



TOWN OF ASHLAND

2024 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2024

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
20 Highland Street – P.O. Box 517 – Ashland, NH, 03217

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INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 1,964

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

LAT 43.695°N LON 71.631°W

ELEVATION 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY - FAIRPOINT

CABLE - SPECTRUM

TOWN OFFICE - 20 HIGHLAND STREET

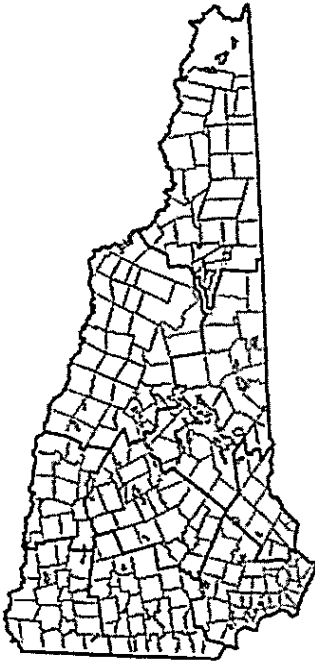
HOURS – MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM TO 4PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS- TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN MANAGER	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
DOGS LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
DOGS - AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P&R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-9032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
ELECTRIC SERVICE	UTILITY OFFICE	968-3083
WATER & SEWER	UTILITY OFFICE	968-3083
WATER & SEWER	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193

ASHLAND ECONOMIC PROFILE



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Office: Monday to Friday, 8-4; Town
Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Thursday, 8-4
(lunch 12:30-1), Friday, 7:30-11:30

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Grafton County
Plymouth, NH LMA
Lakes Region
Lakes Region Planning Commission
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 2
Grafton County District 8

Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 351 over 50 years, from 1,599 in 1970 to 1,950 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by six percent from 2010 to 2020.

Population Density and Land Area: 2023 (US Census Bureau): 173.8 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Municipal Services			Population(1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)		
Type of Government	Selectmen		Total Population	Community	County
Budget:Municipal Appropriations,2020	\$7,930,071		2023	1,964	93,146
Budget:School Appropriations,2020-2021	\$3,889,292		2020	1,950	91,118
Zoning Ordinance	1985/23		2010	2,083	89,118
Master Plan	2014		2000	1,947	81,743
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		1990	1,917	74,929
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		1980	1,807	65,806
Boards and Commissions			Demographics American Community Survey (ACS 2018-2022)		
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Trustees		Population by Gender		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		Male	1,116	Female 1,123
Public Library Ashland Town			Population by Age Group		
			Under Age 5		205
			Age 5 to 19		433
			Age 20 to 34		535
			Age 35 to 54		345
			Age 55 to 64		243
			Age 65 and over		478
			Median Age		32.3 years
Emergency Services			Educational Attainment, population age 25 or older		1,482
Police Department	Full-time		High school graduation or higher		91.0%
Fire Department	On-Call		Bachelor's degree or higher		26.2%
Emergency Medical Service	On-Call				
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds			
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	7 miles	25			
Utilities			Income, Inflation Adjusted \$ (ACS 2018-2022)		
Electric Supplier	Ashland Electric		Per Capita Income		\$29,655
Natural Gas Supplier	None		Median Family Income		\$73,977
Water Supplier	Ashland Water Department		Median Household Income		\$53,367
Sanitation	Municipal		Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		Male		\$45,213
Solid Waste Disposal	None		Female		\$41,148
Curbside Trash Pickup	No		Individuals below poverty level		24.7%
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No				
Recycling Program	Mandatory				
Telephone Company	BayRing; Consolidated		Labor Force (NHES - ELMI)		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		Annual Average	2013	2023
Cable Television Access	Yes		Civilian Labor Force	1,147	1,163
Public Access Television Station	Yes		Employed	1,089	1,141
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes		Unemployed	58	22
High Speed Internet Service: Resident	Yes		Unemployment rate	5.1%	1.9%
Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			Employment & Wages (NHES-ELMI)		
2023 Total Tax Rate	\$17.30		Annual Average Covered Employment	2013	2023
2023 Equalization Ratio	97.5		Good-Producing Industries		
2023 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.78		Average Employment	254	172
			Average Weekly Wage	\$722	\$1,098
2023 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			Service-Providing Industries		
Residential Land and Buildings	82.4%		Average Employment	475	594
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.1%		Average Weekly Wage	\$605	\$977
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.6%		Total Private		
			Average Employment	728	765
			Average Weekly Wage	\$646	\$1,004
Housing (ACS 2018-2022)			Government(Federal, State, Local)		
Total Housing Units	1,337		Average Employment	95	97
Single-Family Units,Detached or Attached	725		Average Weekly Wage	\$624	\$886
Units In Multiple-Family Structures:			Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Two to Four Units in Structure	223		Average Employment	824	862
Five or More Units in Structure	288		Average Weekly Wage	\$643	\$991
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	101				

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

Education and Child Care

NH Department of Education, 2023

Schools Students Attend: **Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)**District: **SAU 2; 48**Career Technology Center: **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities(Includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	—	—	—
Grade Levels	K 1-8	—	—	—
Total Enrollment	149	—	—	—

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**Nearest College or Universities: **Plymouth State University**2023 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Capacity: **0**

Largest Businesses	Product/Service	Employees	Established
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***Transportation** (distance estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes:	3
State Routes:	132, 175
Nearest Interstate/Exit:	I-93, Exit 24
Distance:	Local access

Railroad	No
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Plymouth Regional	Runway 2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport With Scheduled Service

Lebanon Municipal	Distance 52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	1

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, New Hampshire	54 miles
Portland, Maine	89 miles
Boston, Massachusetts	106 miles
New York City, New York	302 miles
Montreal, Quebec, Canada	217 miles

Commuting To Work

(ACS 2018-2022)

Workers 16 years of age and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van:	72.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van:	14.8%
Used Public Transportation:	0.0%
Walked:	4.9%
Traveled by other means:	0.0%
Worked at home:	7.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work:	25.5 minutes

Work in community of residence:	58.7%
Commute to other NH community:	40.4%
Commute out-of-state:	0.9%

Recreation, Attractions, Events

X Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
X Golf Courses
Swimming: INDOOR FACILITY
Swimming: OUTDOOR FACILITY
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Bowling Facilities
X Museums
Cinemas
Performing Arts Facilities
X Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (ie Scouts and 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Areas
X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Areas: **Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains**Other: **Little Squam Lake**Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, June 2024. Community Response Received **7/13/2023**

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

WE REMEMBER

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
Times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
Grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done

-Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year....

