and conducted an additional 3 conceptual consultations. In accordance with the Site Plan Regulations, any proposed new business (by landowner or tenant) is required to come before the Planning Board to review the necessity of a site plan for the business. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website.

In November, the Board approved an update to the Subdivision Regulations' wording in sections 2.9, 4.3 and 4.4 for uniformity.

The Board also met with the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief to clarify the differences in the standards each of them uses since both inspections are usually required in the Site Plan Review process.

A grant opportunity the board took advantage of was for working with LRPC and New Hampshire Audubon to conduct a Smart Growth/Natural Resources Assessment. This project has examined the town's land use regulations and natural resources and the focus is on how they fit with NH State's smart growth principles for best value in using resources. The advisory document will be completed by the end of February 2013.

WELFARE REPORT

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

Town welfare is for emergency assistance.

Our citizens never enjoy asking for help. Most make efforts to re-establish their situations and reimburse the town when able.

Town welfare dollars for 2012 continue a trend upward; mainly due to more and more people needing affordable housing. Our shelters are full most of the time.

State programs, such as Social Security, Medicare, Fuel assistance, have cut back. Many people who are working or receive state benefits cannot find housing they can afford.

Many jobs are now hiring at minimum wages. Gone are the days when one person could support a family.

As welfare director I see first hand the concerns of some of our citizens for basic needs. We help with information on housing, jobs, and direct clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs.

Our community of two thousand, with our churches, food panty and many of our private citizens (very special people) care for our own which is a very rewarding task.

ASHLAND BUILDING INSPECTOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

2012 has been a very active year for Ashland Building, 123 permits have been issued since January 1, 2012.

Maintaining good, safe building, and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Butch Smith our electrical inspector and Erik Ames our plumbing inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade. Permits have been given for four new homes, with many additions and other building improvements.

Applications for permits can be obtained during regular Town Office hours, five days a week, 8 AM to 4 PM. Arrangement can be made for on site meetings. Inspections are made with a reasonable appointed time.

152 building permits 2010
148 building permits 2011
123 building permits 2012

Year 2012			
#1	Building	permits	54
#2	Electrical	permits	38
#3	Plumbing	permits	08
#4	Heating	permits	16
#5	Driveway	permits	03
#6	Sign	permits	01
#7	Demolition	Permits	03

Total Permits 123

We have received many inquires for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use 2009 International Building Code, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations.

Our goal is to provide help for Ashland's residents in their building needs and to administer the regulations as fair and promptly as possible. Good building planning helps our town provide safe housing growth for residential homes, and the right kind of new business opportunities for our community.

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

Submitted by Robert and Claire Hicks

Two of Ashland's historic buildings are undergoing needed improvements.

The Libby Small house on Hicks Hill Rd, built by Joseph and Susannah Hicks, two of the first pioneer settlers of New Holderness, now Ashland. (1790) The new owners are concerned about the buildings historic value.

The Doctor Jonathan Cheney house, at 21 Highland Street, is undergoing major improvements. The new owner is trying to keep and restore as much as the original look as possible. Working with the Ashland Historic Commission.(John Ernest house)



Elizabeth (Libby) Smith

Ashland for many years has provided for the preservation of our historic, abandoned cemeteries, with clean up and minor repairs at seven locations. (Prepared for Memorial Day visitors.) They are one of our greatest historic assets.

1. The Church Hill Cemetery located (Blue Sky Drive)
2. Ruben Whitten Cemetery (Highland Street) (maintained by property owner)
3. Hicks Hill Cemetery (Hicks Hill Rd.)
4. The Mooney Cemetery on Thompson St (maintained by property owner)
5. Owl Brook Cemetery, Owl Brook Road.
6. Baker Cemetery (near water tower) (maintained by property owner)
7. Howe-Clark Cemetery (Leavitt Hill)

The Whipple House building remains in very good condition, due to the efforts of the Ashland Historical Society.

TOWN OF ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Robert A. Boyle, John C. Hughes and Alan Cilley

2012 Has been a very busy year for the Ashland Water & Sewer Department.

- This year an automated gate was installed at the Wastewater Plant. This gate will allow those Septage Haulers into the plant who have been approved by the department and will give greater security for the Sewer Plant.
- Upgrades have been made to the chemical feed system at the water plant.
- A new hydrant to replace the outdated one on Collins Street was installed recently.
- The annual flushing of the water hydrants was performed in May.
- Sewer line maintenance, inspections and cleaning.
- Throughout the year many projects, brush cutting, mowing and general maintenance has been done.
- 63 Water turn on or shut off's have been done by Utility Partners.
- Replaced a failed sewer line on Church Street.
- Repaired three water breaks.
- Continued work on the Septic Receiving Station. The addition of this receiving station to the Sewer Plant will bring in extra monies to defray the cost of operations.
- This year, as many of you know, the Collins Street Bridge was in desperate need of repair and was actually shut down for a short period of time. The Water and Sewer Department contributed \$74,500 dollars towards the cost of a new bridge installed by Arnold M. Graton Associates Inc.

In closing, the Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Clerk, Kay Mudgett and the employees of Utility Partners for their dedication and a job well done.

TOWN OF ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Kendall L. Hughes, Daniel Vaughn, Bobbi Hoerter

Happy New Year to all. 2012 was a very good year for your electric department. We entered into a new 6-year power contract, which has allowed us to put money in capital reserve and better yet, cut our costs to you by 1 cent which will collectively save the town approximately \$200,000.00 beginning January 1, 2013. We have purchased a new bucket truck which replaces the 1972. Due to the economy we feel the electric department growth in 2012 was negligible.

2012

**VITAL
STATISTICS**

MARRIAGES

3-Mar-12	Jennifer A. Phelps	Timothy J. Brown	Ashland
9-Jun-12	Kenneth A. Twitchell II	Kristen L. Bean	Pittsburg
16-Jun-12	Frank B. Stevens	Elizabeth A. Walsh	Ashland
23-Jun-12	Edward A. Brown	Barbara A. McGowan	Ashland
23-Jun-12	Kevin C. Buckland	Kiera H. Russell	Meredith
15-Jul-12	Jonathan C. Wixson	Amanda L. Washburn	Ashland
21-Jul-12	Meagan J. Hiltz	Jonathan D. Francis	Ashland
4-Aug-12	Ellen E. Ash	Stephen A. Meyer	Ashland
4-Aug-12	Devin J. Anderson	Katelyn M. Patten	Center Harbor
12-Aug-12	Elizabeth A. Dalton	Vicky F. Jandreau	Bretton Woods
8-Sep-12	Mark A. Vasselian	Alice F. Loubier	Plymouth
22-Sep-12	Linda A. Kalmbach	James M. Reera	Holderness
1-Oct-12	Judith A. Wilcox	Peter D. Louden	Center Harbor
6-Oct-12	Ashley M. Holt	Timothy S. Pelchat	Ashland
10-Nov-12	Lucas E. McAndrews	Luann M. Pack	Plymouth
8-Dec-12	William J. Higginbotham	Margaret A. Lynch	New Hampton
8-Dec-12	Jonna R. Matthews	Dominic J. Fiaschetti	Ashland

BIRTHS

23-Feb-12	Diamond Skyler Rose Swan	Christopher Swan	Sarah Dickinson	Plymouth
16-Mar-12	Ava-Lynn Nicole Corrow	Craig Corrow Sr.	Jessica Corrow	Plymouth
31-Mar-12	Declan Rylan Costigan	Daniel Costigan	Desiree Costigan	Plymouth
2-Apr-12	Kylan Samuel Ciarleglio	Daniel Ciarleglio	Danielle Ciarleglio	Plymouth
19-Apr-12	Ryder James Newton	Joshua Newton	Kaitlyn Pelchat	Plymouth
10-May-12	Olivia Mae Elyse Reid		Katie Schroth	Concord
1-Jun-12	Wyatt Chase Dow	John Dow	Brianna Dow	Plymouth
22-Jun-12	Brianna Grace Porter	Jared Porter	Elise Porter	Concord
7-Jul-12	Lindsay Clare Salmon	Andrew Salmon	Brynne Salmon	Lebanon
2-Aug-12	Adah Marie Bodanza	Mark Bodanza	Jennifer Bodanza	Concord
13-Aug-12	Thomas James Lane	Joseph Lane	Stacy Luke	Concord
18-Aug-12	Christopher Liam Ferland	Kyle Ferland	Julie Ferland	Lebanon
12-Sep-12	Adam Junior Efthimiou Jr.	Adam Efthimiou	Christina Armes	Lebanon
19-Sep-12	Jayden Dee Maddison Eaton	Robert Eaton Jr.	Judyann Morrill	Concord
30-Oct-12	Gavin Owen Miller	Nicholas Miller	Kyeann Miller	Plymouth
10-Nov-12	Travis Jerimiah Atherton Jr	Travis Atherton Sr	Jessika Welch	Concord
2-Dec-12	Zoey Elizabeth MacDonald		Jessica MacDonald	Plymouth
4-Dec-12	Hunter Streiff Babka	Ryan Babka	Lawrae Babka	Plymouth
23-Dec-12	Amari Bella Collins	Cody Collins	Courtney Hubbard	Concord

