

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2024 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 two o'clock in the afternoon in the Ashland School Cafeteria, Education Drive, Ashland, New Hampshire, on February 3, 2024 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 12, 2024 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) Moderator for a term of two (2) years; One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a term of Three (3) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years; One (1) Trustee of 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; Two (2) members of the Budget Committee for term of three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2 ZONING ORDINANCE

Are you in favor of adding this statement to Article 8 "Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance: *"Corrections: The Planning Board has the authority to correct typographical and punctuation errors in this Zoning Ordinance and to assign and modify numbering and sections of this Zoning Ordinance provided that no substantive changes to the ordinance shall occur as a result of the changes."*

ARTICLE 3 ZONING ORDINANCE

Are you in favor of replacing the old map and lot numbers in the Zoning Ordinance (sections 2.2b, 3.3.3.1 and 3.3.3.2) and in the addendum "Zoning Districts (December 2002)" with the new lot numbers that were assigned by CAI AxisGIS for the Town of Ashland tax maps?

ARTICLE 4 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 2 of the Ashland Building Regulations, “Duties of the Building Inspector” to include the additional duties of issuing certificates of occupancy and retaining and making available to the public all documents as required by state law?

ARTICLE 5 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to require a building permit for any new or structural alteration to buildings over 200 square feet, instead of requiring them for projects over \$800?

ARTICLE 6 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 3.5 of the Ashland Building Regulations to require permits for all mechanical work, as required by the current State Building Code?

ARTICLE 7 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 3 of the Ashland Building Regulations to specifically provide that contractors are responsible for ensuring that the state building and fire codes are met?

ARTICLE 8 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 7.4 of the Ashland Building Regulations to provide that all demolition done pursuant to a demolition permit must be completed within 6 months?

ARTICLE 9 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 7.5 of the Ashland Building Regulations to require that all chimneys be constructed, altered, or repaired in accordance with the current State adopted building codes?

ARTICLE 10 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of deleting Article 7.6 of the Ashland Building Regulations which provides that no wallpaper or other combustible material shall be laid over any thimble or any thimble hole in the chimney? This provision is unnecessary as it is already contained in the State Building Codes.

ARTICLE 11 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of deleting Article 7.7 of the Ashland Building Regulations regarding the location of smoke pipes? This provision is unnecessary as it is already contained in the State Building Codes.

ARTICLE 12 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 8 of the Ashland Building Regulations to exempt from the Ordinance the construction of accessory buildings of less than 200 square feet, rather than exempting non-residential necessary buildings costing less than \$800?

ARTICLE 13 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of amending Article 9 of the Ashland Building Regulations to clarify that all appeals must be based on a claim that the true intent of the code or the rules adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed?

ARTICLE 14 ISSUANCE OF \$6.2M BOND FOR THOMPSON ST, HIGH ST, SMITH HILL RD, AND WINONA RD

NO TAX IMPACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200,000 for the purpose of conducting infrastructure improvements on Thompson Street, High Street, Smith Hill Road and Winona Road, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed \$6,200,000 under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town. Additionally, to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. (3/5th ballot vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 15 WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY NO TAX IMPACT REVENUE BOND

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000,000 for the purpose of designing, permitting and constructing a 12 megawatt Town owned Waste to Energy Facility, on Town owned property, on a site approved by the State of New Hampshire adjacent to the Town's Waste Water Treatment Facilities, with said sum to be raised by borrowing in accordance with RSA 33:6-b with said bonds to be conditioned on the first payments to be made following the operation of the Waste to Energy Facility.

