



- 1 b. **Ashland 2020 town warrant** – the board recorded recommendation votes for the  
2 town warrant:  
3 i. **Ashland Library Building** – Library Trustee Mardean Badger presented the  
4 Selectmen with a revised warrant article that requests funding for the purchase  
5 of the former elementary school property.  
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7 **ARTICLE;** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
8 of Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) for the  
9 purchase of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from  
10 Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town  
11 Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred  
12 Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) of bonds and notes in  
13 accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA  
14 Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and  
15 negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there  
16 on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or  
17 private funds that may become available for that purpose. Renovation and  
18 furnishing of the building will be funded by Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars  
19 (\$95,000) already raised in the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve  
20 fund, which was established for that purpose, and over Six Thousand  
21 Dollars (\$6,000 plus) already raised in the Ashland Town Library  
22 Building Fund. 3/5 ballot vote required.  
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24 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
25 *To recommend the Ashland Library building warrant article.*

26 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

27 **VOTE:** 3-0-1

28 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 30 ii. **ARTICLE;** To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate  
31 the sum of \$100,000 to implement energy efficiency measures at the  
32 Waste Water Treatment Plant and to authorize the issuance of not more  
33 than \$100,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the  
34 Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen  
35 to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of  
36 interest thereon. 3/5 ballot vote required.  
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38 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger  
39 *To recommend the Ashland Sewer warrant article for \$100,000 funding at*  
40 *Waste Water Treatment Plant.*

41 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

42 **DISCUSSION:** Town Manager Smith clarified with the Board how this  
43 article would be financed through the NH State Revolving Fund (SRF) and  
44 has 50% principal forgiveness.  
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**VOTE:** 4-0

1 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 3 iii. **ARTICLE;** To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate
- 4 the sum of \$75,000 to evaluate the long-term viability of the Waste Water
- 5 Treatment Plant and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 in
- 6 bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance
- 7 Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and
- 8 negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.
- 9 3/5 ballot vote required.

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11 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

12 *To recommend the Ashland Sewer warrant article for \$75,000 funding at*

13 *Treatment Plant for the lagoons.*

14 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

15 **DISCUSSION:** Town Manager Smith clarified with the Board that this

16 article also would be financed through the NH State Revolving Fund (SRF)

17 but would be 100% forgiven if the entire amount was expended.

18 **VOTE:** 4-0

19 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 21 iv. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum
- 22 of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eight Nine dollars
- 23 (\$107,789) for the third-year payment of the four-year lease purchase
- 24 agreement for the Fire Department fire engine as authorized by vote on
- 25 March 14, 2017. This will be the final year of a tax impact, with the last
- 26 payment, next year, coming from capital reserve.

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28 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

29 *To recommend the Ashland Fire Department lease payment warrant article.*

30 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

31 **VOTE:** 4-0

32 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 34 v. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum
- 35 of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two dollars (\$27,142) for
- 36 the third payment of the five-year lease purchase for the Public Works
- 37 loader.

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39 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

40 *To recommend the Ashland Public Works lease payment warrant article.*

41 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

42 **VOTE:** 4-0

43 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 45 vi. **ARTICLE;** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum
- 46 of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the

1 purpose of purchasing a one-ton dump truck. Of this sum, Fifty Five  
2 Thousand dollars (\$55,000) will be from the Public Works Capital  
3 Reserve Fund, Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) will be from the state  
4 Highway Block Grant, Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) to come from the  
5 fund balance and overall no amount to be raised from taxation.  
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7 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

8 *To recommend the Ashland Public Works one-ton dump truck warrant article.*

9 **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

10 **DISCUSSION:** Town Manager Smith clarified that no amount for this article  
11 shall be raised through taxation.

12 **VOTE:** 4-0

13 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 15 vii. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
16 of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added  
17 into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for  
18 the purpose of repairing roads.  
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20 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

21 *To recommend the Road Improvements capital reserve fund warrant article.*

22 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

23 **VOTE:** 4-0

24 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 26 viii. **ARTICLE;** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
27 of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred (\$39,300) to be added into the  
28 Property Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the fund  
29 balance with no amount to be raised from taxation and the last payment  
30 for the project.  
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32 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

33 *To recommend the Property Tax Map CRF warrant article.*

34 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

35 **DISCUSSION:** Town Manager Smith mentioned how this should be the last  
36 requested CRF for GIS as the agreement was for three years.