Corey Lee Goodwin
Gary Lee Sharrow
Timothy Aaron Cross
Roy Wayne Mardin
Lee Van Nichols
Jerrold Clement Griffin
Renee L Chenez
Kay Crowley Mudgett
Esther H O'Mara
David Bryan Tivey
Eleanor M Rollins
Nancy Jane J Duncan
Kenneth David Vachon
Wayne Lee Sharpe
Linda Adrel Havlock
Steven John Glennie
Gayle Patricia Clogston

DEDICATION

The 2024 Town Report is dedicated to the
Ashland Garden Club



We Have a Little Garden

By Beatrice Potter

*We Have a little garden
A garden of our own
And every day we water there
The seeds that we have sown*

*We love our little gardens
And tend them with such care
You will not find a faded leaf
Or a blighted blossom there*

Many comments are made each year about the wonderful gardens that the Ashland Garden Club tends to within our community. Their hard work is appreciated by enjoyed by all.

Thank you for all that you do

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20, 2025	Civil Rights Day
Monday, February 17, 2025	Presidents Day
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day
Monday, October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS & BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board of Selectmen

Andy Fitch [2027] *Chair*
Ann-Marie Barney [2026] *Vice Chair*
Charles Bozello [2026]
Meghan Semiao [2027]
Chris Janosa [2025]

Selectmen's Office

Town Manager - Frederick Welch
Finance Director - Marissah Gallien
Finance Assistant - Luann McAndrews
Building Inspector - Tom Newcomb
Health Officer - Kendall Hughes
Welfare Officer - Michael Bernier
Animal Control Officer - Ashland PD

Town Treasurer

Linda Guyotte [2026]
Deputy Treasurer - Anne Abear

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Amanda Loud [2026] *Chair*
Walter Durack [2025] *Secretary*
Lisa Rollins [2027]

Library Trustees

Alice Staples [2025] *Chair*
Mardean Badger [2027] *Secretary*
David Ruell [2026] *Treasurer*
Alternate - Fran Newton [2024]

Emergency Management

Chief Stephen Heath

Housing Standards Board

Chief Stephen Heath *Vice Chair*
Health Officer - Kendall Hughes *Chair*
Lisa Rollins

Cemetery Trustees

Jennie Angell [2025]
Linda Barnes [2026]
Michelle Roloff [2027]

Memorial Park Trustees

Mark Liebert
Liz Stephens
Sephen Jaquith

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Rebecca Hartley [2027]
Deputy - Luann McAndrews

Town Moderator

Glenn Dion
Jane Sawyer - Appointed August, 2024

Supervisors of the Checklist

Beverly Ober [2030]
Therese C.D. Linden [2026]
Patricia Bickford [2028]

Budget Committee

Kendall Hughes [2027] *Chair*
David Ruell [2025] *Vice Chair*
Michelle Roloff [2027] *Secretary*
Jamie Lyford [2026]
David Unangst [2025]
Select Board Representative - Andy Fitch
School Board Representative - Sandra Coleman
School Board Alternate - Jesse Farris

Planning Board

Kendall Hughes [2026] *Chair*
Patricia Farris [2027] *Vice Chair*
Mardean Badger [2027] *Regular Member*
Paula Hancock [2026] *Regular Member*
Chris Janosa, *Select Board Representative*
Andy Fitch, *Select Board Alternate*
Bethany Franz, [2027] *Alternate Member*
Linda Barnes [2027] *Alternate Member*
Donna Locurto [2026] *Alternate Member*
Jane Sawyer, *Land Use Assistant*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Charles Bozzello [2027] *Chair*
Tim Peters [2026] *Vice Chair*
Samantha Leahy [2025] *Regular Member*
Mardean Badger, *Liaison from the Planning Board*
Michael Myshrall [2026] *Regular Member*
Meghan Semiao, *Alternate Member*

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS & BOARD APPOINTMENTS

4th of July Committee

Kendall Hughes, *Chair*
Asa Ammarin, *Vice Chair*
Deb Perdue, *Treasurer*
Tricia Farris, *Secretary*
Tim Alexander
Charles Bozzello

Heritage Commission

Kendall Hughes [2024] *Chair*
Susan Harville [2021] *Vice Chair*
John Harville [2023] *Treasurer*
David Ruell [2022] *Secretary*
Ann Barney - Select Board Representative

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste

Craig Moore - DPW Director
Shelly Thompson

LRPC - Transportation Advisory

Charles Bozzello - Selectboard Representative
Craig Moore - DPW Director

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Vacant

Economic Development Committee

Peter Ott, *Chair*
Sean Collins, *Vice Chair*
Jennie Angell, *Secretary*
Charles Bozzello - *Ex-Officio Board of Selectmen*
Bonnie Bethune
Jana Flores-Jon
Benoit Lamontagne

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Fire Department

Chief Stephen Heath
Deputy Chief - Robert Bousquet
Brandyn Bassett
Dalton Brown
Brittany Durack
Walter Durack
Chris Harris
Captain - Aaron Heath
Lt. Kendall Hughes
Samantha Kernen
Samantha Leahy
Lt. Gregory Paquette
Eric Potter
Paul Rossi
Brian Tobine
Daniel Uhlman

Public Works Department

Craig Moore - Director
Justin Bernier - Assistant Director
George Chase
Daniel Thompson
James Tyrrell - Town Mechanic

Transfer Station Attendants

Shelly Thompson
Henry Shinn

Police Department

Chief William Ulwick
Lt. Derek Gray
Sgt. John Moretto
Officer Mason Dalphonse
Officer Madeline Kabasakalian
Officer Nicholas Shannahan
Officer Donald Marren (Part-time)

Utility Office

Kelly Wang - Utility Director
Terry Myshrall - Utility Finance Assistant

Water and Sewer Department

Andrew Benton - Superintendent
Derick Brown - Assistant Superintendent

Electric Department

Harry Gallien - Electric Superintendent
Shane Pelletier - Foreman
Noah Eldridge, Apprentice Lineman
Paul Granger - First Class Lineman
Dale Weeks - First Class Lineman
Garrett Graton - Lineman (Part-Time)

Parks and Recreation

Ann Barney - Director

STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Governor

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United States Senator

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NH Office Location
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District 8

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District 8

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Concord Office
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Congressman

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2024 ELECTIONS



RETURN OF VOTES
ASHLAND — DEMOCRATIC
NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
JANUARY 23, 2024

DK Sander
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS

Indicate the number of votes received by each candidate on **DEMOCRATIC** ballots next to their name. Record all write-in votes on the WRITE-IN Return of Votes form (Page 2). If candidates printed on the **DEMOCRATIC** ballot receive write-in votes on the Democratic ballot, add that number of votes to the Votes Write-In column on this Return of Votes.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES	Votes Name on Ballot	Votes Write-In	Total Votes
Dean Phillips	54		54
Donald Picard	2		2
Paperboy Love Prince	0		0
Richard Rist	0		0
Vermin Supreme	1		1
John Vail	0		0
Marianne Williamson	5		5
President R. Boddie	0		0
Terrisa Bukovinac	0		0
Eban Cambridge	0		0
Gabriel Cornejo	0		0
Mark Stewart Greenstein	0		0
Tom Koos	0		0
Paul V. LaCava	0		0
Star Locke	0		0
Frankie Lozada	0		0
Stephen P. Lyons	0		0
Raymond Michael Moroz	0		0
Derek Nadeau	1		1
Jason Michael Palmer	0		0
Mando Perez-Serrato	1		1
Total Write-Ins from Page 2			126
Total Undervotes			0
Total Overvotes			0
SUM OF ALL VOTES Add the entire Total Votes column.			190

DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST

Regular Democratic Ballots Cast

181

+

Absentee Democratic Ballots Cast

9

=

Total Number of
Democratic Ballots Cast

190

Total Number of Democratic
Overvoted Ballots Cast

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify
that the information provided in this
Return of Votes is true and complete to
the best of my information, knowledge,
and belief:

Patricia Turner

Signature of Town/City Clerk

One Copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT
to the Secretary of State.