\$135,000,000 of such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes for a period not to exceed 30 years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, obtain 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 and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such funds and on the issuance of such bonds or notes as provided by the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement such cost-effective solutions as are presented in the future that they deem to be in the best interests of the Town that may result in a lesser amount of expenditure than is authorized by this warrant article; and

Once said facility is constructed and operating it shall be part of the Town's Municipal Lighting Plant, be authorized to sell surplus electrical energy beyond the needs of the Municipal Lighting Plant to provide electrical service to Town residences and businesses it has produced, in accordance with State and Federal laws with the proceeds of such sales to be utilized for the repayment of any debts, bonds or notes issued on behalf of the Waste to Energy Plant and for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility with additional funds to be placed in a depreciation account to provide for future costs, expenses and maintenance of the Waste to Energy Plant with funds to be provided for street and traffic control lighting, in addition to which funds shall be provided to the Town in lieu of property taxes, to reduce Town Debt and expenses of any nature; and

The Waste to Energy Facility shall provide for the removal of all ash and other wastes passing through the facility to be recycled or disposed of at facilities properly licensed and located outside of the Town of Ashland; and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions or to pass any other vote necessary to carry out the project in the best interests of the Town of Ashland? (3/5th ballot vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 16 INFILTRATION/INFLOW STUDY- L.W. PACKARD MILL SITE

NO TAX IMPACT

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of conducting an infiltration/inflow study at the former L.W. Packard Mill site, that will qualify the Town for Federal and State funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed \$100,000 under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interests of the Town, Additionally, to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the

amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the Federal and State governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$100,000 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program. If the loan and principal forgiveness is not received, the Town will not proceed with this work. (3/5th ballot vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 17 TOWN BUDGET

Estimated Tax Impact \$7.97

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 \$3,522,311? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,287,081, 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 Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 18

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BUDGET 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 \$3,443,990? Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$3,425,011 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 Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 19 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO TAX IMPACT

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to 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 \$399,381? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$388,446 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 Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 20 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET 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 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 \$817,689? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$812,754 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 Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 21 CONTINGENCY FUND 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 4-1

ARTICLE 22 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.11

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 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 5-0

ARTICLE 23 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND POLICE STATION

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of purchasing or constructing a Police Station to include associated engineering fees including applicable studies and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be place in such fund, and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 24 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06

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 5-0

ARTICLE 25 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06

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 purpose of vehicles and equipment, replacement, or repairs? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 26 ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.28

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 Fund established in 2013? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 27 PLOW TRUCK

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.45

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,552 to be deposited into the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a 6-wheel plow truck? (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 28 BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the Building Maintenance and Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 29 DISORDERLY ACTIONS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING CERTAIN DISORDERLY ACTIONS WHICH THREATEN THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND REGULATING CERTAIN USES OF PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS AND SQUARES WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Pursuant to RSA 31:39, it is hereby ordained by the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as follows:

DISORDERLY ACTIONS: A person shall be guilty of disorderly actions if:

- I. Such person creates a condition which is hazardous to such person or another in a Public Place by any action which serves no legitimate purpose; or**
- II. Such person**
 - a. Engages in fighting or violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior in a Public Place; or**
 - b. Directs at another person in a Public Place obscene, derisive, or offensive words which are likely to provoke a violent reaction on the part of any ordinary person; or**
 - c. Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any public street or sidewalk or the entrance of any public building; or**
 - d. Engages in conduct in a Public Place which substantially interferes with a criminal investigation, a firefighting operation to which RSA 154:17 is applicable, the provision of emergency medical treatment, or the provision of other services when traffic or pedestrian management is required; or**
 - e. Knowingly refuses to comply with a Lawful Order of a peace officer to move from any Public Place; or**
- III. Such person dumps, discards, deposits, throws or leaves, or causes or permits the dumping, discarding, depositing, throwing, or leaving of litter on any public place.**
- IV. Such persons who carries, transports, possesses or otherwise has under his control and intoxicating liquor, within the limits of or upon any way, public place, public building or grounds of any public building, except in the original container and with the seal unbroken.**
- V. Such person urinates or defecates on any public place or property, or in any private place or property viewable from any public place; or who fornicates or exposes their genitals on any public place or property, or in any private place or property viewable from any public place, under any circumstances which they should know will likely cause affront or alarm.**

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- VI. DEFINITIONS: As used in the Ordinance,**
 - a. "Intoxicating Liquor": shall have the same meaning as defined in RSA 21:33**
 - b. "Lawful Order" means:**
 - 1. A command used to any person for the purpose of preventing such person from committing any offense when an officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person is about to commit any such offense, or when such person is engaged in a course of conduct which makes the commission of such an offense imminent; or**
 - 2. A command issued to such person to stop such person from continuing to commit any offense when an officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person is presently engaged in conduct which constitutes any such offense.**

