

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2025 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 in the morning in the Ashland School Cafeteria, Education Drive, Ashland, New Hampshire, on February 1, 2025 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 11, 2025 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:

One (1) Member of the Board of Selectmen for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Moderator for a term of two (2) 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

ARTICLE 4 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(Underlined verbiage to be added and crossed out to be deleted)

4.1 **Waterfront Access** This provision provides guidelines for the development of backland with access to Little Squam Lake and the Squam and Pemigewasset Rivers so as to prevent overcrowding and to protect water quality. Backland refers to undeveloped land behind a developed property.

Rights to gain access to a water body through or by means of any land in the Town of Ashland shall not be created or attached to any real estate, except in accordance with the standards set forth below and subject to Planning Board approval. Any owner granting rights of use and access shall comply with the following standards:

4.1a The minimum area of any waterfront access lot shall be the greater of: [a] one acre or [b] 800 square feet per residential dwelling unit, individual recreational campsite, or individual lodging unit. The minimum depth of any waterfront access lot shall be one-half the frontage.

4.1b A waterfront access lot shall not have less than 200 linear feet of shore frontage for up to 10 residential dwelling units, individual campsites, or individual lodging units with granted rights of use or access. Each additional such unit of campsite shall require an additional 20 linear feet of shore frontage.

4.1c A parking area of 300 square feet adjacent to the waterfront access lot shall be provided for each dwelling unit, recreational campsite, or individual lodging unit located in excess of 1000 feet from the waterfront property to which it has granted access. The parking area shall not be closer than 100 feet to the reference line. The reference line is the edge of the water body at its full volume, from which setbacks, such as the limits of the protected shoreland, are determined. Parking shall be permitted only in the designated parking area.

4.1d One Two chemical, mechanical or flush toilet facility facilities shall be provided on the waterfront access lot for each 10 residential dwelling units, individual campsite or individual lodging unit, or fraction thereof.

4.2 **Lake and River Frontage.** The minimum shore frontage for a building lot located along Little Squam Lake or along the Squam and Pemigewasset Rivers shall be 200 feet

4.3 **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)**

4.3.1 Purpose and Intent: In accordance with NH RSA 674:71-73, the purpose of this ordinance is to expand the mix of affordable housing opportunities in town by permitting the creation of secondary dwelling residences as an accessory use to existing single-family detached dwellings while maintaining the visual and functional character of single-family residential neighborhoods for the following reasons:

4.3.1a There is a growing need for more diverse affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of New Hampshire.

4.3.1b Demographic trends are producing more households where adult children wish to give care and support to parents in a semi-independent living arrangement.

4.3.1c Elderly and disabled citizens are in need of independent living space for caregivers.

4.3.1d There are many important societal benefits, associated with the creation of accessory dwelling residences.

4.3.2 Definition. In accordance with NH RSA 674:71-73, this provision allows for the creation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as a subordinate residential living unit that is contained within or attached to a single-family detached dwelling or accessory building, on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons (but no more than two adults per ADU), including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. [Amended March 10, 2020].

Either the ADU or principal dwelling unit shall be the legal domicile and principal residence of the property owner. ADU units shall be listed with the town and the owner shall notify the town if they are no longer using this as a permanent legal residence or if the owner does not occupy either unit. Re-certification each year is to be held and inspected by the Building Office and the Fire Department.

The use of an ADU shall not be deemed to include such transient occupancies as hotels, motels, rooming houses or boarding houses. This limitation includes short-term rentals of dwelling units.

4.3.3 Minimum Lot Requirements. An ADU is permitted in any zone that permits a single-family dwelling, i.e., Village Residential or Rural Residential.

4.3.3a Only one (1) ADU shall be permitted on a lot that has an existing single-family dwelling and no other accessory dwelling.

4.3.3b There shall be no additional requirements for lot size, frontage, space limitations, or other controls beyond what would be required for a single-family dwelling without an accessory dwelling unit.

4.3.3c The ADU shall be subordinate and secondary to the principal dwelling.

4.3.3d The ADU shall comply with all the zoning regulations for a single-family detached dwelling including, but not limited to, setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage.

