

TOWN OF ASHLAND  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2023 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Ashland School Cafeteria, School Street, Ashland, New Hampshire, on February 4, 2023, for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot.

In accordance with the action on Article 3 of the 1999 Town Meeting (pursuant to RSA 40:13), the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to elect officers by official ballot and to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, shall be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at eight o'clock in the forenoon at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire. The polls will not close before seven o'clock in the evening.

## ARTICLE 1.

To choose by non-partisan ballot:

Two (2) Members of the Board of Selectmen for a term of three (3) years: One (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; One (1) member of the Board of Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; One (1) member of the Budget Committee for term of three (3) years: One (1) Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for 1 year.

## ARTICLE 2 PLANNING BOARD ZONING ARTICLE

The following changes proposed by the Ashland Planning Board to Article 4.10 Flood Hazard Areas, of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance, will ensure that Ashland has compliant regulations to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Along with the indicated additions and deletions of text, the numbering or lettering system of sections and sub-sections of Article 4.10 will be corrected to be consistent throughout the article. This will not change any other text.

~~striketthrough~~ means deleted text

underlined means added text

### ASHLAND ZONING ORDINANCE

**4.10 Flood Hazard Areas** This ordinance, adopted pursuant to the authority of RSA 674:16 shall be known as the Town of Ashland Floodplain Development Ordinance. The regulations in this Ordinance shall overlay and supplement the regulations in the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance, and shall be considered part of the Zoning Ordinance for purposes of administration and appeals under state law. If any provision of this ordinance differs or appears to conflict with any provision of the Zoning Ordinance or other ordinance or regulation, the provision imposing the greater restriction or more stringent standard shall be controlling. The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] in its “Flood Insurance Study for Grafton County, NH” dated February 20, 2008, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated ~~April 2, 1986~~ February 20, 2008, which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

**4.10.1 Definition of Terms** The following definitions shall apply to this Floodplain Development Ordinance, and shall not be affected by the provisions of any other ordinance of the Town of Ashland:

- Base Flood Elevation (BFE) means the elevation of surface water resulting from

the “base flood.”

- Flood Opening means an opening in a foundation or enclosure wall that allows automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. See FEMA “Technical Bulletin 1, Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures.”
- ~~Functionally dependent use means a use, which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking and port facilities that are necessary for the loading/unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building/repair facilities but does not include long term storage or related manufacturing facilities.~~
- Mean Sea Level means the National Geodetic Vertical Datum [NGVD] of 1929, North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.
- ~~100-year Flood see base flood~~
- Special Flood Hazard Area [See: Area of Special Flood Hazard] [Amended March 13, 2007]
- Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage,” regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:
  - Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
  - Any alteration of a “historic structure,” provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a “historic structure.”

~~any condition of repairs, reconstruction, alteration or improvements to a structure in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure. The market value of the structure should equal: [1] the appraised value prior to the start of the initial repair or improvement, or [2] in the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring. For the purposes of this definition, substantial improvement is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. The term~~

~~includes structures, which incurred substantial damage, regardless of actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or any alteration of a historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.~~

- Water Surface elevation means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum [NGVD] of 1929, **North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988**, or other datum, where specified of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains.
- Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. ~~A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44CFR§ 60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4) or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.~~ [Added March 13, 2007]

**4.10.5** For all new or substantially improved structures located in special flood hazard areas, the Applicant shall furnish the following information to the Building Inspector:

- The as-built elevation [in relation to **NGVD mean sea level**] of the lowest floor [including basement] and include whether or not such structures contain a basement.
- If the structure has been flood proofed, the as-built elevation [in relation to **NGVD mean sea level**] to which the structure was flood proofed; and

#### **4.10.8**

A. In special flood hazard areas, the Building Inspector shall determine the **100-year flood base flood** elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available:

- a. In Zone AE, refer to the elevation data provided in the community's Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM.
- b. In Zone A, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any **100-year flood base flood** elevation data available from any federal, state or other source including data submitted for development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, site approvals). **Where a base flood elevation is not available or not known for Zone A, the base flood elevation shall be determined to be at least 2 feet above the highest adjacent grade.** [Amended March 13, 2007]

B. The Building Inspector's **100-year flood base flood** elevation determination will be

used as criteria for requiring in Zone A and AE that:

- a. All new construction or substantial improvement of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the **100-year flood base flood** elevation.
  - b. That all new construction or substantial improvements of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the **100-year flood base flood** level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:
    - i. Be flood proofed so that below the **100-year flood base flood** elevation that structure is water tight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
- C. All manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard area shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the **100-year flood base flood** elevation; and be securely anchored to resist floatation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.
- D. All recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A and AE shall either:
- a. Be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days;
  - b. Be fully licensed, **and ready for highway use on wheels or jacking system, attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and have no permanently attached additions;** or
  - c. Meet all standards of **this ordinance section 60.3(b)(1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations** and the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes in **this ordinance Paragraph (e)(6) of Section 60.3.** [Amended March 13, 2007]
- E. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding are permitted provided they meet the following requirements:
- a. The enclosed area is unfinished or flood resistant, usable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage;
  - b. The area is not a basement;
  - c. Shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwater. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional

engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

- i. A minimum of two **flood** openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided.