DEATHS

27-Jan-12	Marion Frisch	George Tanner	Lillas Jayne	Ashland
12-Feb-12	James Bluhm	Bernard Bluhm	Kathleen O'Boyle	Chocorua
14-Feb-12	Alma Holt	Harvey Morse	Eva Tobine	Plymouth
28-Feb-12	Raymond Knowlton	Harold Knowlton Sr.	Ona Whitcher	Plymouth
7-Apr-12	Robert Crews	Gerald Laplame	Barbara Frye	Ashland
27-Apr-12	Barbara Libby	Edward King	Leola McCauley	Concord
20-Jun-12	James Wallace	James Wallace	Alice Cady	Meredith
8-Jul-12	Samuel Norman	William Norman	Dorothy Routt	Ashland
19-Jul-12	Rita Defosses	Leonard Brace	Rena Welch	Laconia
20-Jul-12	Joyce Grier	Ivan Stille	Mildred Amero	Ashland
20-Jul-12	Pauline Bergeron	George Vachon	Florida Ruell	Plymouth
8-Aug-12	Amiee-Mariee Bernard	Gilles Pelletier	Diane Nault	Ashland
18-Aug-12	Brian Moriarty Sr.	James Moriarty	Norma Durfee	Plymouth
19-Aug-12	Everett Heath	Chester Heath	Jennie Combs	Plymouth
6-Sep-12	Garry Hiltz	John Golden	Blanche Locke	Ashland
9-Sep-12	Elsie London	Gordon Langeneger	Mary Studwell	Manchester
16-Sep-12	James Lindroth	Norman Lindroth	Dorothy Goodrich	Lebanon
22-Sep-12	Michael Stewart	Thomas Stewart	Crystal Conway	Ashland
23-Sep-12	Dallas Martin	Gray Martin	Teresa Unkown	Plymouth
16-Nov-12	Robert Fisk	Edwin Fisk	Lizette Olbeter	Manchester
2-Dec-12	William Owens	Albert Owens	Minnie Metz	Ashland
5-Dec-12	Jack Currier	Charles Currier	Dorothy Goodwin	Ashland

2012

**OUTSIDE
AGENCIES**

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

2011 – 2012 (FY12)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established according to state law to provide area communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful 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 are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. 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

- Continued to assist the town with the update of the Ashland Master Plan. Major chapters included recreation, community facilities, and cultural and history resources.
- Participated in the Ashland Revitalization Alliance Meeting as a preview of the Community Charette Report.
- Initiated work on a Smart Growth Assessment of the town's land use regulations, with assistance from NH Audubon and the Samuel Pardoe Foundation.
- Provided funding for a Phase I Environmental Assessment of the L.W. Packard Mill. Work continues on a Phase II Assessment.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town at considerable savings.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- Modified and improved Community Facility maps for LRPC communities and posted them to LRPC's website.
- Reviewed and edited the draft Pemigewasset Local River Advisory Committee (PRLAC) Annual Summary.
- Hosted a statewide meeting of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC)/Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) staff to discuss the process for Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) updates, Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) updates, and other project issues.
- Hosted over 150 people who attended LRPC's Annual Meeting that featured Mark Fenton, *Consultant, TV Host, Author, Professor, and Athlete* who advocates community planning that promotes health and economic goals, including public transit opportunities and connected walkways, trails, and bike routes. Awards were provided to a number of people and organizations for their contributions to their communities and the Lakes Region.

- Received substantial funding to prepare a new regional plan for the Lakes Region. A three year effort, the plan will include a comprehensive public involvement process and generate considerable new data for use by local communities.
- Continue to provide program management and guidance for the Lakes Region Brownfields program.
- Provided assistance to the Lakes Region Broadband Stakeholder Group, including meeting coordination, planning and mapping services.
- Received funding from the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation to conduct Smart Growth Assessments (SGA) for selected communities.
- Released the 2012 Development Trends Report, which shows residential, commercial, and industrial permit activity on an annual basis. The 2010 data used in the report showed that the building permit activity stabilized after several years of decline.
- Represented the region on the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions.
- Maintain and host LRPC's website, www.larkesrpc.org, which features extensive information for local officials and the general public.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Continue to represent the region at meetings of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility to explore the ways and means the facility may encourage other communities to participate.
- Continue to organize and coordinate two annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections a year, involving 24 member communities. In 2012, about 19,000 gallons of unwanted HHW was collected, keeping it from our landfills, backyards, streams, and lakes.

EDUCATION

- Organized and hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures, in cooperation with the NH Local Government Center: 1) Sign Regulations and Home Occupations: Accessory Uses, Difficult Issues; 2) Preemption of Local Regulation: Ejected from Your Own Game; 3) Land Use Law Update.
- Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act; Do NH Municipalities still have Legislative Authority to Plan and Regular Water as a Natural Resource?; Regionalizing Services: A NH Report Card; Forging Inter-municipal Connections: Experiences of the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association; Outsourcing Law Enforcement to the County: A Current Example; Northfield and Tilton: A History of Partnering; Surviving Angry People; 2012 Legislative Update; The Economics of Share Community Services; Bicycling and Walking; Transportation Choices for New Hampshire's Lakes Region; Next Generation Broadband – The Network NH Now Project; Regional Broadband Plan and Our Broadband Stakeholder Group.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Worked with regional energy leaders to facilitate a meeting of the Lakes Region Energy Alliance to build capacity to identify economic development opportunities related to energy.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Mount Washington Valley Economic Council, and the Wentworth Economic Development Council (WEDCO) in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.

- Received new funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. Completion is expected by August 2013, and projects in the CEDS would be eligible for EDA funding.
- Completed several Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments in five Lakes Region communities through the Lakes Region Brownfields program. Some of these led to the communities applying for and receiving clean up funds from EPA to help re-purpose the properties for new uses.
- Provided demographic information to the GCEDC to assist in a grant application.

TRANSPORTATION

- Conducted over 150 traffic and turning movement counts around the region.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.
- Received funding through the NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) to initiate a new Scenic Byways Plan.
- LRPC Commissioners approved the Lakes Region Bicycle and Walking Plan and Design Supplement; which is accessible from the LRPC website.
- Developed and delivered a priority list of Transportation Enhancement projects to the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for future funding consideration.
- Completed an analysis, including maps, on the potential future demand for the Winnepesaukee Transit System.
- Participated in and reviewed the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) information relative to Lakes Region projects in the Ten Year Plan (TYP) 2013-2022.
- Initiated the start of the NH Route 140 Corridor Study, which includes the towns of Alton, Belmont, Gilmanton, Northfield and Tilton.
- Acquired Road Surface Management Systems (RSMS) 11 software from the Maine DOT to help LRPC continue to provide a useful service to our members.
- Assisted with the successful application to fund the expansion of transportation services for the elderly and disabled in Carroll County. Attended several Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council and Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council meetings. The RCCs advise the State Coordinating Council on public transit issues in their respective locations.



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*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One by Ray Burton Executive Councilor, District One

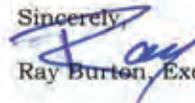
As one of five members of the Executive Council, I will again take the Oath of office on January 3, 2013. I am now representing 108 Towns, four cities- Berlin, Laconia, Claremont and Lebanon spread across all or parts of seven of NH's ten Counties, - Carroll, Grafton, Belknap, Coos, Sullivan, Strafford and Merrimack. I was sorry to lose, through the redistricting process, the towns of Belmont and Charlestown.

Governor Hassan will be the tenth Governor I have served with in the last 35-36 years of public service to the 263,000 people of this large Northern Rural District. The Governor is required to nominate citizens to serve on the dozens of volunteer Boards and Commissions which the Council will vote on. I urge anyone who is interested in serving to send a letter of interest and resume to the Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For a list of the Boards and Commissions go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm> contact my office or utilize your local town or city library.