- c. "Litter" means any and all waste products, paper, cans, bottles, glass, rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash debris, animal carcasses, organic waste, or other discarded materials of any kind and description, whether solid, liquid or gaseous.
- d. "Public Building" means any local government or school offices, facilities, or buildings.
- e. "Public Place" means any place within the Town of Ashland to which the public or a substantial group has access. The term includes, but is not limited to, public ways, sidewalks, parking lots, retaining walls, parks, recreation areas, schools, medical or government offices or facilities, and the lobbies or hallways of apartment buildings, dormitories, hotels, or motels.
- f. "Way" shall have the same meaning as defined in RSA 259:125.

VII

PENALTIES: any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 but not exceeding \$1000.00.

XI.

SEVERABILITY: If any provisions or language herein is found to be invalid or unenforceable, superseded, or preempted under any law or regulation, such invalid shall not affect any other remaining provision or language which can be given effect without the invalidated portion.

XII

HEADINGS: The section numbers and headings contained herein are intended for convenience only and are not to be used in the interpretations of this Ordinance.

XIII

REFERENCES: As used herein, references to New Hampshire Statutes shall be to current Revised Statutes Annotated, or its successors as amended, superseded, or revised.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by appropriate authority. This Ordinance supersedes all prior ordinances or similar subject matter. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 30 NOISE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE PROHIBITING CERTAIN DISTURBANCE WHICH THREATEN THE PUBLIC PEACE WITHIN THE TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Pursuant to RSA 31:39, it is hereby ordained by the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as follows:

DISORDERLY ACTIONS: A person shall be guilty of disturbing the peace if:

I. Such person causes a breach of the peace, public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or creates a risk thereof; by:

- 1. Making loud and unreasonable noises in a Public Place, or making loud unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a Public Place or other private places, which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities, or continuing, or causing or allowing to be made or continuing any of the foregoing noises having been requested by any person to diminish or terminate such noises; or**
- 2. Disrupting the orderly conduct of business in any public or governmental facility; or**
- 3. Disputing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons without lawful authority; or**
- 4. Making loud and unreasonable noises by operating any mechanically powered saw, grinder, drill, lawn mower or garden tool, or similar device used outdoors with the exception of snow removal equipment, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM on Sunday; or**
- 5. Making loud or unreasonable noises by loading, unloading, opening, closing, or otherwise handling boxes, crates, containers, building materials, trash cans, dumpsters, or similar objects between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM; or**
- 6. Operating any motor vehicle in a Public Place so as to make excessive noise by any of the following means:**
 - a. Misuse of power, acceleration, or tractions so as to spin the wheels or lose traction.**
 - b. Misuse of brake and stopping power in the deceleration of a motor vehicle where no legitimate emergency exists,**
 - c. Misuse of power, acceleration or traction by means of rapid upshift, downshift or changing of transmission gears,**
 - d. Racing of engine by means of the accelerator, carburetor, of gear selector, either when the motor vehicle is in motion or stationary.**
- 7. Commercial Logging Operations hours of operation will exclude the following hours: 10 PM thru 7AM Monday thru Saturday and 10 PM thru 8AM on Sunday. This includes but not limited to unloading and loading of equipment and logs from truck, the running of chain saws chippers, skidders, and tree shears.**

II. DEFINITIONS: As used in the Ordinance,

1. Lawful Order means

- a. "Loud Noise" means any noise as prior described in Section 1. herein.**
- b. "Public Building" means any governmental or school offices, facilities, or buildings.**
- c. "Public Place" means any place within the Town of Ashland to which the public or a substantial group has access. This term includes, but not**

limited to public ways, sidewalks, schools, medical or governmental offices or facilities, and their lobbies or hallways of apartment buildings, dormitories, hotels, or motels,

d. "Way" shall have the same meaning as defined in RSA 259:125.