WRITE-IN Return of Votes on DEMOCRATIC Ballots

INSTRUCTIONS

Record write-in votes only - from DEMOCRATIC ballots only. Town/ward clerk must total and sign form. Return on ELECTION NIGHT to Secretary of State. Do not use hash marks in totals. If candidates printed on the DEMOCRATIC ballot receive write-in votes on the Democratic ballot, add that number of votes to the Votes Write-in column for that candidate on Page 1, not Page 2, of this Return of Votes. Names have been preprinted here for ease of recording write-in votes for candidates who appear on the other party's ballot. Use additional sheets if necessary.

WRITE-IN Vote	Number of Write-In Votes	WRITE-IN Vote	Number of Write-In Votes
Scott Alan Ayers		WRITE-IN Peter Buttigieg	1
Ryan L. Binkley		WRITE-IN	
Doug Burgum		WRITE-IN	
Robert S. Carney, Jr.		WRITE-IN	
John Anthony Castro		WRITE-IN	
Chris Christie		WRITE-IN	
Ron DeSantis		WRITE-IN	
Nikki Haley	5	WRITE-IN	
Asa Hutchinson		WRITE-IN	
Peter Jedick		WRITE-IN	
Perry Johnson		WRITE-IN	
Donald Kjornes		WRITE-IN	
Mary Maxwell		WRITE-IN	
Glenn J. McPeters		WRITE-IN	
Scott Peterson Merrell		WRITE-IN	
Darius L. Mitchell		WRITE-IN	
Mike Pence		WRITE-IN	
Vivek Ramaswamy		WRITE-IN	
Tim Scott		WRITE-IN	
Hirsh V. Singh		WRITE-IN	
Samuel Howard Sloan		WRITE-IN	
David Stuckenberg		WRITE-IN	
Rachel Swift		WRITE-IN	
Donald J. Trump	7	WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN Joe Biden	113	WRITE-IN	

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES <u>Be sure to add both columns.</u> Also record this number on Page 1 of this Return of Votes where indicated.	126
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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the information provided in this Return of Votes is true and complete to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief:

Ashland
Town/City Ward


Signature of Town/City Clerk

One Copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.



RETURN OF VOTES
ASHLAND — REPUBLICAN
NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
JANUARY 23, 2024

DM Sander
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS

Indicate the number of votes received by each candidate on **REPUBLICAN** ballots next to their name. Record all write-in votes on the WRITE-IN Return of Votes form (Page 2). If candidates printed on the **REPUBLICAN** ballot receive write-in votes on the Republican ballot, add that number of votes to the Votes Write-In column on this Return of Votes.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES	Votes Name on Ballot	Votes Write-In	Total Votes
Mary Maxwell	0		0
Glenn J. McPeters	0		0
Scott Peterson Merrell	0		0
Darius L. Mitchell	0		0
Mike Pence	0		0
Vivek Ramaswamy	2		2
Tim Scott	1		1
Hirsh V. Singh	0		0
Samuel Howard Sloan	0		0
David Stuckenberg	0		0
Rachel Swift	0		0
Donald J. Trump	275		275
Scott Alan Ayers	0		0
Ryan L. Binkley	0		0
Doug Burgum	0		0
Robert S. Carney, Jr.	0		0
John Anthony Castro	0		0
Chris Christie	2		2
Ron DeSantis	6		6
Nikki Haley	199		199
Asa Hutchinson	2		2
Peter Jedick	0		0
Perry Johnson	0		0
Donald Kjornes	0		0
Total Write-Ins from Page 2			4
Total Undervotes			
Total Overvotes			
SUM OF ALL VOTES Add the entire Total Votes column.			491

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST

Regular Republican Ballots Cast

470

+

Absentee Republican Ballots Cast

21

=

Total Number of
Republican Ballots Cast

491

Total Number of Republican
Overvoted Ballots Cast

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify
that the information provided in this
Return of Votes is true and complete to
the best of my information, knowledge,
and belief:

Quinnia Turner

Signature of Town/City Clerk

One Copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT
to the Secretary of State.

WRITE-IN Return of Votes on REPUBLICAN Ballots

INSTRUCTIONS

Record write-in votes only - **from REPUBLICAN ballots only**. Town/ward clerk must total and sign form. Return on ELECTION NIGHT to Secretary of State. Do not use hash marks in totals. If candidates printed on the **REPUBLICAN** ballot receive write-in votes on the Republican ballot, add that number of votes to the Votes Write-In column for that candidate on Page 1, not Page 2, of this Return of Votes. Names have been preprinted here for ease of recording write-in votes for candidates who appear on the other party's ballot. Use additional sheets if necessary.

WRITE-IN Vote	Number of Write-In Votes	WRITE-IN Vote	Number of Write-In Votes
President R. Boddie		WRITE-IN	
Terrisa Bukovinac		WRITE-IN	
Eban Cambridge		WRITE-IN	
Gabriel Cornejo		WRITE-IN	
Mark Stewart Greenstein		WRITE-IN	
Tom Koos		WRITE-IN	
Paul V. LaCava		WRITE-IN	
Star Locke		WRITE-IN	
Frankie Lozada		WRITE-IN	
Stephen P. Lyons		WRITE-IN	
Raymond Michael Moroz		WRITE-IN	
Derek Nadeau		WRITE-IN	
Jason Michael Palmer		WRITE-IN	
Mando Perez-Serrato		WRITE-IN	
Dean Phillips		WRITE-IN	
Donald Picard		WRITE-IN	
Paperboy Love Prince		WRITE-IN	
Richard Rist		WRITE-IN	
Vermin Supreme		WRITE-IN	
John Vail		WRITE-IN	
Marianne Williamson		WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN Joe Manchin	2	WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN Joe Biden	1	WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN Jesus Christ	1	WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN		WRITE-IN	

<p align="center">TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES</p> <p><u>Be sure to add both columns.</u> Also record this number on Page 1 of this Return of Votes where indicated.</p>	4
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<p><u>Ashland</u></p> <p>Town/City</p>	<p><u>—</u></p> <p>Ward</p>	<p><u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Signature of Town/City Clerk</p>
<p>One Copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.</p>		