With the support of the NH Health and Human Services Department, I have three District Health Councils which meet about every 4 months with Commissioner Nick Toumpas and his staff for about 2 hours. We receive updates and respond to local health concerns, consumers, providers and elected officials - local, county and state. These 2 hour sessions are open and frank discussions about the health of all NH citizens. The notification is all by email. Please send me your email to add to the list if you are interested at ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

2013-2014 is the year of the 10 year NH Transportation Plan. The Five Member Council will work closely with the local Regional Planning Commissions; hold required hearings on the recommendations for the next ten years for all modes of transportation- highways, rail, air and public transportation. We then submit our recommendations to the Governor by December 15, 2013. The Governor reviews and submits her recommendations of the plan to the NH House and Senate by February 15, 2014 which will become a legislative bill concluding with a new 10 year transportation plan by July 1, 2014. Keep in touch with my office or the NH Dept. of Transportation Planning Office at 271-1484 on this. There will be some interesting and in depth discussions and votes.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance. I enjoy participating and speaking at local events and consider it an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray Burton, Executive Councilor



Towns in Council District #1

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Allon, Center Harbor, Gifford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro

COOS COUNTY:

Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown, Stratford, Whitefield

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Berton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Havermill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

MERRIMACK COUNTY:

Andover, Danbury, Hill, New London, Wilmot

STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Middleton, Milton, New Durham

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



Annual Report 2012

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Four Extension Field Specialists are based out of our North Haverhill office: Deborah Maes, Food Safety and Community Economic Development; Kathleen Jablonski, Youth and Family; Heather Bryant, Food & Agriculture; Dave Falkenham, Natural Resources; and State Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak. Donna Lee is in the newly created position of 4-H and Master Gardener Coordinator. Lisa Ford, Nutrition Connections, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Our staff is supported in the office by Kristina Vaughan and Teresa Locke.

Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide local support for our programs. Membership for 2011-2012 included Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Cheryl Taber, Littleton; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Joan Pushee of Plymouth, Jon Martin of Bristol; Emilie Shipman, Enfield; Joan Osgood, Piermont; and Catherine Flynn of North Haverhill. They are joined by State Representative Kathleen Taylor and County Commissioners, Ray Burton, Michael Cryans and Omer Ahern, Jr.

During the 2012 year, UNH Cooperative Extension reorganized to work more effectively to meet the needs of NH Citizens. This new approach looks at regional programming and focuses on using individual staff expertise.

Here are some of our noteworthy accomplishments during the past year.

Maes and Bryant worked with UVM Extension and USDA Rural Development of NH/VT to provide training in the Stronger Economies Together curriculum to "Keep Growing" a four county initiative. The goal is to strengthen the local economy through support of local agriculture.

Maes also worked with a volunteer panel in Franconia to explore the town's need for police coverage, staffing and office space.

Falkenham conducted a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 10,000 acres of forestland to help landowners manage their private woodlots.

Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial, testing 8 varieties of sweet potatoes for yield and quality.

Grafton County Master Gardener volunteers work on a number of educational projects around the County. One example, the Memorial Gardens at the County Complex is in its 7th season. This year volunteers added new plants and began work to update the interpretive signs.

Jablonski worked with Lakeway Elementary School to teach a healthy living and nutrition curriculum as part of a grant funded by the WalMart Foundation.

Jablonski and Colpitts continued to work with local after school organizations to use inquiry science and technologies curriculums.

Ford is part of the ECO Learning Garden located at Whole Village where she and other volunteers worked with youth and parents in planting, harvesting and cooking the garden yields.

Three participants in a nutrition/cooking class taught by Ford volunteered to assist with the next series.

Lunak helped coordinate a state wide workshop on Understanding Animal Handling featuring noted expert Temple Grandin that attracted over 200 participants.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B Maes, Extension Field Specialist & County Office Administrator

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District 2012 Annual Report

Submitted by Dan Woods, District Director

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 wastes (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 230 vehicles came to the two sites – one of our highest turnouts in the last six years. Some of this can be attributed to the low turnout last year in Littleton due to weather conditions. We also disposed of significant volumes of waste from two member communities that had material stored at their recycling facilities. As a result, a lot of material was collected. At both sites our contractor remained for over four hours after the close of the collection to pour off and consolidate the material. The total disposal costs were \$32,460. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,305. The net expenditure for the program was \$27,155 (a cost of \$.90 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2007. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 38,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing and 850 compact fluorescents were recycled at a cost of just over \$2,900.

In 2013, the District will hold collections in Littleton and Plymouth. The actual dates have not been set at this time. Watch for them in early spring. The District takes great effort to provide these collection programs in a cost effective means, but the reality is that they are very expensive to hold. Individual residents can help keep the District's disposal costs down and reduce the toxicity of the environment 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 maybe disposed of in your household trash.

2012 also saw the District sign a waste disposal agreement/extension with North Country Environmental Services (NCES) giving the District members a long-term waste disposal option with very competitive pricing. The agreement which will take effect May 1, 2013 is for ten (10) years. The base tipping fees will be \$59.75/ton for MSW (currently \$65.65/ton) and \$61.75 for C & D (currently \$69.13/ton). Rates will be adjusted annually on May 1st thereafter by a percentage equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region. NCES also agreed to contribute \$5,000 annually to the District to help off-set expenditures associated with its one-day HHW collection program. This will help to lower District Dues for everyone.

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 at 838-6822 or by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

2007 - 2012 HHW Collection Data

Year	# of Collections	# of vehicles	HHW Disposal Costs	NHDES HHW Grant	Revenue from non-District Participants	Net Expenditures	Cost/Capita
2007	2	180	\$22,460	\$8,927	\$0	\$13,533	\$.45
2008	2	204	\$28,680	\$7,300	\$2,870	\$18,510	\$.62
2009	2	189	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$15,428	\$.51
2010	2	250	\$26,756	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$.67
2011	2	136	17,028	\$6,223	\$80	\$10,725	\$.35
2012	2	230	\$32,460	\$5,305	\$0	\$27,155	\$.90



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December 10, 2012

To the Residents of Ashland:

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health and contributing to the health and wellness of our community!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Ashland's 2012 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), we served **74 Ashland residents and provided emergency services to 12 Ashland residents**. We provided \$19,687.03 in charity care to these residents.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	19
Ages 18 – 59	47
Age 60 and over	8

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide essential services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Consider the following statistics:

- 1 in 4 adults and 1 in 10 young children will experience a mental health disorder in a given year.
- Adults with serious mental illness die, on average, 25 years younger than other Americans.
- Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in North American adults, costing approximately \$63 billion in lost productivity.
- Older adults have the highest rate of suicide in the country (by 2030, 36% of Belknap County residents will be over 65, 31% in Grafton County).

Genesis Behavioral Health provides the medically necessary services that help people with mental illness live healthier lives. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Ashland** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,330 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT
PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRLAC water quality monitoring teams operated under their normal bi-weekly, April – September schedule for the year. Test sites were the Smith River (Profile Falls), Newfound River (Rte 104), Mad River (Thornton), and six sites on the Pemi ranging from the Bristol's Central Street Bridge to Thornton's Memorial Bridge. Water quality in the Pemi continues to meet most Class B standards. There are, however, 13 river segments listed as impaired for either pH or Dissolved Oxygen in the state's 303(d) List of Impaired Waters 2012 Draft Report. The low pH problems were discovered in river segments starting in Woodstock and continued in several segments downriver through New Hampton. The low Dissolved Oxygen impairment is confined to impoundment area upriver from Ayers Island Dam. Sources of these problems have not been identified. Although river segments that do not meet Class B standards could adversely affect aquatic life, corrective action today is considered a low priority by the Department of Environmental Services. E coli and phosphorous tests were well below concern limits.

As one of its primary duties, ***PRLAC continues to review and comment on development permit applications*** that have river water quality implications. Thirteen permits were reviewed in 2012: three involving Pemi shoreland, five pertained to Alteration of Terrain, four related to wetlands adjacent to the river, and one involved a dam permit. In assessing these applications, PRLAC is generally concerned with how buffers are protected and what steps are being taken to encourage infiltration of impervious surface runoff.

PRLAC members attended several conferences and workshops throughout the year pertaining to protecting both the quality and quantity of our water resources in the state. Presentations addressed a wide range of topics: excessive salt identified in our river aquifers; the need for private well testing for a variety of toxins; water quality issues associated with very old septic systems. By attending such programs, PRLAC members are made aware of issues, and maintain contact with other groups working on similar problems. In the coming year, PRLAC will consider the applicability of some of these programs to corridor communities.

Updating the Pemi Corridor Management Plan has occupied the committee for most of 2012. We are being assisted in this effort by the North Country Council and the Lakes Region Planning Commission, both of whom are active resources for this project. As we look ahead at the next decade, it is clear that stormwater runoff is the issue that most threatens our region's water resources. In NH, and indeed across the country, stormwater has been identified as a primary contributor to over 80% of surface water quality impairments. Continued growth and development will likely result in conversion of currently unaltered open space into impervious surfaces – homes, commercial buildings, roads, parking areas - to accommodate the growth we will see by 2030. It is expected this problem will be amplified by more frequent intense storms associated with climate change. For each acre of impervious area that drains directly to surface water, in excess of 250,000 gallons per year of groundwater recharge is lost. Capturing this runoff and encouraging its infiltration into water supply lands is a key objective. Encouraging the infiltration of runoff into our groundwater serves both to mitigate flooding and protect groundwater supplies.