4.3.3e The construction of the ADU shall not increase the nonconforming aspect of any existing nonconforming lot.

4.3.3f Construction of the ADU shall meet all building code/life safety code guidance. The architecture and design of the ADU should reflect that of the primary residence.

4.3.3g ADUs shall not be allowed on lots with multiple single-family dwellings attached to each other, such as townhouses, or on lots with manufactured housing as defined in RSA 674:31.

4.3.3h There shall be no conveyance of an ADU separate from the principal dwelling unit by subdivision, nor shall the ADU have ownership separate from the lot on which the principal dwelling is located. The ADU structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.

4.3.4 Dimension Requirements. The ADU shall not be less than 750 square feet and shall not exceed 1,000 square feet in habitable floor area.

5. **Permitting.** ADUs shall be approved by either conditional use permit pursuant to RSA 674:21 or by special exception, in all zoning districts that permit single-family dwellings. The applicant for a permit to construct an accessory dwelling unit shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal for the accessory dwelling unit in accordance with RSA 485-A:38, but separate systems shall not be required for the principal and accessory dwelling units. In order to comply with this paragraph and prior to constructing an accessory dwelling unit, an application for approval for a sewage disposal system shall be submitted in accordance with RSA 485-A as applicable. The approved sewage disposal system shall be installed if the existing system has not received construction approval and approval to operate under current rules or predecessor rules, or the system fails or otherwise needs to be repaired or replaced.

4.3.6 Parking. An ADU shall be provided a minimum of two (2) off-street parking spaces, in addition to primary dwelling unit parking requirements.

4.3.7 Requirements

4.3.7a The ADU shall have no more than two bedrooms, nor shall it be occupied by more than two adults per ADU.

4.3.7b Adequate provisions shall be made for water supply and sewage disposal for the ADU in accordance with NH RSA 485-A:38 and regulations adopted by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Separate systems shall not be required for the principal and accessory dwelling units.

4.3.7c The ADU must have an independent means of ingress and egress, or shall have ingress and egress through a common space such as a shared hallway to an exterior door. The square footage of the shared hallway is included in the 1000 square footage maximum size.

4.3.7d An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling and the ADU. There is no requirement for said interior door to remain unlocked.

4.3.7e Any exterior stairway leading to the ADU shall be covered or enclosed.

4.3.7f The ADU must meet state requirements for Life Safety Codes and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

4.4 Mobile Homes

4.4a No mobile home shall be allowed within the Town of Ashland without a permit issued by the Building Inspector.

Mobile homes intended for use by one family shall be considered single family residences.

4.4b Mobile homes placed or replaced within the Pemigewasset Overlay District or in a designated flood plain must be installed upon a permanent foundation.

4.5 **Mobile Home Parks.** Mobile Home parks are not allowed in the Industrial-Commercial or Commercial Zone.

4.5a No mobile home park shall be constructed on less than 10 acres of land. No mobile home park shall be permitted within the Pemigewasset and Squam Overlay Districts. In all other zones, mobile home parks shall be permitted only by Special Exception.

4.5b A mobile home park not served by town sewerage and water shall conform to the regulations of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission.

4.5c A separate, clearly defined site shall be provided for each mobile home. The boundaries of these individual sites shall be clearly marked. Each site shall have a minimum area of 10,000 square feet in the Village Residential Zone, Commercial Zone and sewered portions, and a minimum area of 30,000 square feet in the Rural Residential Zone and unsewered portions of the Industrial-Commercial Zone.

4.5d Each mobile home site shall be provided with off-street parking of 400 square feet.

4.5e A usable area of no less than 1,000 square feet per mobile home site shall be set aside and maintained for joint use of all the occupants of the mobile home park.

4.5f Within the minimum 10 acres, but in addition to requirements stated in 4.4c and 4.5g A a 35-foot buffer strip shall be maintained along all boundaries and public roads. Within this space

a dense visual screen of suitable shrubs and trees 6 feet or more in height shall be provided. Such open space shall not be built upon, paved, nor used for parking.

4.5h. 4.5g All roadways shall be constructed and maintained by the mobile home park owner in conformance with Ashland road standards, unless adequate provision has been made for on-going maintenance and repair.