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ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

BALLOT 1 OF 4

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

three-year term vote for not more than two

JENNIE ANGELL | 180 ☐

ANDREW FITCH | 182 ☐

MEGHAN SEMIAO | 220 ☐

OWEN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

MODERATOR

two-year term vote for not more than one

☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK/
TAX COLLECTOR

three-year term vote for not more than one

REBECCA HARTLEY 305 ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST

six-year term vote for not more than one

BEVERLY OBER | 235 ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUNDS

three-year term vote for not more than one

LISA ROLLINS | 290 ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF LIBRARY
TRUSTEES

three-year term vote for not more than one

MARDEAN BADGER ☐

1 391 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

three-year term vote for not more than two

KENDALL B. HUGHES 250 ☐

MICHELLE M. ROLOFF | 218 ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one

MICHELLE M. ROLOFF | ☐

298 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1

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? 1

YES 319 ☐

NO 80 ☐

ARTICLE 5. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1

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? 1

YES 260 ☐

NO 142 ☐

ARTICLE 6. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1

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? 1

248 YES ☐

149 NO ☐

ARTICLE 7. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1

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? 1

340 YES ☐

65 NO ☐

ARTICLE 8. BUILDING REGULATIONS 11

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? 11

296 YES ☐

101 NO ☐

ARTICLE 9. BUILDING REGULATIONS 11

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? 11

292 YES ☐

111 NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED	
<p>ARTICLE 10. BUILDING REGULATIONS 11 303</p> <p>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. 81</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 11. BUILDING REGULATIONS 11 298</p> <p>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. 84</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 12. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1 272</p> <p>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? 104</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 13. BUILDING REGULATIONS 1 263</p> <p>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? 94</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 14. ISSUANCE OF \$6.2M BOND FOR THOMPSON ST, HIGH ST, SMITH HILL RD, AND WINONA RD - NO TAX IMPACT</p> <p>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)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11 316</p>	
<p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0</p> <p>Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1</p>	
<p>ARTICLE 15. WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY NO TAX IMPACT REVENUE BOND</p> <p>Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 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.</p> <p>\$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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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, and include all revenues associated with the operation of the proposed facility including tipping fees, 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">136</p>	
<p>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1</p> <p>Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING</p>	



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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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

304
YES ☐
NO ☐
100

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

210
YES ☐
NO ☐
189

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

281
YES ☐
NO ☐
126

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

289
YES ☐
NO ☐
119

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

291
YES ☐
NO ☐
116

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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)

288

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

109

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)

312

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

88

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 placed in such fund, and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

264

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

135

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)

292

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

108

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)

283

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

112

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)

284

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

112

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)

232

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

164

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)

262

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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YES ☐
NO ☐
90

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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

276

YES ☐

NO ☐

114

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

BALLOT 4 OF 4

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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)

111 331
YES ☐
NO ☐
75

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.

111 338
YES ☐
NO ☐
66

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)

11 334
YES ☐
NO ☐
71

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)

111 351
YES ☐
NO ☐
53

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1
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.

11 324
YES ☐
NO ☐
80

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 36. BY PETITION ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01

111

333

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)

YES ☐

NO ☐

70

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**

11

184

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)

YES ☐

NO ☐

1

217

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

1

257

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)

YES ☐

NO ☐

11

145

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-1

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



TAPE NUMBER

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ASHLAND SCHOOL ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

PJ
Patricia Tucker
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three (3) years ☐ Vote for not more than One

STEPHEN HEATH 337 ☐

11 ☐

(Write-in)

TREASURER

Three (3) years ☐ Vote for not more than One

☐

(Write-in)

DISTRICT CLERK

Three (3) years ☐ Vote for not more than One

☐

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

One (1) year ☐ Vote for not more than One

☐

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the Ashland School District set the salaries of district officers for the coming year as follows?

Moderator	\$50.00	<i>YES 11</i>
District Clerk	\$12.00/hour	
School Board Chairman	\$500.00	
School Board Members (4) each	\$400.00	
District Treasurer	\$800.00	

333

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed. The Ashland School Board recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

54

Article 3.

Shall the Ashland School District 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 or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,505,844. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,462,548, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Ashland School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This article excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Ashland Budget Committee recommends the appropriation of \$4,505,844 by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed. The Ashland School Board recommends the appropriation of \$4,505,844 by a vote of 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

YES 11

284
111



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

PJ

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒

QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 2 ZONING ORDINANCE

Y 11

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."*

333

YES ☐

NO ☐

75

ARTICLE 3 ZONING ORDINANCE

Y 11

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?

320

YES ☐

NO ☐

79

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

Lynn Davis
Pemi-Baker Regional School District Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM ASHLAND**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

PAUL PIZZANO 294 ☐

THH HHH I ☐

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM HOLDERNESS**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

PHILLIP MCCORMACK ☐

THH HHH 265 ☐

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM THORNTON**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

TONY TORINO 240 ☐

THH HHH ☐

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM CAMPTON**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

CAROLYN VARIN 11 108 ☐

SHEILA DONAHUE HHH 122 ☐

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM PLYMOUTH**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

BARBARA NOYES 258 ☐

THH HHH ☐

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

(2-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

QUENTIN BLAINE 264 ☐

THH HHH ☐

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 01 Negotiate and Execute Tuition Contracts

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 02 School Board Contingency Fund

To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year, and, further to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

2024 STATE PRIMARY

September 10, 2024

The polls were declared open by Moderator Jane Sawyer at 8:00am and she announced that they would not close before 7:00pm. The absentee ballots would be opened and cast starting at 1:00pm, according to the Moderator.

Election Officials

Moderator: Jane Sawyer

Town Clerk: Rebecca Hartley

Deputy Town Clerk: Luann McAndrews

Supervisors of the Checklist: Beverly Ober, Patti Bickford, and Terri Linden

Assistant Supervisors of the Checklist: Arlene Ober and Cynthia Jenkins

Ballot Clerks: Sarah Ballou, Jim Black, Linda Guyotte, John Harville, Sue Harville, Paul Hicks, Debby Jorgensen, Robert Letourneau, Linda Pack, Lisa Rollins, David Ruell, and Kathi Sheer

Board of Selectmen: Andy Fitch, Ann-Marie Barney, Charles Bozzello, and Christopher Janosa

The polls closed at 7:00pm

Statistics

Number of Registered Voters at the Start of the Day: 1356

Same Day Voter Registration: 15

Number of Voters who declared a party: 151

Number of Voters who returned to undeclared: 139

Total of Registered Voters at the end of the day:

Republican: 365

Democrat: 395

Undeclared: 611

Total: 1371

Votes Cast:

Republican: 221

Democrat: 220

Total: 441

32% Voted

INSTRUCTIONS:

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
RETURN OF VOTES
ASHLAND
REPUBLICAN
STATE PRIMARY
ELECTION
September 10, 2024**

Vote September 10, 2024

A true copy attest:

[Signature]
Signature of Town/City Clerk

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ELECTION NIGHT
to the Secretary of State

<p style="text-align: center;">For Governor Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Chuck Morse <u>57</u></p> <p>Frank Negus Staples <u>1</u></p> <p>Kelly Ayotte <u>154</u></p> <p>Shaun Fife <u>5</u></p> <p>Robert Wayne McClory <u>0</u></p> <p>Richard A. McMenamon II <u>1</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>1</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Mary Rose Deak <u>75</u></p> <p>Kim Strathdee <u>87</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>57</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For State Senator Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Timothy Lang <u>181</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>37</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For State Representatives Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected</p> <p>Timothy F. Sweetsir <u>173</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>477</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Todd Matthew Eck <u>173</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>44</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Undervotes <u>213</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Brian Dear <u>168</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>50</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Daniel F. Werman <u>167</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>52</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Undervotes <u>211</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Omer C. Ahern, Jr. <u>185</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>32</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Delegates to the State Convention Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected</p> <p>Micah D. Mickelboro <u>168</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>484</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Jay Mercer <u>10</u></p> <p>Jason Riddle <u>3</u></p> <p>Lily Tang Williams <u>69</u></p> <p>Paul M. Wagner <u>11</u></p> <p>Tom Alciere <u>2</u></p> <p>Gerard Beloin <u>2</u></p> <p>Michael Anthony Callis <u>4</u></p> <p>Randall Clark <u>6</u></p> <p>Casey Crane <u>7</u></p> <p>Robert D'Arcy <u>3</u></p> <p>Bill Hamlen <u>38</u></p> <p>William Harvey <u>4</u></p> <p>Vikram Mansharamani <u>42</u></p> <p>Undervotes <u>17</u> Overvotes <u>0</u></p>		

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST

Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters 213

Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by all ABSENTEE voters 8

Grand Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above) 221

Number of Federal Office Only ballots cast 0

2024 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION - September 10, 2024
REPUBLICAN - WRITE IN VOTES

The following persons received WRITE-IN votes on REPUBLICAN ballots for the following Offices:

Record write-in votes only - from REPUBLICAN ballots only. Please indicate names of all write-ins (regardless of whether they are known to you) and the number of votes received by each in the appropriate space. Use additional sheets if necessary. The moderator shall determine the number of votes for each person and the clerk must verify the accuracy of the number entered for "Total write-in votes" reported for each race on the write-in Return of Votes and sign the form. Return on ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State. If candidates printed on the REPUBLICAN ballot receive write-in votes on the Republican ballot, add votes by write-in to the total votes by marked oval, located beside where that candidate's name is pre-printed on the first page of the Return of Votes. Do not include them on this page.

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For GOVERNOR

Joyce Craig 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 2

For REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Chris Bright 2
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 3

For EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Joe Kenney 1
None of the Above 1

For STATE SENATOR

Bob Guida 1
Blank 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 5

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Kendall Hughes 5
Blank 1
Michah D Michelbora 1
Peter Lovett 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 9

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Floterial District if applicable

Tou/sant's 1
Eric James 3
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 5

For DELEGATE TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Omer Ahern 1
Blank 1
Kyle Mirabrie 1
Kendall Hughes 1
Donald Duck 1
Bob hetpurney 2
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 8

For DELEGATE TO THE STATE CONVENTION

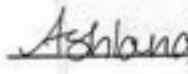
Floterial District if applicable

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

TURN OVER TO RECORD WRITE-IN
VOTES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS >

A true copy attest:


Signature of Town/City Clerk


Town/City (Ward)

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REPUBLICAN Write-In Votes Continued

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For SHERIFF

Tou Santis 1
Eric James 3
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 5

For COUNTY ATTORNEY

Blank 1
Marcie Horitz 2
Declan Brocher 1
Jane Sawyer 1
Blank 3
Luke Glavey 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 10

For COUNTY TREASURER

Blank 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 2

For REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blank 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 1

For REGISTER OF PROBATE

Declan Desroches 1
Blank 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 2

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Indicate appropriate district number)

Blank 1
Katie Hedberg 1
Michah Mickelbros 1
None of the Above 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES: 4

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Indicate appropriate district number)

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
RETURN OF VOTES
**ASHLAND
DEMOCRATIC**

STATE PRIMARY
ELECTION

September 10, 2024

Vote September 10, 2024

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For Governor Vote for not more than 1 Joyce Craig 97 Jon Kiper 19 Cinde Warmington 98 Undervotes 3 Overvotes 0	For State Representatives Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected Bill Bolton 147 Sallie Fellows 158 Peter Lovett 163 Undervotes 185 Overvotes 0	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1 Jason Neenos 29 Michael J. Cryans 66 Corinne Morse 92 Undervotes 31 Overvotes 0
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1 Colin Van Ostern 62 Maggie Goodlander 149 Undervotes 9 Overvotes 0	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1 Eric James 70 Jillian E. Myers 77 Michael W. Tamulonis 44 Undervotes 25 Overvotes 0	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1 Terri L. Grimes 78 Kelley Jean Monahan 107 Undervotes 33 Overvotes 0
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1 Karen Liot Hill 96 Mike Liberty 99 Undervotes 22 Overvotes 0	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1 Martha Ann Hornick 180 Undervotes 38 Overvotes 0	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1 Charles Townsend 178 Undervotes 40 Overvotes 0
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1 Carlos Cardona 182 Undervotes 36 Overvotes 0		For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1 Katie Hedberg 193 Undervotes 24 Overvotes 0

DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST

Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters _____
 Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by all ABSENTEE voters _____
 Grand Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above) _____
 Number of Federal Office Only ballots cast _____

204
14
218
2

2024 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION - September 10, 2024
DEMOCRATIC - WRITE IN VOTES

The following persons received **WRITE-IN** votes on **DEMOCRATIC** ballots for the following **Offices**:

Record write-in votes only - from **DEMOCRATIC** ballots only. Please indicate names of all write-ins (regardless of whether they are known to you) and the number of votes received by each in the appropriate space. Use additional sheets if necessary. The moderator shall determine the number of votes for each person and the clerk must verify the accuracy of the number entered for "Total write-in votes" reported for each race on the write-in Return of Votes and sign the form. Return on **ELECTION NIGHT** to the Secretary of State. If candidates printed on the **DEMOCRATIC** ballot receive write-in votes on the Democratic ballot, add votes by write-in to the total votes by marked oval, located beside where that candidate's name is pre-printed on the first page of the Return of Votes. Do not include them on this page.