PRLAC continues to enjoy financial support from 90% of the Pemi Corridor towns, Thornton to Hill that we work most closely with. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. The public is invited to attend our meetings. For details call the Chairman at the number listed below. Thank you for continuing to support protection of this key corridor resource.

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair, 744-8223



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 Lebanon, NH
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 Fax: 603-448-3906
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Programs

- 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 1-877-713-7787)
- ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-866-634-9412)

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

2012-2013 Board of Directors

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- Roberta Berner, *Executive Director*

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
 ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

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 and the 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 2011-12, 143 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and 52 were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,847 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 5,626 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,252 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 250 visits by a trained outreach worker and 110 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's elderly citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 2,123 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2011-12 was \$76,192.65.

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

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County



“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
 Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402
 E-mail: info@nrna.net Web Site: www.nrra.net

Town of Ashland, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2012	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Paper	38.74 tons	Saved 659 trees!
Plastics	6.835 tons	Conserved 10,253 gallons of gasoline!
Steel Cans	15060 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 391,560 hours!



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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 32-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested into programs to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 78,890 tons in fiscal year 2011-2012!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH)
2012 Annual Report

Annual reports are an opportunity to offer our donor towns an insight into some of our 2012 accomplishments. We all know that healthcare is a changing landscape and our reimbursement continues to decrease while at the same time we are seeing more medically complex patients, requiring highly skilled staff. We love a challenge and have used these changes to creatively look for ways to survive so our community can continue to have PBCH their healthcare provider of choice for the programs we offer. We have focused on building the relationships with our other local healthcare organizations and community partners.

Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and have been able to realize this possibility through our home care or our hospice programs. Our facility programs include Rehab Therapies for those who need physical or occupational therapy as they recover from surgery or injury. What sets us apart is our indoor therapy pool and as a nonprofit we offer an individualized approach for each person at a lower cost.

We have much to celebrate this year including the opportunity to merge with Plymouth Regional Clinic allowing us the chance to assess and serve the needs of those who are uninsured. The clinic is held at Whole Village Tuesdays between 6-8PM. This is just one of the ways we give back to our towns who support our organization.

PBCH is excited to work with the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) to reduce our energy costs with two solar installations for domestic hot water and to heat our therapy pool. Rebates and grants were matched by our community as it rallied behind us to raise money through donations and fundraising. Thank you to all who helped make this long term sustainability initiative possible!

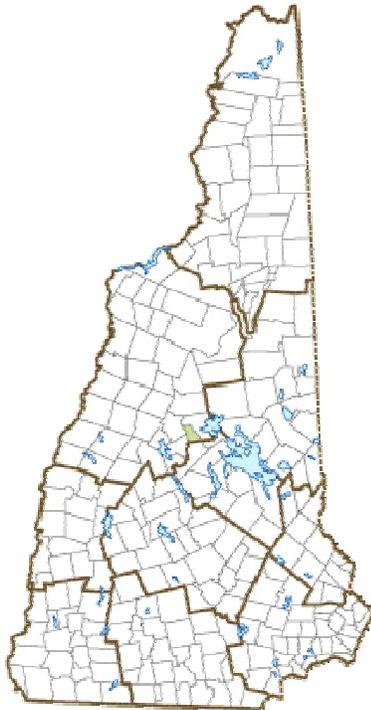
Our new website is a work in progress and we would love you to check it out at www.pbhha.org. We are in the testing phase and we welcome your feedback.

Our success is thanks to our skilled, passionate, customer oriented, fun loving staff (they do tend to give above and beyond!) and to a community who has supported us in so many ways. We are known to be friendly and we are in the helping business. We are pleased to be part of the community and touching lives: yours, your family's, your neighbor's with a customer oriented, client centered approach in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Respectfully,

Chandra Engelbert
Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Executive Director

Ashland, NH



Community Contact	Town of Ashland Paul Branscombe, Town Administrator 20 Highland Street, PO Box 517 Ashland, NH 03217
Telephone	(603) 968-4432
Fax	(603) 968-3776
E-mail	townoffice@ashland.nh.gov
Web Site	www.ashland.nh.gov
Municipal Office Hours	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm
County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County District 8

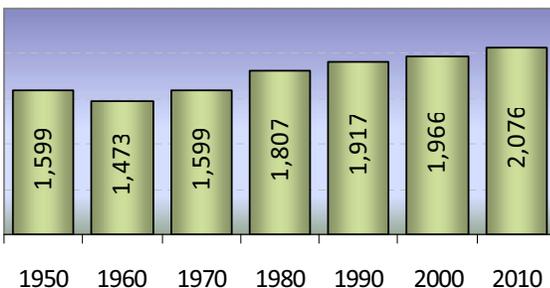
Incorporated: 1868

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 603 over 50 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,076 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase



between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2010 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,076 residents, which ranked 138th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 188.9 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.0 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2012. Community Response Received **6/21/2012**

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2009	\$6,138,379
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009	\$2,234,828
Zoning Ordinance	1985/10
Master Plan	1997
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Budget
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning

Public Library **Ashland Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

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	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Mandatory
Recycling Program	Mandatory

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.11
2011 Equalization Ratio	113.7
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.66

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	1,238
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	600
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	304
Five or More Units in Structure	306
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	28

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
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) 2006-2010

Population by Gender			
Male	660	Female	883

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	297
Age 5 to 19	124
Age 20 to 34	479
Age 35 to 54	277
Age 55 to 64	144
Age 65 and over	222
Median Age	29.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.0%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$20,428
Median 4-person family income	\$41,645
Median household income	\$35,857

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,406
Female	\$30,057

Families below the poverty level	18.2%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	1,063	1,058
Employed	1,035	996
Unemployed	28	62
Unemployment rate	2.6%	5.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	208	148
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 524	\$ 600
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	495	441
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 440	\$ 523
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	703	589
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 465	\$ 542
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	81	88
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 486	\$ 683
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	784	677
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 467	\$ 560

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

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

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Regional High School** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	175			

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **24**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

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	

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		55 miles
Portland, Maine		86 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		311 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	88.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	6.9%
Other means	2.8%
Worked at home	0.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010	
Working in community of residence	19.4%
Commuting to another NH community	77.8%
Commuting out-of-state	2.8%

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

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at [RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots](#).

POSTED JANUARY 1, 2012

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US REPRESENTATIVES



TOWN OF ASHLAND
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ASHLAND, NH 03217
603-968-4432 FAX 603-968-3776

2013 TOWN OF ASHLAND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Years Day	Tuesday	January 1, 2013
President's Day	Monday	February 18, 2013
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2013
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2013
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2013
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2013
Veterans' Day	Monday	November 11, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2013
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 29, 2013
Christmas	Wednesday	December 25, 2013

The Town of Ashland prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientations, religion, age, disability, marital or family status. The Town of Ashland is an equal opportunity employer.

2012

**STATISTICAL
AND
TOWN FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		2012						
MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE	
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	\$ 195,700.00	\$ 70,700.00	1142	551	6/9/71	
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 9,950.00					
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	\$ 285,050.00	\$ 8,755,200.00		222	4/22/55	
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE (PUMP STATION)	36.34	\$ 180,100.00	\$ 25,500.00	2191	54	4/15/96	
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 73,200.00					
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALL FIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	\$ 226,900.00	\$ 197,600.00				
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119		
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/52	
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/62	
	DEED - BROWN				770	328		
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/69	
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	\$ 9,750.00		2394	653	5/24/99	
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	\$ 7,850.00		2394	651	5/24/99	
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	\$ 378,700.00	\$ 4,800.00	863	431	5/18/55	
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	\$ 274,950.00	\$ 92,800.00				
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 179,500.00				
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	\$ 81,750.00					
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD		\$ 175,400.00					
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	\$ 5,850.00		549	503		
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	\$ 36,600.00		471	126		
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,900.00		1109	519	3/3/70	
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 27,200.00		2394	652	5/24/99	
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 5,050.00					
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 4,233,600.00				
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	\$ 159,450.00	\$ 395,900.00	1167	405	7/3/72	
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 15,100.00		2155	649	8/24/95	
					2155	653	8/24/95	
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	\$ 173,600.00	\$ 1,700.00				
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/69	
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/69	
	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	\$ 234,600.00	1120	106	7/21/70	
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	\$ 142,900.00	\$ 195,100.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935			
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	\$ 168,600.00	\$ 13,900.00	712	169		
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	\$ 100,200.00	\$ 10,100.00	661	84		
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	\$ 158,300.00	\$ 577,200.00				
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 1,050.00					
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 71,450.00		2394	650	5/24/99	
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	\$ 216,950.00	\$ 428,800.00	1359	656		
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	\$ 33,050.00		1416	659	3/5/81	
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	\$ 32,600.00		1416	659	3/5/81	
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD (WATER TOWER)	1.2	\$ 89,900.00	\$ 666,400.00	1424	233	6/17/81	
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE		\$ 1,350.00					
	SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND							