37 **VOTE:** 4-0

38 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 40 ix. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
41 of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added into the Police  
42 Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of  
43 repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.  
44

45 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

46 *To recommend the Ashland Police Department CRF warrant article.*

1                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney  
2                   **VOTE:** 4-0  
3                   **MOTION PASSED**

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5           x.   **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
6                   of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the  
7                   Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for  
8                   the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.  
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10                   **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
11                   *To recommend the Ashland Public Works CRF lease payment warrant article.*

12                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney  
13                   **VOTE:** 4-0  
14                   **MOTION PASSED**

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16           xi.   **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
17                   of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Ashland  
18                   Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2015 for the  
19                   purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including  
20                   furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.  
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22                   **MOTION:** Selectman Badger  
23                   *To recommend the Ashland Town Library CRF warrant article.*

24                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney  
25                   **VOTE:** 4-0  
26                   **MOTION PASSED**

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28           xii.   **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
29                   of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added into the Building  
30                   Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of  
31                   maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.  
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33                   **MOTION:** Selectman Badger  
34                   *To recommend the Building Maintenance and Repair CRF warrant article.*

35                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney  
36                   **VOTE:** 4-0  
37                   **MOTION PASSED**

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39           xiii.   **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
40                   of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) to resurface the tennis and  
41                   basketball courts at the Ashland Ballpark. This sum to come from the  
42                   fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.  
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44                   **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
45                   *To recommend the warrant article to resurface the tennis and basketball*  
46                   *courts.*

1                   **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

2                   **DISCUSSION:** Town Manager Smith mentioned that if this article was  
3 approved, no taxation would occur as request is for the expenditure from fund  
4 balance.

5                   **VOTE:** 4-0

6                   **MOTION PASSED**

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

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15                   **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

16                   *To recommend the contingency fund warrant article.*

17                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

18                   **VOTE:** 4-0

19                   **MOTION PASSED**

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21                   xv. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will amend the article passed in 2005,  
22 which directed the creation of the Fire Department Apparatus or  
23 Equipment Fund, to allow funds in this account to be used for the purpose  
24 of paying the billing fees associated with ambulance transports.

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26                   **MOTION:** Selectman Barney

27                   *To recommend the Fire Department warrant article to update the*  
28 *apparatus/equipment fund.*

29                   **SECOND:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

30                   **VOTE:** 4-0

31                   **MOTION PASSED**

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33                   xvi. **ARTICLE;** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the  
34 existing Building Maintenance and Repair Fund to the Building  
35 Maintenance and Grounds Repair Capital Reserve Fund; further to name  
36 the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. 2/3 majority  
37 required.

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39                   **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

40                   *To recommend the warrant article to update the Building Maintenance and*  
41 *Repair CRF to include grounds repair.*

42                   **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

43                   **VOTE:** 4-0

44                   **MOTION PASSED**

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1 xvii. **ARTICLE; PETITIONED.** Pemi-Baker Community Health  
2 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine  
3 Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars (\$9,756) for Pemi-Baker  
4 Community Health.

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6 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

7 *To recommend the petition warrant article from Pemi-Baker Community*  
8 *Health.*

9 **SECOND:** Selectman Barney

10 **VOTE:** 4-0

11 **MOTION PASSED**  
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13 xviii. **ARTICLE; PETITIONED.** Voices Against Violence

14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three  
15 Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2018-2020 to support Voices  
16 Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing  
17 emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support  
18 to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual  
19 violence and stalking.  
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21 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

22 *To recommend the petition warrant article from Voices Against Violence.*

23 **SECOND:** Chairman Newton

24 **VOTE:** 4-0

25 **MOTION PASSED**  
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27 **III. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 28 a. **Next Board of Selectmen meeting** – Board members confirmed their next meeting to  
29 be Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Water/Sewer Conference Room to  
30 prepare the town warrant. Petitioned warrant articles are due on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board  
31 will vote on the remaining warrant articles at this meeting.  
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33 **IV. ADJOURNED** – Board adjourned their meeting at 11:15 a.m.  
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35 *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on December 30, 2019.*