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For GOVERNOR

Kelly Ayotte

1

For STATE SENATOR

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Dave Anderson

1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Floterial District if applicable

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

A true copy attest:

Paul Warfield

Signature of Town/City Clerk

TURN OVER TO RECORD WRITE-IN
VOTES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS >

Ashland

Town/City (Ward)

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DEMOCRATIC Write-In Votes Continued

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For SHERIFF

George Stryker 1

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For COUNTY ATTORNEY

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For COUNTY TREASURER

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For REGISTER OF DEEDS

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For REGISTER OF PROBATE

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Indicate appropriate district Number)

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Indicate appropriate district Number)

TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

ONE COPY TO BE RETURNED ELECTION NIGHT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AND ONE COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE CLERK

2024 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

November 5, 2024

The polls were declared open by Moderator Jane Sawyer at 8:00am and she announced that they would not close before 7:00pm. The absentee ballots would be opened and cast starting at 1:00pm, according to the Moderator.

Election Officials

Moderator: Jane Sawyer

Town Clerk: Rebecca Hartley

Deputy Town Clerk: Luann McAndrews

Supervisors of the Checklist: Beverly Ober, Patti Bickford, and Terri Linden

Assistant Supervisors of the Checklist: Arlene Ober, Cynthia Jenkins, and Patricia Tucker

Ballot Clerks: Elaine Allard, Bob Baker, Sarah Ballou, Jim Black, John Coolidge, Linda Guyotte, John Harville, Sue Harville, Debby Jorgensen, Robert Letourneau, Linda Pack, Deb Perdue, Anne Richards, Lisa Rollins, David Ruell, Kathi Sheer, and Liz Stevens

Board of Selectmen: Andy Fitch, Ann-Marie Barney, Charles Bozzello, and Christopher Janosa

The polls closed at 7:00pm

Statistics

Number of Registered Voters at the Start of the Day: 1384

Same Day Voter Registration: 171

Total of Registered Voters at the end of the day:

Republican: 361

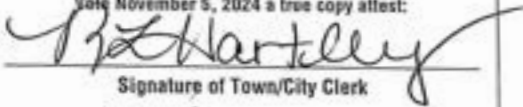
Democrat: 447

Undeclared: 747

Total: 1555

Votes Cast: 1265

82% Voted

Vote November 5, 2024 a true copy attest:

 Signature of Town/City Clerk
 One copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT
 to the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

RETURN OF VOTES

ASHLAND

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS:

Record the number of votes received by each candidate or question, in the appropriate space. Record the total Undervotes and total Overvotes for each race or question. Record the Ballots Cast information at the bottom of the return. The Clerk must verify that the numbers entered accurately reflect the vote counts determined by the moderator and sign the form. Return on ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Undervotes Overvotes
For President and Vice President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat 7 Green Jill Stein Rudolph Ware 6	Kamala D. Harris Tim Walz 627	Donald J. Trump JD Vance 614	Undervotes 1 Overvotes 0
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Stephen Villée 25	Joyce Craig 554	Kelly Ayotte 672	Undervotes 13 Overvotes 0
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Maggie Goodlander 653	Lily Tang Williams 577	Undervotes 35 Overvotes 0
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1		Karen Liot Hill 562	Kim Strathdee 620	Undervotes 78 Overvotes 0
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Carlos Cardona 549	Timothy Lang 651	Undervotes 61 Overvotes 0
For State Representatives Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected		Bill Bolton 496 Sallie Fellows 554 Peter Lovett 555	Timothy F. Sweetsir 660	Undervotes 1499 Overvotes 0
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1		Jillian E. Myers 554	Todd Matthew Eck 625	Undervotes 78 Overvotes 0
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		Martha Ann Hornick 537	Martha Ann Hornick 610	Undervotes 113 Overvotes 0
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Michael J. Cryans 544	Brian Dear 608	Undervotes 109 Overvotes 0
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		Kelley Jean Monahan 593	Daniel F. Werman 565	Undervotes 103 Overvotes 0
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Charles Townsend 740		Undervotes 52 Overvotes 0
For County C ommissioner Vote for not more than 1		Kalie Hedberg 590	Omer C. Ahern, Jr. 596	Undervotes 75 Overvotes 0

2024 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2023 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending article 78 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: (Art.) 78. (Judges and Sheriff's, when Disqualified by Age.) No person shall hold the office of sheriff of any county, after the person has attained the age of seventy years. No person shall hold the office of judge of any court after the person has attained the age of seventy-five years." (Passed by the N.H. House 321 Yes 27 No; Passed by the Senate 22 Yes 1 No) CACR 5

Yes
637
No
553

Undervotes 70
Overvotes 0

BALLOTS CAST

Total Number of Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters 1133
 Total Number of Ballots Cast by all ABSENTEE voters 132
 Grand Total Number of Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above) 1265
 Number of Federal Office Only ballots cast 5

WRITE-IN VOTES November 5, 2024 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

(1) Record all write-in votes. (2) Do not include write-ins for candidates printed on the ballot, include these votes with the candidate's total votes on the first page. (3) Do not include votes where the bubble was filled-in with no person's name. These are Undervotes and should be included in the Undervote totals on the first page. (4) Attach additional pages if necessary. Each additional page must be numbered and signed by the Clerk. Print "See Attached, Page ____" and the page number for any race with additional page(s) of write-ins. (5) Do not use hash marks. Use numbers to record write-in votes, i.e. 1 or 5. (6) Total all write-in votes for each race. (7) The Clerk must document the town/city ward and sign the return.

For PRESIDENT
Vernin Supreme + Jonathan Realz
Pete Buttigieg
Jesus Christ / Moses
Dan Campbell
Claudio De la Cruz / Garcia / Kaine
Ryan Madden
Chris Sununu / J D Vance
Asa Hutchinson
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For GOVERNOR
Chris Sununu
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For STATE SENATOR
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Christian Lucias Costello
Cabriel Amende Costello
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Floterial District if applicable
Dan Uhlman
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For SHERIFF
Jeanne Hancock
ACAB
Christian Lucias Costello
Eric James
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For COUNTY ATTORNEY
James Parry
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For COUNTY TREASURER
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For REGISTER OF DEEDS
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For REGISTER OF PROBATE
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Stephen Lake
Brittany Erin Minibite
Alec G Carpenter
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Indicate appropriate district No. if applicable)
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TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

A true copy attest:


Signature of Town/City Clerk


Town/City (Ward)

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WRITE-IN VOTES November 5, 2024 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

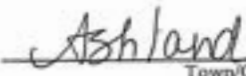
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For PRESIDENT
Nicky Haley
Mitt Romney
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For GOVERNOR
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For REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
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TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For COUNTY TREASURER
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For REGISTER OF DEEDS
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For REGISTER OF PROBATE Rufus the Bull
Charles Townsend
Michael Frankfurter
Andrew Fitch (2)
Christine Lucius Castello
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:
For COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Indicate appropriate district No. if applicable)
TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES:

A true copy attest:


 Signature of Town/City Clerk


 Town/City (Ward)

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Submitted by Chairman Andy Fitch

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) for the Town of Ashland had a busy year. At the elections in March Meghan Semiao and Andy Fitch were elected to three-year terms. They joined Selectmen Ann Barney, Charles Bozzello and Becky Hartley. At the reorganization of the BOS Andy Fitch was appointed Chairman with Ann Barney as Vice Chair. Becky Hartley resigned at the first meeting and was immediately sworn in as the new Town Clerk/ Tax Collector. After an application and interview process, Chris Janosa was appointed as a Selectmen replacing Becky. A summary of projects taken on this year is listed below.