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
CURRENT USE	\$	334,434.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$	-
RESIDENTIAL	\$	78,918,350.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	12,547,600.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$	91,800,384.00
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
RESIDENTIAL	\$	136,317,200.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$	4,192,600.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	26,297,700.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$	166,807,500.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY	\$	5,974,350.00
SQUAM RIVER POWER LLC	\$	325,030.00
FRENCH RIVER LAND CO	\$	126,450.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	\$	6,425,830.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$	60,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$	658,333.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$	718,333.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	264,315,381.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	257,889,551.00

*INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS 1 FORM
(2012 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)*

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2012 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: ASHLAND

Gross Appropriations	6,443,838
Less: Revenues	4,250,218
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	52,133
War Service Credits	29,450

Barbara Hobbs
 10/26/12

Net Town Appropriation	2,275,203
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	2,275,203	TOWN RATE
		8.60

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	3,069,665	415,590	2,654,075
Regional School Apportionment			1,211,946
Less: Education Grant			(724,174)

Education Tax (from below)	(584,452)	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,557,395	9.68

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.390		STATE SCHOOL RATE
244,540,550		584,452	2.27
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
257,889,551			

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	378,015
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	378,015	COUNTY RATE
		1.43

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,795,065	TOTAL RATE
Less: War Service Credits	(29,450)	21.98
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,765,615	

PROOF OF RATE

	Local Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax	(no utilities) 257,889,551	2.27	584,452
All Other Taxes	264,315,381	19.71	5,210,613
			5,795,065

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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS				
	DUE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL
	DATE	YEAR 2012	YEAR 2012	BALANCE
\$235,631 - Water System Bond **	March	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,856.43	\$ 181,248.07
Due Annually @3.99%	Sept	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,735.90	
Payable to Northway		\$ 12,083.66	\$ 7,592.33	
Final Payment 9/10/2027				
\$1,188,561 - Water Project **	Jan	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 19,225.77	\$ 899,451.39
Interest @ 3.99%	July	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 18,584.91	
Payable to Northway		\$ 64,246.52	\$ 37,810.68	
Final Payment 7/16/2026				
\$448,000 - 1967 Water Bonds	Jan	\$ -	\$ 618.50	\$ -
Interest varies @5.4% - 8.25%	July	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 618.50	
Payable to NH Municipal Bond		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,237.00	
Final Payment 7/15/2012				
\$1,384,005 - River St Improvement R1 /R2***	Jan	\$ 37,443.00	\$ 50,201.79	\$ -
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to USDA - Rural Development				
Final payment 1/10/2030				
\$944,000 - River St Improvement R1 /R2***	Feb	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 944,000.00
Interest @ 2.753%	Aug	\$ -	\$ -	
Payable to NH Municipal Bond Bank		\$ -	\$ -	
Final payment 8/15/2029				
\$400,000 - Highway Project Bond	April	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,393.42	\$ 40,000.00
Interest @ 3%				
Payable to Woodsville Savings Bank				
Final Payment 4/18/2013				
\$438,699 - Fire Department Ladder Truck	July	\$ 52,856.00	\$ 7,396.00	\$ 112,892.00
All American Investment				
Final Payment 7/1/2014				
** Refinanced				
*** Refinanced in 2012				

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2012 - TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

		UNAUDITED		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2012 BUDGET			BALANCE
			EXPENDITURES	REMAINING
EXECUTIVE	\$ 8,668.00	\$ 7,444.00		\$ 1,224.00
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS	\$ 33,317.00 ##	\$ 31,813.00		\$ 1,504.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 274,300.00	\$ 272,965.00		\$ 1,335.00
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 37,850.00	\$ 40,472.00		\$ (2,622.00)
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 16,626.00		\$ 18,374.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 689.00		\$ 9,311.00
BALLOT CODING	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,155.00		\$ 445.00
PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 4,554.00	\$ 1,844.00		\$ 2,710.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$ 35,200.00	\$ 33,082.00		\$ 2,118.00
INSURANCE	\$ 112,495.00	\$ 66,377.00		\$ 46,118.00
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC	\$ 1,741.00	\$ 1,741.00		\$ -
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 350.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				\$ -
POLICE	\$ 552,949.00	\$ 508,288.00		\$ 44,661.00
POLICE DETAIL	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,234.00		\$ 266.00
AMBULANCE	\$ 65,539.00	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 20,539.00
FIRE	\$ 213,675.00	\$ 290,417.00		\$ (76,742.00)
BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 9,607.00	\$ 8,962.00		\$ 645.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 2,001.00	\$ 886.00		\$ 1,115.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 248,576.00	\$ 226,682.00		\$ 21,894.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$ 183,842.00	\$ 200,313.00		\$ (16,471.00)
TOWN MECHANIC	\$ 73,265.00	\$ 74,054.00		\$ (789.00)
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 41,230.00	\$ 41,531.00		\$ (301.00)
SANITATION				\$ -
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 146,156.00	\$ 134,765.00		\$ 11,391.00
HEALTH				\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,354.00	\$ 2,180.00		\$ 174.00
PEST CONTROL	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ (100.00)
WELFARE				\$ -
ADMINISTRATION / ASSISTANCE	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 66,349.00		\$ 13,651.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION				\$ -
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 96,808.00	\$ 84,278.00		\$ 12,530.00
LIBRARY	\$ 58,230.00	\$ 58,230.00		\$ -
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 10,690.00	\$ 8,400.00		\$ 2,290.00
TOWN TRUSTEES	\$ 646.00	\$ 799.00		\$ (153.00)
CONSERVATION	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -
				\$ -
DEBT SERVICE				\$ -
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM	\$ 221,630.00	\$ 221,629.00		\$ 1.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM	\$ 105,429.00	\$ 106,603.00		\$ (1,174.00)
INTEREST - TAN	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,262.00		\$ (1,762.00)
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -			\$ -
WARRANT ARTICLES	\$ 232,488.00	\$ 162,388.00		\$ 70,100.00
DEFAULT DISCOUNTS				\$ -
				\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,912,740.00 ##	\$ 2,730,108.00 ##		\$ 182,632.00
OUT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
MUNICIPAL SEWER FUND	\$ 268,708.00	\$ 275,341.00		\$ (6,633.00)
MUNICIPAL WATER FUND	\$ 153,482.00	\$ 129,164.00		\$ 24,318.00
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC FUND	\$ 3,108,908.00	\$ 2,576,871.00		\$ 532,037.00
UNAUDITED				

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

The Town Clerk's Office could be considered the hub of activity in this community. We act as a liaison to the residents for a variety of information from "where to get our transfer recycling center sticker" to "how do I register my car".

2012 was a very busy election year – the presidential primary, the town and school elections, the state primary and the general election. Elections are a very important role of the Town Clerk. Our Supervisors of the Checklist are a great help to this office as they are the ones who take on the responsibility of taking care of anything to do with the state wide voter registration system. This is not the same in all communities and I personally thank Bev, Teri, and Maryann for an outstanding contribution to the election process.

Dogs – we licensed close to 400 in 2012; we know you have a dog if you get them their rabies vaccination because the law is that the vets send the town clerk copies of these documents. Licensing a dog is for the safety of the animal and it is the law, licenses expire on April 30.

Vital Records – we are able to produce certified copies of marriage, death, birth and divorce records. There are laws that govern who are able to receive a copy.

This clerk's office is the keeper of records – minutes of all boards and committees are kept by the clerk.

Registrations – this is one of the largest parts of the Town Clerks office. We are Municipal Agents for the state and can register vehicles that the state allows us to do. The rules and laws are governed by the state and Pat and I attend workshops as needed to keep us abreast of changes.

Online registration and dog licensing are now available; payments are by e-check. Visit the town website at www.ashland.nh.gov and click on the EReg or Dog Licensing icon.

Unaudited Receipts

MV Permits	\$276077.56
Dog Licenses – town portion	\$ 2131.50
Dog – Paid to state	\$ 837.50
Vital Records – Town	\$ 899.00
Vital Records – Paid to state	\$ 2701.00
Misc Income	\$ 1103.60
Fees, Permits	

The Tax Collector is responsible for the issuance of bills and requisite collection for real estate taxes, yield taxes, excavation taxes, and land use change taxes. We are open Monday – Friday 8-4 and Thursday from 8-5.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration is charged with the task of computing and establishing the tax rate for each town or city in accordance with RSA 21-J:35. The 2012 tax rate has been set at \$21.98 per thousand of assessed valuation. The rate is broken down as follows:

Town Rate	\$8.60
Local chooS	\$9.68
State School	\$2.27
County	\$1.43

The town bills for all the portions of the total rate. The Town is obligated to make payments to both the local and regional schools on a monthly basis. Our payment to the county is due in December. This obligation sometimes results in a cash flow problem for the general town operating budget if taxes are not paid on time. The Board of Selectmen is able to borrow what is called a Tax Anticipation Note if they feel there is a need to do so.