4.6 Recreational Camping Parks [Amended March 8, 2022]

4.6a A "Recreational Camping Park" is governed by NH RSA Chapter 216-I, whose terms are incorporated herein.

4.6b Within the Pemigewasset and Little Squam Overlay Districts, the following standards shall also apply:

4.6.b(1) The minimum area shall be 5 acres.

4.6.b (2) A 35-foot landscaped buffer strip shall be

maintained along all perimeters of the park, except that along the riverfront the buffer strip shall be 75 feet wide. Within this space, a dense visual screen of suitable shrubs and trees six feet or more in height shall be provided. Such open space shall not be built upon, paved, or used for parking.

4.6c Must comply with the Flood Hazard Overlay District, Article 2.2g.

4.7 **Home Occupation** A home occupation is any use that is customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling by the inhabitants thereof, and the use of a portion of a dwelling or portion of an accessory building must be clearly secondary and incidental to the said dwelling and subordinate to the primary use of the premises as a residence. It must not change the character of the building or the character of the neighborhood. [Amended March 10, 2020] There is no outward appearance of such an occupation with the exception of one permitted sign.

A home occupation shall not be interpreted to include dining facilities, lodging or transient housing, convalescent homes, mortuary establishments, garbage and waste hauling services, animal hospitals or kennels, or similar uses. A home occupation may include, but not be limited to, a licensed professional office, business office, arts and crafts, instruction services, agricultural, and other products.

4.7a A home occupation meeting the requirements listed below is permitted in any zone:

4.7a(1) The home occupation must be operated by residents of the property. No more than two (2) non-residents may be employed on this site. The operator of the home occupation shall reside at the residence whether he/she is the owner of the property or not and shall be engaged in the home occupation.

4.7a(2) No signage other than a permitted sign in a configuration not to exceed 360 square inches shall be placed only on the property.

4.7a(3) Storage of goods and materials is only allowed within the primary structure or accessory building. There shall be no exterior storage of equipment (including the parking of commercial vehicles).

4.7a(4) No traffic, other than that of employees, shall be caused by the home occupation between the hours of 8:00 pm and 7:00 am.

4.7a(5) The occupation shall not cause nuisance due to noise, radiation, radio interference, vibration, sound pressure, odors, dust, fumes, vapors, gasses, smoke or glare.

4.7a(6) No new separate entrance shall be created for the home occupation.

4.7a(7) No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the combined floor area of the occupied dwelling unit and accessory buildings shall be devoted to the home occupation.

4.7b There shall be no outside parking of vehicles defined in NH RSA 259:7, 259:11a, 259:59, 259:98, 259:109 and 259:116 as Bus, Combination Vehicle, Motor Truck, Semi-Trailer, Tractor-trailer, and Truck-tractor.

4.7c Approval for a home occupation shall be non-transferable to another property or operator without a new home occupation application. A home occupation approval shall automatically expire when the applicant is no longer the legal resident of the dwelling.

4.7d Any Home Occupation not meeting the requirements of 4.7a1 through 4.7a7, and 4.7b may be permitted by Special Exception. Applicants for Special Exception must meet the requirements of Sections 6.3.1 through 6.3.2c of the Zoning Ordinance.

4.8 Bed and Breakfast Bed and Breakfasts are allowed in Village Residential or Rural Residential Zones, subject to site plan approval. Bed and Breakfasts are allowed in all zones subject to site plan review and the following conditions:

4.8.1 Purpose The purpose of this Section is to preserve the existing housing stock and neighborhood character while providing efficient use of larger homes and providing flexibility to respond to changing household sizes and needs.

4.8.2 Definitions "Bed and breakfast" means a transient lodging facility that is a single-dwelling residence, occupied by the owner at the time of rental to a patron. The facility is regularly used and kept open as such in a bona fide manner for the feeding and lodging of transient guests. It shall have a dining area capable of accommodating the number of registered guests, whose posted room rates shall include breakfast only.

As this is considered a rental unit, the property owner must comply with State of New Hampshire RSA 153:10-a, as amended, relative to compliance with NFPA Life Safety Code and the Standard for Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment.