The Thompson Street and Winona Road projects have both passed the design stage and are awaiting approval of funding through grants and or loans. Unfortunately, in the past no money was set aside for upgrading the water and sewer infrastructure. This resulted in a price increase in the water bills. The increase has been set at a level that will assist in future need for repair projects.

The cable TV and pole agreements are being approved by legal at this time. these agreements expired quite some time ago and the lack of agreements have resulted in lost revenue for the Town. We are hoping to have these in place soon.

The sale of Town owned properties has been looked at. There are several pieces of property that need to be put back on the tax rolls. One was scheduled for sale by auction in December, however the sale had to be postponed due to the necessity of researching the deeds to be sure that the sale is done correctly. We will continue to work on other properties to make them available for sale.

Perambulation of the Town boundaries is a requirement by the State that someone must walk all the boundaries of the Town and document the existence of the boundary markers. This is supposed to be done every 10 years. Our last one was done 20 years ago. We need volunteers for this project. No special skills needed, just good walking shoes.

The recruitment process for a new Town Manager is open. Unfortunately, there is a lack of qualified candidates at this time. We are fortunate to be able to continue the search while we have our needs serviced by our current Town Manager.

The ambulance contract with Plymouth has worked out as expected. The costs continue to rise, and we will continue to address this critical need. The ambulance committee will continue to work with the Town of Plymouth to maintain our current level of service in as cost-effective manner as possible.

A new website is being developed for the Town of Ashland. In the future all of the meeting minutes will be available in draft form within moments of the meeting. Most of

the information that the Selectmen have on the agenda items will be available to the public through the website. Most of the information now on the website will be moved to the new site and additional information about the past votes will be available as well. We are hoping to roll out the new website soon.

The Economic Development Committee is currently working on the future operations of the campground. Will the campground continue as a department under the Parks & Recreation Department or should it actually become a business enterprise. We have a wide variety of experience on this board and look forward to their recommendations for the future projects in Ashland that will bring business back to our town.

A new power purchase agreement has been reached that will cover our purchase of power through 2029. Our last agreement also ran for 5 years. This will result in an increase on the Electric bills; however, our rates are still lower than those of our neighboring towns with no unexpected increase in the purchase of power for resale.

Kearsarge Energy has approached us with a proposal to place solar panels on Town property. They will build, maintain and operate this field. In return the Town will receive lease income from the property as well as being able to purchase power from the stie without having to pay wheeling charges (this is the fee charged to move power across another company's power lines). The contract will be for 20 years with set power rates for that time period. This will need voter approval.

The Selectboard would like to thank all of the volunteers that stepped forward this year to fill positions that have been vacant on our Board and Committees. We also wish to thank our constituents for all your support.

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

2024 In Review

The Ashland Planning Board had a productive year. Kendall Hughes was voted for the role of Chair, with Patricia Farris serving as Assistant Chair. The current regular members include Chris Janosa (Selectboard representative), Mardean Badger, and Paula Hancock, providing steadfast leadership and expertise. Supporting the Board are alternates Bethany Franz, Linda Barnes, Donna Locurto, and Andy Fitch (Selectboard alternate), ensuring a robust team to address the community's planning needs. In the fall, the Board welcomed Jane Sawyer as the new Land Use Assistant, bringing fresh energy and support to its operations.

The Board has been actively working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance with a couple areas ready for the 2025 Town Warrant. It is expected that additional changes will be worked on over the coming year.

A 14-lot subdivision known as Granite Ridge has been approved and is being developed on Thompson Street; the former White Mountain Country Club, now known as Owl's Nest Vineyard Course, has been proceeding with approved improvements; a new breakfast restaurant known as Colleen's Kitchen was approved and has opened on Main Street; and a three-unit condominium was approved and built on the corner of Main and Winter Streets. Other matters involved home occupations and a couple of new businesses. Unauthorized clearing of an area at the end of West Street was halted and is now slated for restoration. A multi-family development has been completed off Winter Street and the conversion of the former St. Agnes Church to rentals is near completion. A major current pending application to be addressed in 2025 is the possible development of the former paper mill property off Winter Street.

The Master Plan for the Town needs updating so a 'Charette' is being planned for residents to discuss and decide how the Town should be developed over the next 10 years. This would include possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance to provide for the expected growth of the Town and its needs such as parking, etc. This is your chance to be heard on your future visions for your town. More information will be posted over the next couple of weeks on this matter.

The Planning Board meets on the first and third Thursdays in the Utility Building at 6 Collins Street, unless otherwise posted. Please check the Planning Board page on the Board/Committee pull down of the Town website for minutes and other information. Applications and documents are located on the Forms and Documents page and the Town's main calendar includes the Board's meetings and agendas.

We invite all residents, along with any abutters specifically notified of a pending matter, to attend our meetings. It's an excellent opportunity to observe the planning process in action, engage with the community, and get to know the board members.

Kendall Hughes, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Report for 2024

The Zoning Board has the authority to grant variances or special exceptions from the land use rules, regulations and ordinances of the Town.

Members of the Ashland Zoning Board of Adjustment at the conclusion of 2024 are:

Charles Bozzello, Chair (term expires 2027)

Tim Peters, Vice Chair (term expires 2026)

Samantha Leahy, Secretary (term expires 2025)

Mardean Badger, Liaison from the Planning Board

Michael Myshrall (term expires 2026)

Meghan Semiao, Alternate Member

Jane Sawyer joined this year as the Land Use Assistant

Several challenging cases came before the Zoning Board this past year:

A potential developer of the Mill Pond property located off Winter Street was denied a variance to reduce the minimum square footage requirement for a proposed senior housing project.

The owners of a property on Cross Road were denied a special exception to operate a food truck in a rural residential zone.

Variances were granted regarding setback requirements for a deck and a number of new garages.

The zoning application forms were reviewed and updated.

The Zoning Board meets on the second Thursday of every month in the Utility Building at 6 Collin's Street, unless otherwise posted. Please check the Zoning Board page on the Board/Committee pulldown on the Town's website for notices, minutes and other information. Applications and documents including regulations and ordinances are located under the Forms/Documents area. The Town's general calendar includes the Zoning Board's meeting dates and agenda.

Charles Bozzello
Chairman

ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by the 2024 Fourth of July Committee

The 2024 Fourth of July celebrations, themed "Red, White, and Boom!!!!," were a resounding success, cementing Ashland's reputation for hosting one of the most vibrant and well-attended events in the region.

The festivities spanned from July 3rd to July 6th, accompanied by (mostly) beautiful weather that perfectly complemented the spirit of celebration, drawing attendees from near and far to enjoy the full lineup of events.