Please be aware that the Tax Collector can take payments throughout the year for any amount which will be credited to your balance. Tax liens for the unpaid previous year's taxes are generally processed in May.

Feel free to contact me for any information at 603-968-4432 or ptucker@ashland.nh.gov.

I extend a very big thank you to my Assistant Clerk Pat Crowell for all her contributions to this office and to my Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Anne Abear for her assistance during the year, especially during the election time.

Thank you to all those that come to our counter – you make this job very enjoyable.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2012

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110		417,277.10		
Resident Taxes	#3180		0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120		0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185		0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		0.00		
Utility Charges	#3189		938.52	435.73	
Property Tax Credit Balance**		< >			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		< >			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				For DRA Use Only	
Property Taxes	#3110	5,767,743.62			
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00			
Land Use Change	#3120	150.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	535.15			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	0.00			
Utility Charges	#3189	2,902.51	1,827.55		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110	5,020.03			
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00			
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	0.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	0.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	6,251.46			
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	0.00			
TOTAL DEBITS		5,782,602.77	442,617.00	435.73	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2012

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	\$5,380,820.20	\$282,459.77		
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change	\$150.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	\$535.15	\$0.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$6,251.46	\$22,573.83		
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$2,489.52		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$133,782.36	\$435.73	
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$1,097.89	\$1,034.97		
Resident Taxes	\$0.00			
Land Use Change	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	\$0.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00			
Utility Charges	\$0.00			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	\$390,845.56	\$0.00		
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	\$2,902.51	\$276.55		
Property Tax Credit Balance**	< >			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	< >			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,782,602.77	\$442,617.00	\$435.73	\$

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2012**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2012	2011	2010	2009 -
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		\$92,853.33	\$60,020.54	\$12,339.13
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$148,210.71			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$2,174.95	\$7,985.51	\$18,344.98	\$521.17
TOTAL DEBITS	\$150,385.66	\$100,838.84	\$78,365.52	\$12,860.30

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		\$34,614.60	\$37,644.09	\$45,173.72	\$1,975.80
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$2,174.95	\$7,985.51	\$18,344.98	\$521.17
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$133,596.11	\$55,209.24	\$14,846.82	\$10,363.33
TOTAL CREDITS		\$150,385.66	\$100,838.84	\$78,365.52	\$12,860.30

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

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.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Patricia Tucker DATE 1-15-13

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST
December 31, 2012

Balance as of December 31, 2011 \$134,277.19

EXPENSES:	2012	2011
Maintenance	\$ 9,590.81	3,583.48
Supplies	565.50	258.69
Insurance	1,086.03	822.94
FICA	0	76.50
Bookkeeper	500.00	461.75
Fuel	2,420.55	3,994.35
Misc.	280.00	42.00
Telephone	297.81	.00
Security	<u>211.48</u>	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL	\$14,952.18	\$ 9239.71

INCOME:

MVSB Interest	\$.20
Transferred Funds-Stock	\$ 12,500.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

MVSB	\$ 4,392.75	\$ 2,301.69
Inc. Fund of America-Value	7,321.74	7,992.27
Cash Balance	0	5.46
Allianceberstein	17,666.04	16,770.51
Capital World Growth	26,560.75	25,921.66
First Eagle FOS Inc	31,281.00	32,534.86
Permanent Portfolio FD	29,782.85	33,464.79
Prudential Jennison	<u>14,913.98</u>	<u>15,285.95</u>
TOTAL	\$ 131,919.11	\$ 134,277.19

Balance as of December 31, 2012 \$131,919.11

Submitted by:
Richard Pare
Thomas Peters
Richard Ogden
Elliot Dupuis
Fred Salvonie

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND ON DECEMBER 31, 2012

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME		BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
									DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR		
COMMON TRUST FUND												
	Nonexpendable Trusts						0.00				0.00	0.00
	Cemetery Care Trusts:											
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	7,950.00			7,950.00	(222.81)	740.26		517.45	8,467.45
9/18/1966	Crimmings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	800.00			800.00	1,915.86	339.35		2,255.21	3,055.21
	Library Trusts:											
2/8/1977	Pauline Packard Memorial	Library	MF	1,013.39			1,013.39	(151.96)	134.36		(17.60)	995.79
8/7/1974	Ordway Cheney	Library	MF	2,109.90			2,109.90	(480.87)	254.13		(226.74)	1,883.16
5/13/1985	Harriet Addison Memorial Park:	Library	MF	983.86			983.86	154.44	117.83		272.27	1,256.13
3/1/1995	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park		*3578.23			0.00					
8/12/1993	Memorial Park	Maintenance		*38549.73			0.00					
Combined	J. Rollins & Memorial Park		MF	42,127.96			42,127.96	4,380.26	5398.94	4000	5779.2	47907.16
11/29/2012	Blake Fire	Fire Fund	MM	48,432.13			48,432.13	0.00	16.64		16.64	48,448.77
	Expendable Trusts:											
	Capitol Reserve Funds:											
10/29/2012	Collins St Bridge W&S		MM	74,500.00		74,500.00	0.00					0.00
10/13/2012	Water Tank		MM	50,000.00			50,000.00		37.00		37.00	50,037.00
3/9/2004	Employee Disability Fund	Insurance	MM	2,422.11			2,422.11	0.00	6.82		6.82	2,428.93
3/12/2002	Ashland Electric		MM	110,442.11	350,000.00	101,389.00	359,053.11	0.00	550.89		550.89	359,604.00
4/1/2007	Ashland Water		MM	21,773.46			21,773.46	0.00	61.85		61.85	21,835.21
4/1/2007	Ashland Sewer		MM	22,165.71			22,165.71	0.00	62.95		62.95	22,228.66
4/13/2012	Septic Receiving		MM	370,000.00	100,000.00	62,790.00	407,210.00	0.00	1,195.30		1,195.30	408,405.30
8/1/2011	Town Clock		MM	1,500.23	1,500.00		3,000.23	0.00	8.17		8.17	3,008.40
10/11/2012	Fire Equip		MM	8,000.00		8,000.00	0.00	0.00	5.33		5.33	8,005.33
12/31/2012	Road Improv		MM	125,000.00			125,000.00	0.00			0.00	125,000.00
	Agency Trusts											
1/23/2003	School District Special	Insurance	MM	55,298.66			55,298.66	10,794.02	187.71		10,981.73	66,280.39
5/13/1985	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	MF	9,336.34			9,336.34	580.48	930.38		1,510.86	10,847.20
5/13/1985	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	PB	11.25			11.25	583.56	0.23		583.79	595.04
8/16/1987	Edward M. Doggett Memorial	Scholarship	MF	2,012.62			2,012.62	422.42	309.78		732.20	2,744.82
Common	Trust Fund	Totals					1,160,700.50	17,975.40	10,357.92	4,005.33	24,328.00	1,185,028.50

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2012
 Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2012	\$ 1,324,500.85	\$ 171,855.54	\$ 151,416.38	\$ 561,976.09
DEPOSITS	\$ 7,433,264.70	\$ 3,080,873.20	\$ 185,902.60	\$ 422,803.35
EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,908,373.75	\$ 3,012,262.38	\$ 233,763.50	\$ 767,917.27
INTEREST	\$ 3,716.04	\$ 461.00	\$ 610.13	\$ 1,247.76
TOTAL	\$ 1,853,107.84	\$ 240,927.36	\$ 104,165.61	\$ 218,109.93
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2012				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 25,851.08	\$ -		
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 1,827,256.76	\$ 129,634.33	\$ 104,165.61	\$ 83,118.59
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT				\$ 134,991.34
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 1,853,107.84	\$ 129,634.33	\$ 104,165.61	\$ 218,109.93
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 36,402.02		
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 74,891.01		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		\$ 111,293.03		
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2012	\$ 1,853,107.84	\$ 240,927.36	\$ 104,165.61	\$ 218,109.93



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

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, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Proprietary Funds, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net assets, and revenues of the Business-type Activities and the Enterprise Funds. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Business-type Activities and the Enterprise Funds, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, 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, as of December 31, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 31 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. 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 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 sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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The Town of Ashland has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Ashland's financial statements as a whole. The combining nonmajor and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from, and relate 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 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.