4.8.3 All Bed and Breakfasts shall be required to have all local and state permits, and a permit to operate issued by the Building Inspector before operation begins. Approval alone by the Planning Board does not constitute permission to operate.

4.8.4 Requirements A bed and breakfast shall be subject to the following requirements:

4.8.4a The maximum number of accommodation units shall be determined by the more restrictive of:

4.8.4a(1) Subtracting 750 sq feet from the total square footage of the building and dividing the result by 400 or,

4.8.4a(2) The total square footage of the lot divided by 1800.

4.8.4a(3) Exterior alterations other than signage (see below) should be in keeping with the character of the structure.

- The establishment is not primarily a restaurant. although the establishment may serve breakfast and snacks to its guests

4.8.5 Signage

4.8.5a For each bed and breakfast the main signage shall be no larger than 8 square feet and may be double sided, posts not included.

4.8.5b There shall be no neon or flashing signage.

4.8.5c A nameplate sign of 100 square inches to be mounted on the building.

4.8.5d Signs located on the property and intended to regulate or guide activities within the property, even though such signs may be incidentally visible from outside the property, are exempt from the sign permit. They shall not exceed six [6] square feet in size. [Amended March 13, 2018]

4.8.6 Parking

4.8.6a Minimum off-street parking shall to include [2] spaces for the owner/innkeeper and [1] space for each unit, [200 square feet minimum per space]

4.8.6b Guest spaces shall be set back a minimum of twenty feet from any property line and located to the side and rear of the building, and shall be screened from adjacent properties by a six-foot high wood or masonry fence or by sight-obscuring vegetation of the same height.

4.8.7 Lighting

4.8.7a All lighting shall be installed so as not to disturb the neighbors or the residential nature of the area.

4.8.7b No areas shall be floodlit.

4.8.7c All outdoor lighting shall be in compliance with the requirements of site plan regulations.

4.8.7d The total cutoff of all light shall occur within the property lines of the parcel to be developed.

4.8.8 The Bed and Breakfast shall not cause nuisance due to radiation, radio interference, vibration, sound pressure, odors, dust, fumes, vapors, gases, smoke, traffic or glare.

4.9 **Yard, Garage, Barn Sales and Auctions** Yard, Garage, Barn sales and Auctions are permitted in all districts without permit, but only after notification to the Town Office. No such sale or auction may run for more than 4 consecutive days.

4.9a Signage

4.9a(1) There are no sign permits required for yard, garage, barn sales and auctions, however, all signs must be removed with 24 hours of ending the sale. All signs must contain name, address and telephone number of the sale's host, as well as the date[s] of the sale.

4.9a(2) Signs are not permitted on utility poles, or within the public right-of-way. Failure to comply may result in a fine being levied of not more than \$275 a day from date of ordinance violation [RSA 676:17].

Article 4.10 is being moved in its entirety and renumbered as Article 2.2g under Article 2, Zones and Regulations.

ARTICLE 3 TOWN BUDGET

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$8.73

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 \$3,971,419? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,712,386 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 5-1

ARTICLE 4 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 \$3,508,859? Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$3,442,224 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 5-1

ARTICLE 5 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 \$403,578? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$349,423 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 6-0

ARTICLE 6 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 \$877,838? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$849,537 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 6-0

ARTICLE 7 CLASS V PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to accept as a Class V Public Highway known as Industrial Drive from United States Route 3 to its end as laid out by the Planning Board as a right of way easement until accepted as a public way by the Town of Ashland. Said road to run from United States Route 3 a distance of 201.05 feet being 50 feet in width, recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. If such public highway is accepted by the Town under this warrant article the developers of the Mill Pond development will return to the Town all right to easements and other legal usages of the land owned by the Town of Ashland and utilized as its Park and Recreation property abutting United States Route 3. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 8 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 5-1

ARTICLE 9 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.16

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 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 10 POLICE DEPARTMENT

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND POLICE STATION

NO TAX IMPACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Station Capital Reserve Fund established in 2024 for the purpose of purchasing or constructing a Police Station. Said funds to come from an anonymous donation of which funds are being held in the general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