#### **4.10.9 Variance and Appeals**

B. If the Applicant, upon appeal, requests a variance as authorized by RSA 674:33, I(6), the Applicant shall have the burden of showing in addition to the usual variance standards under state law:

#### **ARTICLE 3 Estimated Tax Impact \$12.15**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes as set forth therein, totaling \$3,133,907? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,092,153, 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. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

#### **ARTICLE 4      NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to 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 as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,440,794? Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$3,259,185 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

#### **ARTICLE 5      NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department 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 \$375,325? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$369,531 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. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 6 NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to 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 passed with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$838,476? Should this article be defeated, the budget shall be \$832,827 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. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 7 NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 984 union which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level.

	Estimated increase (over previous year level)
<b>2023 (39 weeks) (April 1 through December 31)</b>	<b>\$ 73,747</b>
<b>2024 (52 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 28,468</b>
<b>2025 (52 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 24,138</b>
<b>2026 (13 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 8,469</b>

and further to raise and appropriate \$73,747 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels, said sum of to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund balance (\$66,643), and further to fund the balance of the appropriation in the amount of \$4,022 from the Electric, \$1,541 from Water income and \$1,541 from Sewer income, with no funds to be raised from property taxes?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1



## **ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Town of Ashland, if Article 7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call a special meeting, at its option, to address Article cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

## **ARTICLE 9                      NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and appropriate \$25,000 to be deposited into the fund? The sum to come from the unassigned 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)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

## **ARTICLE 10**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, Optional Veterans Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will apply to every resident of this state who is and person who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50 and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included s service under this subparagraph; (b)Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250, which is the amount adopted by the Town in 2007.

NOTE: This article is required to be re-adopted because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 11**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b All Veteran’s Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50 and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty or state active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph, provided; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:29 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250 the same amount as the optional veterans tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 12                      ESTIMAED TAX IMPACT \$0.66**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Department Ambulance to replace the current ambulance that was purchased in 1998. Said appropriation to be funded by the withdrawal of \$105,000 from the 2013 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing or replacing Fire Department vehicles and the balance to come from taxation? (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 13                      FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.10**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Fire Department vehicles? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 14                      POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.10**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing and purchasing Police Department vehicles? (Majority vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 15                      POLICE DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to establish a Police Department Revolving Fund in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:95-h (c) into which will be deposited fees, charges or other income derived from public safety services by municipal Police employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary details of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction and other construction projects. Money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The funds deposited in the fund may only be utilized for the purchase of Police Department vehicles and equipment utilized on or in such vehicles. The Town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order from the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the Legislative Body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 16      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be deposited in the Ashland Library 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)? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 17                      PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.10**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purchase of vehicles or equipment, replacement or repairs? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 18                      ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.48**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be deposited into the Road and Bridges Capital Reserve Account established in 2013? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 19      BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR CAPITAL FUND**  
**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.04**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

**ARTICLE 20                  WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY**  
**NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to investigate the construction of a waste to energy facility?

The electricity generated will be used to power the Town's Municipal Lighting Plant for the benefit of Ashland residents and property owners.

No materials entering or leaving the facility will be landfilled or disposed of within the Town of Ashland but disposed of at a licensed waste disposal facility.

Mandatory recycling will be required for those utilizing the facility.

Excess power produced will be sold on the power grid through ISO New England.

Revenues generated in excess of operations, costs , bond repayments and other expenses will be used to reduce the municipal tax rate.

Once the facility is constructed, it will be a Department of the Town under the Board of Selectmen and subject to appropriations by Town Meeting as a No Tax Impact Department.

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for, contract for, obtain, accept and expend any Federal, State, or other available aid or funds toward the project in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they are received to conduct any feasibility studies to determine if the facility can be constructed within the Town without impacting municipal taxes for such studies and determinations.

The Town of Ashland Municipal Lighting Plant and Department may conduct feasibility studies concerning the siting, construction, licensing and feasibility of such a plant to produce electrical power for the Department.

The Board of Selectmen shall report to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting with appropriate warrant articles concerning the proposal to construction and all operations of such a plant including all appropriate financial considerations for the Town to consider if the proposal is to move forward.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 21      ELECTRONIC BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to investigate the construction and operation of “so-called” Broadband Infrastructure for use by residents and businesses within the Town of Ashland?

The Board of Selectmen shall report back to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting concerning its investigation together with any recommendations for the operation, licensing, ownership, tax impacts and other information together with appropriate warrant articles for Town Meeting action.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 22                      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**  
**ESTIMAED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the Town of Ashland, NH will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.) for the Bridge House, Inc. Homeless shelter & Veterans Advocacy? The Bridge House is a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit that provides a range of services to all of Grafton County from community meals, to a place to shower, to help filling out applications for assistance. The Bridge House hires prevention specialists to support Grafton County residents by working with them in their homes to avert homelessness. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 23**

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE  
ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.00**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 for Transport Central, a 501 C 3 agency operating in Plymouth, NH, for the purpose of continuing to provide rides for qualified people that have no other means to get to a doctor's appointment or to seek medical treatment?

