

**Ashland Budget Committee  
Public Hearing Minutes  
January 13, 2022, 6pm**

School public hearing at the school cafeteria.

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order with a roll call. SC here, DU here, DR here, EB here, KB here, JS here, LN absent with notice. Chairman Stewart asked everyone to stand and do the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Stewart thanked the budget committee members for volunteering and putting in their time and work. She turned the meeting over to Trish and Mary to go over the school budget. After going over the school budget the budget committee voted on the warrant articles. Article 2 DR motion to recommend, seconded by DU All ayes 6 votes. Motion carried. DR made the motion to recommend article 3 seconded by JS. All ayes 6 votes, motion carried. DR made the motion to recommend article 4, seconded by SC. All ayes 6 votes, motion carried. KB made the motion to recommend Article 5 seconded by DR. All ayes 6 votes, motion carried. KB made the motion to recommend article 6 seconded by DR. All ayes 6 votes. Motion carried. KB made the motion to recommend article 6, seconded by DR. All ayes 6 votes. Motion carried. DR made the motion to recommend Article 7 seconded by JS. All ayes 6 votes. Motion carried. KB made the motion to recommend Article 8 seconded by DR. All ayes 6 votes. Motion carried. Chairman Stewart adjourned the school meeting at 6:24 pm.

Chairman Stewart opened the town public hearing at 6:25 pm.

Chairman Stewart went over the budget page by page. Department heads each commented on their budgets. The audience asked questions and Chairman Stewart discussed their questions with everyone. Chairman Stewart went over the warrant articles and the town manager talked about article 3, the 5-million-dollar bond for upgrades to the Ashland Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stressed the fact that there would be not impact on the town taxes. Article 25 a \$400,000 donation to purchase the school property from tri county community action program. There was much discussion as to how much the maintenance, upkeep, repairs, and furniture. Chairman Stewart was concerned that they did not have any data as to how much this would cost the town as these would be extra expenses. Bobbi Hoerter wanted to know how much money was in the unreserved fund and the town manager said about 1.3 million. Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Stewart, Chairman

