



**ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 9, 2021**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*Patricia Tucker*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than two</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>ANDREW D. FITCH 171 ○</p> <p>ROBERT J. LETOURNEAU 253 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>REBECCA HARTLEY 160 ○</p> <p>PATRICIA TUCKER 194 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than two</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>LEE V. NICHOLS 240 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>two-year term</p> <p>ANN-MARIE BARNEY 244 ○</p> <p>KATHLEEN DEWOLFE 96 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>LISA ROLLINS 269 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>one-year term</p> <p>DAVID UNANGST 224 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>MARDEAN BADGER 267 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b></p> <p align="center">vote for not more than one</p> <p>three-year term</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 2. Estimated tax impact is \$11.65**  
 Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,924,276. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,000,462 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ○ — 260  
 NO ○ — 89

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

**ARTICLE 3. No tax impact**  
 Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,798,945. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,058,970 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ○ — 305  
 NO ○ — 46

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

**ARTICLE 4. No tax impact**  
 Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$224,900. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$224,971 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ○ — 301  
 NO ○ — 46

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

*Patricia Tucker*

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5. No tax impact

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$496,911. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$502,290 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES  299  
NO  47

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 6. Estimated tax impact \$0.11

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

YES  283  
NO  65

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 7. Estimated tax impact is \$0.50

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be deposited into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads.

YES  246  
NO  103

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3

ARTICLE 8. Estimated tax impact is \$0.08

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

YES  247  
NO  105

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 9. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10

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

YES  258  
NO  86

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 10. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10

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

YES  228  
NO  123

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3

ARTICLE 11. Estimated tax impact is \$0.10

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited into the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

YES  180  
NO  169

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3

ARTICLE 12. Estimated tax impact is \$0.04

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

YES  199  
NO  147

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Budget Committee does not recommend this article. Vote to recommend failed 3-4

ARTICLE 13. No tax impact

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

YES  174  
NO  173

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Budget Committee does not recommend this article. Vote to recommend failed 2-5

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 14. No tax impact

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator for the Ashland Fire Department. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

YES  328  
NO  40

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 15. No tax impact

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing mobile data terminal technology for the Ashland Police Department cruisers. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

YES  268  
NO  82

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 16. No tax impact

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$9,100) for the purpose of purchasing Police Officer body cameras for the Ashland Police Department. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

YES  282  
NO  71

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

ARTICLE 17. No tax impact

To see if the town will vote to change the name and purpose of the existing Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to the Road and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund; for the purpose of maintaining and repairing town roads and bridges; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. 2/3 majority required.

YES  284  
NO  63

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 18. No tax impact

To see if the town will amend the article passed in 2005, which created the Fire Department Apparatus or Equipment Fund, to allow funds in this account to be used additionally for the purpose of paying the billing fees associated with ambulance transports. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. 2/3 majority required.

YES  266  
NO  86

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 19. No tax impact

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Trust Fund, to be known as the Scribner Building and Park Trust Fund, with the Trustees of Trust Funds to be responsible for the financial administration of that trust, and for which the Library Trustees will be responsible for decisions on expenditures to repair and maintain the building and grounds; and further to authorize the acceptance and deposit into this fund of the corpus of the Emma H. Scribner Trust, which is being terminated in accordance with a Nonjudicial Settlement Agreement with the New Hampshire Division of Charitable Trusts.

YES  260  
NO  89

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 20. No tax impact

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, expend, and hold in trust gifts, legacies, and devises for any public purpose without further action by the town pursuant to RSA 31:19. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded.

YES  238  
NO  106

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

ARTICLE 21. No tax impact

Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchasing of books, supplies and income-generating equipment, as per NH RSA 202-A: 11-a.

YES  305  
NO  49

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 22.  
PETITIONED**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to unconditionally, completely, and absolutely discontinue an unmaintained Class VI Town road known as Parkway (formerly known as Hill Street) ("the Road") pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 231:43. The Road to be discontinued is described as follows: A two-lane road approximately 228 feet in length beginning at the intersection of the Road with the right-of-way of Mill Street and ending at the intersection of the Road with the right-of-way of Depot Street. Upon the discontinuance of the Road under the terms of this Article, the Voters hereby authorize and direct the Selectmen to relinquish the Town's interest in the land under the Road, whether by deed or other recorded instrument, to the abutting property owners, L.W. Packard & Company, Inc. and Commerce Property, LLC, or their designees.

YES  170  
NO  157

Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article vote 5-0

**ARTICLE 23. Estimated tax impact \$0.04  
PETITIONED Pemi-Baker Community Health**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$9,760) for Pemi-Baker Community Health.

YES  246  
NO  96

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

**ARTICLE 24. Estimated tax impact \$0.02  
PETITIONED Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2021.

YES  274  
NO  71

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

**ARTICLE 25. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED Lakes Region Mental Health Center**

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

YES  260  
NO  88

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

**ARTICLE 26. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED Voices Against Violence**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

YES  260  
NO  82

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

**ARTICLE 27. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED Ashland Historical Society**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be deposited into the account of the Ashland Historical Society for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Whipple House Museum, owned by the Town of Ashland.

YES  233  
NO  112

Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article vote 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 28. Estimated tax impact \$0.01  
PETITIONED Day Away Program**

To see if the Town of Ashland - 2021 to 2022 will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit organization for those people having dementia or a related form of dementia, whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the participant to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

YES  250  
NO  92

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-0

**ARTICLE 29.  
PETITIONED Ashland Fourth of July Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to have the Ashland Fourth of July Committee remain as a Town of Ashland Committee. The Committee will have the continued free use of the L.W. Packard Field and its facilities for the Independence Days celebrations. The Committee will use town properties to raise funds for current and future celebrations and the Committee's expenses. The Committee's funds will remain as Ashland 4th of July funds as a non-lapsing fund until the purpose no longer exists. The funds for the Safety Services during the Independence Days celebrations shall continue to be included in the annual Town budget. The Warrant Article will remain in effect until voted to rescind by Town meeting vote.

YES  274  
NO  72

Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article vote 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-0-2

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**