A qualified person is either greater than 60 years old, disabled or a veteran not otherwise served. Since it started in 2013, Transport Central has been providing this service for any qualified person in Ashland and all the other municipalities in our 19-town catchment area. In the last 10 years, Transport Central has provided more than 25,000 rides, while our volunteer drivers have exceeded 1.2 million miles providing trips to citizens in need.

Another service offered by Transport Central is mobility management, where we work with the elderly and disabled clients to solve their overall transportation issues. This ranges from helping them reschedule their appointments, to finding alternative rides for them, and helping them understand how to utilize hospital and agency staff and services more effectively. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

**ARTICLE 24**

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE  
ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.05**

We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2023 Town of Ashland Warrant.

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2023? From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 108 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 39 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$122,227.64. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 25**

**PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.04**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$9,722) to Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health? A non-profit agency, PBH&HH provides services without regard to ability to pay and serves many uninsured and underinsured clients. Many of the services PBH&HH provides are not covered fully by insurance. The requested appropriation amounts to less than \$5.00 per year per resident, based on the recent census data, and represents a small fraction of the costs of providing services to the residents in their homes.

PBH&HH provides home health, hospice and palliative care services in the Ashland community, as well as educational programs, workshops, and bereavement counseling. These services to uninsured or underinsured patients help the town limit welfare payments for medical services. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 26**

**PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2023-2024 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, stalking, human trafficking, and bullying? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0



**ARTICLE 27**

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.00**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate funds totaling One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for Communities for Alcohol-and Drug Free Youth (CADY), a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns? CADY's work protects children from the harms of substance misuse; prevents juvenile delinquency; breaks the cycle of crime; contains community costs; prevents addiction and saves lives. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 28**

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.02**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,876 for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Ashland: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, Tamworth Dental Center? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

## **ARTICLE 29      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

Renewable Energy Options for Ashland Residents Whereas, the residents of Ashland are committed to reducing their carbon footprint and supporting environmentally sustainable practices; and Whereas, the availability of renewable energy options can help residents of Ashland achieve these goals; Therefore, the residents of Ashland request that the town consider the feasibility of allowing residents to purchase renewable energy from suppliers within the town of Ashland. This warrant article proposes that the town of Ashland explore the possibility of implementing a program that would allow residents to purchase renewable energy from local suppliers, with the goal of increasing the use of clean, renewable energy in the town and supporting local businesses. The proposed program would require the town to work with local renewable energy suppliers to establish pricing and terms for the sale of renewable energy to residents. The town would also need to consider any necessary infrastructure changes or updates to accommodate the purchase and distribution of renewable energy to residents. This warrant article does not propose any specific course of action or funding for the proposed program, but rather requests that the town consider the feasibility of such a program and take appropriate steps to implement it if deemed viable. The residents of Ashland believe that the availability of renewable energy options can help the town achieve its sustainability goals, while also supporting local businesses and the local economy. We therefore respectfully request that the town give due consideration to this warrant article and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 30      PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

We the town of Ashland hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire’s economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire’s natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Ashland’s State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Ashland’s Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Ashland’s Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 31      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

To see if the Town shall vote to rescind its approval of Article 25 of the 2022 Town Meeting to purchase the former Elementary School Building at 41 School Street, Ashland, NH from Tri-County CAP.?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

**ARTICLE 32      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**  
**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) to be deposited into the account of the Ashland Historical Society for the purpose of maintenance and repairs of the Whipple House Museum, owned by the Town of Ashland?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

**ARTICLE 33      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**  
**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.13**

Accept Title V Taxation Property Taxes 72:28 for \$750.00?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1


**ARTICLE 34      PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**

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 of 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 Properties, LLC, or their designees.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

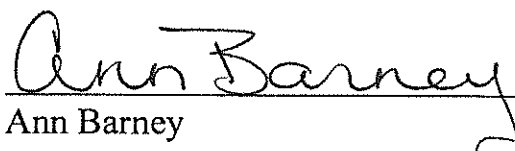
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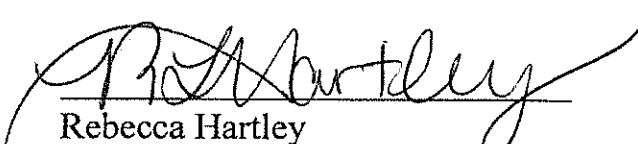
Given under our hands and seals the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three

  
Robert Letourneau, Chairman

  
Alan Cilley, Vice Chairman

  
Andy Fitch

  
Ann Barney

  
Rebecca Hartley

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants, within names, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named, by posting a copy of the within Warrant at the place of the meeting within named, and a like copy at the United States Post Office, the Town Offices, and the Municipal Utility Offices, being public places in said Town of Ashland.

Board of Selectmen