May 22, 2012

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

J. Harding & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

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John F. Fullerton

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners
Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, by major fund, and the remaining information of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements on the business-type activities as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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.

Auditor's 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 of 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 auditor's 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 business-type activities, of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments, as of December 31, 2012, 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.

Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Other-Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements on business-type activities as a whole. The combining financial statements are provided for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The combining financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 combining information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Management has not presented the management discussion and analysis that governmental accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

J. Harding & Company, PLLC

Plymouth, New Hampshire
January 25, 2013

TOWN OF ASHLAND
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 DECEMBER 31, 2012

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 230,482	\$ 641,046	\$ 592,751	\$ 1,464,279
Receivables, net of allowance	20,116	18,964	394,507	433,587
Inventories	-	-	119,300	119,300
Prepaid expenses	-	-	7,963	7,963
Fixed Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,615,113	1,989,608	2,001,076	7,605,797
Total Assets	\$ 3,865,711	\$ 2,649,618	\$ 3,115,597	\$ 9,630,926
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities				
Municipal revenue bond - current	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,243	\$ 114,243
Accounts payable	265	14,421	195,097	209,783
Customer deposits	-	-	11,763	11,763
Total Current Liabilities	265	14,421	321,103	335,789
Long-Term Liability				
Municipal revenue bond	-	-	860,599	860,599
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	3,615,113	1,989,608	1,026,234	6,630,955
Unrestricted	250,333	645,589	907,661	1,803,583
Total Net Assets	3,865,446	2,635,197	1,933,895	8,434,538
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 3,865,711	\$ 2,649,618	\$ 3,115,597	\$ 9,630,926

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUES				
User Charges	\$ 178,835	\$ 380,897	\$ 2,927,112	\$ 3,486,844
Street Lighting	-	-	44,991	44,991
Miscellaneous	5,054	-	21,528	26,580
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>183,889</u>	<u>380,897</u>	<u>2,993,629</u>	<u>3,558,415</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	31,761	33,932	233,620	299,313
Operations	105,850	233,653	2,022,428	2,362,131
Depreciation and amortization	141,758	95,587	130,645	367,990
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>279,369</u>	<u>363,372</u>	<u>2,386,693</u>	<u>3,029,434</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>(95,480)</u>	<u>17,525</u>	<u>606,936</u>	<u>528,981</u>
Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)				
Gain on sale of asset	-	-	-	0
Interest income	710	2,507	1,012	4,229
Interest expense	-	-	(43,974)	(43,974)
Total Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	<u>710</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>(42,962)</u>	<u>(39,745)</u>
Change in Net Fund Assets	<u>(84,770)</u>	<u>20,032</u>	<u>563,974</u>	<u>489,236</u>
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>3,960,216</u>	<u>2,015,105</u>	<u>1,369,921</u>	<u>7,945,302</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,875,446</u>	<u>\$ 2,035,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,933,895</u>	<u>\$ 8,434,538</u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers and other	\$ 185,344	\$ 385,467	\$ 2,998,186	\$ 3,568,997
Payments to suppliers	(121,741)	(238,636)	(2,190,345)	(2,550,722)
Payments to employees	(22,557)	(22,553)	(247,635)	(292,745)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>41,046</u>	<u>124,278</u>	<u>560,206</u>	<u>725,530</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Change in interfund balance, net	-	-	-	-
Net cash flows provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	-	-	(109,491)	(109,491)
Interest paid on municipal revenue bond	-	-	(43,974)	(43,974)
Acquisition of capital assets	0	(101,543)	(120,591)	(222,134)
Net cash flows used for capital and related financing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>(101,543)</u>	<u>(274,056)</u>	<u>(375,590)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest income	710	2,507	1,012	4,229
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>710</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>4,229</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	41,756	25,242	287,162	354,160
Cash - beginning of year	188,728	615,804	305,589	1,110,119
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 230,482</u>	<u>\$ 641,046</u>	<u>\$ 592,751</u>	<u>\$ 1,464,279</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (95,480)	\$ 17,525	\$ 806,936	\$ 528,981
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	141,758	95,587	130,645	367,990
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable	1,454	4,028	2,803	8,285
Inventory	-	-	3,400	3,400
Prepaid expenses	-	-	(7,963)	(7,963)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable	(6,686)	6,596	(174,370)	(174,460)
Customer deposits	-	-	(1,246)	(1,246)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 41,046</u>	<u>\$ 123,736</u>	<u>\$ 560,205</u>	<u>\$ 724,987</u>

2013

**WARRANT
AND
BUDGETS**

TOWN OF ASHLAND STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2013 WARRANT

AS AMENDED AT FEBRUARY 2, 2013 MEETING

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

First Session – You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Ashland School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire, on the 2nd day of February 2013, being Saturday, at 1:00 PM. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the following articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session – You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Ashland School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, NH on the 12th day of March 2013, being Tuesday, the polls to be open at 8:00 AM and may not close prior to 7:00 PM to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Member Board of Selectmen - 3 year term; Town Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 year term; Library Trustee - 3 year term; Supervisor of the Checklist - 3 year term; Electric Commissioner - 3 year term; Water and Sewer Commissioner - 3 year term; Budget Committee - 3 year term [two positions]; Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term; Cemetery Trustee - 2 year term; Cemetery Trustee - 1 year term

ARTICLE 2 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Question #1

Are you in favor of adding the following definition of “Sign” to Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance? “An advertising 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”.

Article 3

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an 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 \$6,304,464. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,359,408 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.

General Operating Budget Town	<u>\$2,776,064</u>
Electric Department	<u>\$3,105,912</u>
Water	<u>\$147,068</u>
Sewer	<u>\$275,420</u>

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for \$145,700 for the purpose of purchasing a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,133 for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6-2-1

Article 5

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.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2

Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee does not recommend by a vote of 8-1

Article 7

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0

Article 8

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0*

Article 9

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer tax liens and to convey any real estate acquired by the town by Tax Collector's deed as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80. This authority will be in addition to previously authorized conveyances of such properties by public auction, or advertised seal bids. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting.

Article 10

Are you in favor of requiring the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact to include a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article?

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility. This article will not include or affect the Ashland Water, Sewer or Electric Departments.

Article 12

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 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. 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, 2013.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund entitled the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund to be used for the funding of improvements to local or regional transportation systems according to RSA 261:153, VI (a) 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 monies from this fund. Each year the Selectmen shall place a warrant article on the ballot to raise and appropriate an amount to be deposited into this fund in an amount equivalent to the municipal transportation fees collected during the previous calendar year.

Article 14

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a authorizing the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both after first submitting the proposed transaction to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation and holding two public hearings on the proposed transaction. This authority shall not apply where 50 or more voters petition the Selectmen to place the proposed transaction on the warrant, nor shall it authorize the Selectmen to sell town owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; any part of a town forest; or any real estate given to the Town for charitable or community purposes.

Article 15

Are you in favor of amending the Ashland Building Regulations to read:

7.3 Sewage Disposal: All dwellings and all commercial, industrial, or public buildings shall be connected to the public sewer system when available. When the public sewer system is not available, a suitable sewage disposal system, consisting of a septic tank and drainage field, shall be provided.

The

type, size and construction of all septic tanks and drainage field shall

conform

to New Hampshire Laws and Regulations. All private sewage disposal

systems

which discharge effluent into the ground shall be **in compliance with**

Article

2.3b of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance.

Article 16

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Building Code?

Article 17

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1a of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Plumbing Code?

Article 18

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1b of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Residential Code?

Article 19

Are you in favor of adding to Article 6 a section 6.1c of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Electrical Code?

Article 20

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims, and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. [During the last four years, CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars.]

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2*

Article 21

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$9450.35) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a nonprofit organization and Ashland's home health and hospice agency), for the purpose of making quality home health care available to all residents of the Town. This sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$4.55) 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. [In 2012, Pemi-Baker provided 48 residents with 730 home visits.]

***Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1***

Article 22

Petitioned Article: We request that \$6000 be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2013. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2012, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc provided services for 143 Ashland residents (and ServiceLink provided services for 52 Ashland residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$76,192.65.

***Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1***

Article 23

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under to provisions of RSA 31:19-a for purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, and equipment; and to raise an appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund; and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

***Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-0-1
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0***

Article 24

Petitioned Article: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3330 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2012, 74 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 12 Ashland residents in Fiscal year 2012. We provided \$19,687 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

***Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2***

Article 25

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members?

Article 26

Are you in favor of abolishing Ashland's Budget Committee pursuant to RSA 32:14, V and instead having the Board of Selectmen prepare and present the budget and hold the required public hearings?