ARTICLE 11 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.07

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 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 12 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.07

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 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 6-0

ARTICLE 13 ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.33

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 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 6-0

ARTICLE 14 BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR 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 deposited into the Building Maintenance and Repair 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 6-0

ARTICLE 15 LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.05

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into 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 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

ARTICLE 16 POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIOS

NO TAX IMPACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate \$29,046 for the purpose of purchasing new radios for the Police Department? Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$10,000 and the remaining \$19,046 to come from grant funds that have been received.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

ARTICLE 17 PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING FUND

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to establish a Parks & Recreation Revolving Fund in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:95-h (c) into which will be deposited fees collected from the rental of the Town of Ashland's Edward N. Doggett campground, not to exceed 12% of the total fees collected? 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 purposes of maintenance of all facilities under the Parks and Recreation Department. 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 3-0-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-1

ARTICLE 18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Ashland Economic Development Committee to research potential improvements to the Ashland Town Beach? Our goal is to gather information, review permitting requirements, search for potential grants, seek community input, and develop a comprehensive plan that would enhance the recreational value and overall appeal of the beach area. This authorization will not require any expenditure of town funds.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1

ARTICLE 19 KEARSARGE SOLAR LLC

Shall the Town lease a portion of its land on Collins St (parcel 05010-003-002-004) and on Cedar Lane (parcel 05010-004-001-003) to Kearsarge Solar LLC for a term of 20 years, with an option to renew for four additional 5-year periods, with exclusive rights to lease such portion, and right to occupy and obtain rights necessary on the property required to

develop, design, engineer, construct, install, own, operate and maintain a solar photovoltaic generating facility, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 20 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.03

We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2025 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 107 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 14 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$100,431.07.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 21 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 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 22 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 23

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) non-profit organization based in Plymouth, NH. This funding will support our efforts to continue providing free transportation to qualified individuals who lack other means of getting to medical appointments or seeking medical treatment.

A qualified individual is defined as someone over 60 years old, a person with a disability, or a veteran who does not have access to alternative transportation services. Since its inception in 2013, Transport Central has been serving Ashland and the other towns within our 19-town catchment area. Over the past decade, we have facilitated more than 31,000 rides, with our volunteer drivers covering over 1.5 million miles to assist citizens in need.

In addition to transportation, Transport Central offers mobility management services. We assist elderly and disabled clients with a range of transportation-related issues, including rescheduling appointments, finding alternative transportation options, and navigating hospital and agency services more effectively.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 24

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.44

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Police Department Police Station Capital Reserve Fund established in 2024 for the purpose of purchasing or constructing a Police Station?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 25

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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-1

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to dissolve the Budget Committee?


Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

Town of Ashland 2025 Town Meeting Warrant

**Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of January, in the Year of our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty Five.**

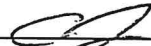


Andy Fitch, Chairman



Ann-Marie Barney, Vice Chairman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Chris Janosa, Selectperson

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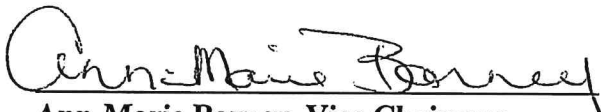


Charles Bozzello, Selectperson

A true copy of the Warrant – Attest



Andy Fitch, Chairman



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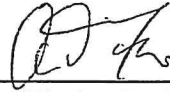
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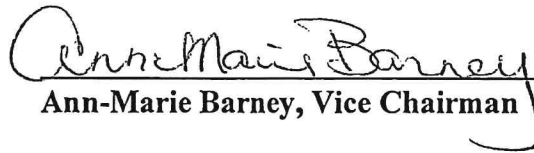
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We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants, within names, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named, by placing an attested copy of the within Warrant at the PLACE OF meeting within named and a like copy at the United States Post Office and the Town Office on the 24th day of January 2024



Andy Fitch, Chairman

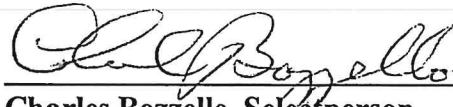


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