III. EXCEPTIONS: The following uses and activities shall be exempt from regulation under this Ordinance

- a. Noises of safety signals and warning devices when used for the purpose for which they were intended and emergency pressure relief valves;
- b. Noises resulting from any authorized vehicles, when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency;
- c. Noises resulting from emergency and maintenance work as performed by the Town of Ashland and its employees, the State of New Hampshire, or other public utility companies, noises resulting from the provision of municipal or utility services, noises resulting from private persons engaged in snowplowing services;
- d. Any other noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration as permitted by law and for which a license or permit thereof has been granted or issued by the Town of Ashland;
- e. Parades and other public gatherings for which the Town of Ashland has issued a permit;
- f. Bells, chimes or carillons that are presently installed and in use for any purpose;
- g. Agricultural operations under RSA 430 c:1, c:2, c:3, c:4;

IV. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT: Prior to the commencement of activity which may violate the Ordinance, application for a special permit for relief from this Ordinance on the basis of undue hardship or any other reasonable grounds may be made by submitting a request in writing to the Board of Selectmen with a copy to the Chief of Police. Any permit granted by the Selectmen shall be in writing and set forth all conditions pertaining to the specified noise and a reasonable time limit for its abatement.

V. PENALTIES: Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00, but not exceeding \$1000.00

VI. SEVERABILITY: If any provisions or language herein is found to be invalid or unenforceable, superseded, or preempted under any law or regulation, such invalid it shall not affect any other remaining provision or language which can be given effect without the invalidated portion.

VII. HEADINGS: The section numbers and headings contained herein are included for convenience only and are not to be used in the interpretations of this Ordinance.

VIII. REFERENCES: As used herein, references to New Hampshire Statutes shall be to the current Revised Statutes Annotated, or its successors as amended, superseded, or revised.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by appropriate authority. This Ordinance supersedes all prior ordinances on similar subject matter. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 31 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the fiscal year 2024-2025 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit crisis center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment, and general support to woman, 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 5-0

ARTICLE 32 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.02

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars (\$9,692) for Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health. As 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 home health, hospice, and palliative care services in the Ashland community, as well as free 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 4-1

ARTICLE 33 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.03

We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2024 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. From July 1, 2022

to June 30, 2023, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 139 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 29 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink, support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$128,153.42 (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 34 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.00

To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 for Transport Central to provide rides for qualified Ashland residents to medical appointments? (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

ARTICLE 35 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

To See if the Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$3,500 to Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) for the delivery of High-Level Access to Mental Health Care. In addition to comprehensive mental health services, residents have 24/7 access to the LRMHC Mobile Crisis Response Team that will report to a mental health emergency wherever the individual is located whether that be at home, work, school or elsewhere in the community. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

LRMHC is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. LRMHC served 3,622 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2023, 54 were Ashland residents. LRMHC provided \$8,556 in charitable care to Ashland residents? (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 36 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of supporting Hospice Care, Nursing, Therapy and Aide Care to homebound residents who are at medical or social risk, and immunization services. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

ARTICLE 37 BY PETITION LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 furnishings and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library? (Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2

ARTICLE 38 BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

To See if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) 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? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-1

Town of Ashland 2024 Town Meeting Warrant

Given under our hands and seals this 26 day of January, in the Year of our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty Four.


Robert Letourneau, Chairman


Andy Fitch, Vice Chairman


BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Ann Barney, Selectperson


Rebecca Hartley, Selectperson



Charles Bozzello, Selectman

A true copy of the Warrant – Attest


Robert Letourneau, Chairman


Andy Fitch, Vice Chairman


Ann Barney, Selectperson


Rebecca Hartley, Selectperson


Charles Bozzello, Selectmen

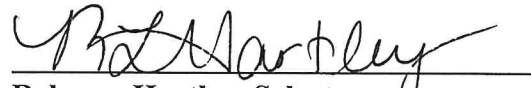
Town of Ashland 2024 Town Meeting Warrant

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 placing an attested copy of the within Warrant at the PLACE OF meeting within named and a like copy at the United States Post Office and the Town Office on the 26 day of January 2024


Robert Letourneau, Chairman


Andy Fitch, Vice Chairman


Ann Barney, Selectperson


Rebecca Hartley, Selectperson


Charles Bozzello, Selectman