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA.32.3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		8668	7444	16923		11986	4937
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		38917	36968	35231		35231	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		284300	272965	270979		270629	350
4152	Revaluation of Property		37850	40472	52650		52650	
4153	Legal Expense		35000	16626	25000		15000	10000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		10000	689	10000		10000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		4654	1844	4554		3304	1250
4194	General Government Buildings		35200	33082	92768		42118	50650
4195	Cemeteries		0	0	0		0	
4196	Insurance		112495	66377	111558		111558	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1741	1741	1771		1771	
4199	Other General Government		500	150	500		1	499
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		566549	511522	577646		556782	20864
4215-4219	Ambulance		47500	45000	47500		47500	
4220-4229	Fire		281714	290417	366209		366209	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		9607	8962	9807		9807	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2001	886	2000		1000	1000
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	0	0		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration		248576	226682	234769		230802	3967
4312	Highways & Streets		183842	200313	184342		169342	15000
4313	Bridges							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS (cont.)								
4316	Street Lighting		41230	41531	41531	469	42000	
4319	Other Mechanic		73265	74054	75659		75659	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		146156	134765	139274		131532	7742
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		2354	2180	2354		2354	
4414	Pest Control		3400	3500	3700		3700	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		80000	66349	80000		75000	5000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		96808	84278	95832		60000	35832
4550-4559	Library		58230	58230	59555		59555	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		10690	8400	10690		10690	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		646	799	646		646	
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		1000	1000	1000		1000	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		221630	221629	178545		178545	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		105429	106603	121874		121874	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		500	2262	4500		4500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer		268708	275341	275420		275420	
	- Water		153482	129164	147068		147068	

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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric		3108908	2576871	3105912		3105912	
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		6,281,450	5,549,096	6,387,767	469	6,231,145	157,091

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to or from a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
	Road Improvement CRF	5	125000	125000	125000		125000	
	Fire Dept Equip.		8000	8000				
	Town Clock Fund	6	1500	1500	1500			1500
	Petitioned Article - Cady	20	1000	1000	1000		1000	
	Petitioned Article - Pemi Baker	21	9342	9342	9450		9450	
	Petitioned Article - Grafton County	22	6000	6000	6000		6000	
	Petitioned Article - Genesis	24	2239	2239	2500		2500	
	Petitioned Article - Plymouth Clinic		1200	1200				
	Petitioned Article- Tri County Cap		3107	3107				
	Petitioned Article-Bridge House		5000	5000				
	Fire Dept vehicle repair/replace CRF	7			25000		25000	
	Police Dept. vehicle rep/replaceCRF	8			25000		25000	
	Grant money- expendable trust	23			15000		15000	
	SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		162,388		210,450		208,950	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
	Public Works Loader lease	4			29133		29133	
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED				29133		29133	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		75	1	1
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		535	1	1
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		60543	59252	59252
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		60188	45000	45000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	1	1
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1167	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		283067	265500	265500
3230	Building Permits		8157	6900	6900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4689	3100	3100
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			1	1
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues			1	1
3355	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		92654	92000	92000
3353	Highway Block Grant		49508	49000	49000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		40958	40000	40000
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		47	7	7
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)River St.		0	14991	14991
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		566		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		140362	123217	110152
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		2500	2	2
3502	Interest on Investments		4532	4000	4000
3503-3509	Other		20699	20281	20281
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		371121	275420	275420
	Water - (Offset)		185052	147068	147068
	Electric - (Offset)		2970583	3105912	3105912
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		8005		
3918	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			4,305,008	4,252,155	4,239,090

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	6,281,450	6,387,767	6,231,145
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	162,388	210,450	208,950
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	0	29133	29133
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,443,838	6,627,350	6,469,228
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	4,305,008	4,252,155	4,239,090
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		2,375,195	2,230,138

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$616,680
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Allowable Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 32:19, & 32:21)

Use VERSION #1 if budget does not contain Collective Bargaining Cost Items; RSA 32:21 Water Costs;
or RSA 32:18-a Bond Override

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: ASHLAND

FISCAL YEAR END 2013

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (See Posted Budget MS-7, 27, or 37)	6,469,228
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	178,545
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	121,874
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	0
5. Mandatory Assessments	2000
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< 302,419 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended Exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	6,166,809
8. Line 7 times 10%	616,680.90
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	7,085,905.90

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.

Attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: ASHLAND

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013_to December 31, 2013_

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

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.

- 1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
- 2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
- 3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

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.

Paul Hill

Naughton

Phil Rostom

Michael B...

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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Default Budget - Town of ASHLAND FY 2013

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	8668	1955		10623
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	38917	-4586		34331
4150-4151	Financial Administration	274300	-710		273590
4152	Revaluation of Property	37850	15050		52900
4153	Legal Expense	35000			35000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	10000			10000
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	4554			4554
4194	General Government Buildings	35200	6568		41768
4195	Cemeteries	0			0
4196	Insurance	112495	-937		111558
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1741	30		1771
4199	Other General Government	500			500
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	556449	7784		564213
4215-4219	Ambulance	47500			47500
4220-4229	Fire	231714	154541		386255
4240-4249	Building Inspection	9607			9607
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2001			2001
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)				
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Administration	248576	-17774		230802
4312	Highways & Streets	183842	500		184342
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	41230	770		42000
4319	Other Mechanic	73265	1330		74595
SANITATION					
4321	Administration				
4323	Solid Waste Collection				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	146156	-6182		139974
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other				

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Default Budget - Town of _____ ASHLAND _____ FY 2013 _____

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other				
ELECTRIC					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
HEALTH					
4411	Administration	2354			2354
4414	Pest Control	3400			3400
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other				
WELFARE					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	80000			80000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other				
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	96808			96808
4550-4559	Library	58230	275		58505
4583	Patriotic Purposes	10690			10690
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	646			646
CONSERVATION					
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	1000			1000
4619	Other Conservation				
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING				
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	221630	-43085		178545
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	105429	16445		121874
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	500	4000		4500
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-	268708	4834		273542
	Water-	153482	-8266		145216
	Electric-	3108908	15536		3124444
	Airport-				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
TOTAL		6211350	148058		6359408

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
SEE ATTACHED FOR +/- EXPLANATIONS			

CHANGES IN DEFAULT BUDGET

Executive increase for website hosting contract

Election & Registration increase in town clerk retirement
decrease in election salaries, advertising, ballot coding (fewer elections)

Financial increases in life insurance, retirement (office and tax collector)
decrease in health insurance

Revaluation of Property increase in assessing contract

General Government Building increase for added telephone contract

Insurance increases in health insurance, disability insurance
decreases in property, auto & liability insurance, workers compensation

Regional Associations increase in Planning Commission dues

Police (and Detail) increases in health and life insurances, retirement
decreases in contracts for cell phones, police dispatch, Plymouth Prosecutor,
detail FICA and Medicare

Fire increases in Mutual Aid dues, contract for fire station roof

Highway Administration increases in salaries (union contract), life insurance,
FICA, Medicare and retirement
decrease in health insurance

Highways & Streets increase in garage telephone contract

Street Lighting increase in street lighting contract

Town Mechanic increase in salary (union contract), life insurance, FICA and
Medicare
decrease in health insurance

Transfer/Recycling decreases in salaries, FICA and Medicare (new employees)
Solid Waste District dues, and hauling contract

Library increases in contracts for cleaning, downloadable books, memberships

Principal, Long Term Bonds & Notes increase in Fire Equipment bond
decreases in 67 Water Bond (paid off) and River Street bond (refinanced)

Interest, Long Term Bonds & Notes increase in River Street bond (refinanced)
decreases in all other bonds

Interest, Tax Anticipation Notes increase in TAN contracts

Sewer increases in contract operations, payroll (union contract), FICA, Medicare,
retirement, workman's compensation, health, life and disability insurance, and
contract for testing lagoons

Water increases in contract operations, payroll (union contract), FICA, Medicare,
retirement, workman's compensation, health, life and disability insurance
decrease in well testing contract

Electric increases in labor accounts (union contract), life & disability insurance,
workmen's compensation, payment in lieu of taxes
small decrease in bond interest

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
February 2	Deliberative Session 1 PM - Ashland School Gym
March 1	Filing deadline for tax abatements
March 12	Official Balloting Day 8AM - 7 PM - Ashland School Gym
April 1	All real property assessed to owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials.
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2011-12 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2012 year
April 30	2012 Dog tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2013 tax bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2013 tax bill due

MEETING SCHEDULES

****Subject to change with notice**

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month - 7 PM at Ashland School Library
Board of Selectmen	Work session - Second Monday of the Month - Time TBA
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the month 7PM at Ashland School Library Work Session - Third Wednesday 6:30 PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as needed - posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6 PM - Town Office
Housing Standards	As needed
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month - 6 PM - Location TBA
Office Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday - 7 PM - Utility
Utility Office Water/Sewer Commissioners	First/Third Thursday - 5:30 PM -

NOTES