July 3rd – Food, Fun, and Fireworks

The celebrations kicked off with an evening of festivities on the ballfield. Food trucks from across the state served a delicious variety of options, while activities such as a bungee jump, rock wall, and vertical entertainment provided fun and excitement for attendees of all ages.

The evening concert in the park featured performances by Chris White, The Beagles, and Red Daisy Revival. While the day was scheduled to conclude with breathtaking fireworks at 9:30pm, a delay caused by the vendor's equipment resulted in the display starting later than planned. Despite this, the fireworks lit up the Ashland sky in a dazzling show that drew widespread applause. As a result of the delay, the vendor issued a credit of \$10,000 for a future year's celebration through negotiations by the Chairman of the Committee.

July 4th – A Day of Tradition

The Fourth began with the annual pancake breakfast at the Common Man, followed by the much-anticipated parade. With the parade route lined by enthusiastic spectators, the event featured Grand Marshal Craig Moore, the Mary Ruell Award recipient Stacie Lauwe, and a host of creative floats.

The cornhole tournament, which began with registration at noon, brought friendly competition to the day's events. Attendees enjoyed a community BBQ and snacks provided by the Fourth of July Committee.

July 5th – Movie in the Park

The "Movie in the Park" night featured the screening of *National Treasure* under the stars. Families gathered with blankets and snacks for a memorable evening, making this activity a hit.

July 6th – Wrapping Up the Festivities

The final day of the celebration began with the 5K race, which saw an enthusiastic turnout despite rain persisting through most of the event. Runners braved the wet conditions, cheered on by the community, showcasing true Fourth of July spirit and determination.

The community kickball game and BBQ at the ballfield wrapped up the week's events with camaraderie and good food, provided by the Ashland Community Church.

Looking Back and Ahead

The 2024 celebrations reflected the spirit of Ashland—resilient, community-focused, and full of joy. From thrilling activities to traditional events, the festivities brought people together in celebration of America's independence.

The Fourth of July Committee carries a balance of \$38,989.17 into 2025, with plans already underway for next year's celebration. Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Ashland Booster Club.

For more information or to get involved, visit our website or follow us on Facebook:

Website: <https://ashlandnh.org/4th-of-july-committee/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AshlandNhFourthOfJulyCelebration>

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 Report

2024 was a relatively quiet, but a still successful year for the Ashland Historical Society, with good things to report.

The main summer exhibit in the Whipple House Museum was entitled “Water”, which focused on the waterpower that made manufacturing profitable and the lakes that made tourism successful, as well as the railroad that served both of those sectors of the local economy. A new filing system was created for our enlarged photographs. Some repairs were made to the building, including ongoing work in the basement, and electrical work. Other issues with the building that need serious attention are deteriorating brickwork (notably four chimneys that need repair or replacement), roof drainage (valleys, gutters and downspouts), asbestos in the basement, security and other electrical work.

The Pauline E. Glidden Museum was also open in the summer, with a Doll Birthday Party exhibit, featuring the doll collection. Work on the building included plumbing repairs, with attic window replacement being planned. We regret the recent passing of Shirley Glidden Splaine, who was so important for decades in the operation of the museum that her mother established.

The Ashland Railroad Station Museum was open to visitors on Saturday afternoons in the summer. But, it received the most visitors from the nineteen fall foliage train rides (a record number) by Patriot Rail. Plans have been prepared and submitted to extend the station platform to better serve those trains.

This year the Society presented five free public programs, all at the Booster Clubhouse, with three by authors of books on their subjects. Author Daniel Heyduk spoke on the history of the Pemigewasset River Valley. Robin Sherman of Castle in the Clouds reviewed the history of that well know historic site. Author Michael Bruno talked on the New Hampshire state historical markers program. Brad Wolff spoke on “Slavery, Abolition, the Underground Railroad, and the Promise of the West, All in New Hampshire”. Author Kim Varney Chandler discussed the covered bridges in Ashland and nearby towns. A cemetery walk with the Ashland Reenactors, costumed actors telling their stories at their graves in Green Grove Cemetery, was planned for two Saturdays in 2024, but was cancelled both times, and cancelled again in June of this year, because of rain or rainy forecasts. But finally, on a dry and warm Saturday in September, the latest version of the walk was performed at three grave sites in the town cemetery.

Our outside exhibits feature enlarged historic photographs of Ashland. Four exhibits in the Utility Office showed horse-drawn vehicles, trains in Ashland, Fourth of July parades, and Squam River dams and millponds. On Christmas Night, we displayed photos of Ashland's past Christmas celebrations in the Episcopal church hall. The Historical Society again served as the fiscal agent for Christmas Night.

An effort that began in 2023 and was completed in 2024 was the placing of the bronze honor roll for the parishioners of St. Agnes Church who served in World War I on the back of the Town's World War I monument. General Properties, the new owners of the former church building, donated the honor roll to the Town. Pemi-Baker Memorials generously cleaned both the monument and the plaque and mounted the honor roll, at no cost to the Town or the Society. The relocated honor roll was rededicated on Memorial Day.

The Ashland Historical Society thanks all who helped the Society in 2024, particularly those who donated their money, labor and time to our efforts. We also appreciate the donation for Whipple House repairs approved by the voters last March.

Submitted by David Ruell, President

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK
Financial Report
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
Patti M Bickford, Treasurer

Opening Balance - January 1, 2024	\$3,738.61
Income:	
Donation Received	\$5,000.00
Interest Earned on account for 2024	<u>\$0.54</u>
Total Income	\$5,000.54
Available Funds	\$8,739.15
Expenses:	
US Post Master/Ashland/PO Box Rental	\$170.00
Premium Irrigation LLC/irrigation maintenance	<u>\$1,085.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,255.00
Ending balance - December 31, 2024	\$7,484.15

Respectfully Submitted
Patti Bickford
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Submitted by Town Manager Frederick Welch

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Ashland. I am pleased to present my Annual Report to the citizens of the Town of Ashland for the calendar year 2024.

Your Town government has completed a revaluation of the Town as required by the Supreme Court and the Department of Revenue. The Town utilizes a contracted revaluation firm licensed by the State to accomplish the required work that results in a change in property values and sets the basis for the State to approve the various tax rates that appear on your semi-annual tax bills. Property owners who are dissatisfied with the result can appeal first to the Selectmen acting as the Assessors under current laws. If a citizen is not satisfied with the decision of the Assessors, they may appeal to the State Department of Revenue Administration within a certain time period as provided in State laws. Your Selectmen hired our Assessing firm, and the State are currently working through appeals for resolutions to the appeals received.

Your Town Office Staff together with individual departments of the Town have worked hard to complete a monthly news report to inform our citizens of the projects and important issues of the community. This monthly report is available online and by postings in order to keep our citizens informed of ongoing projects, important events and coming items of interest to our taxpayers. Our staff trusts that the information provided will enable our residents to know and understand the important projects being undertaken for the benefit of our residents. A debt of gratitude is expressed to our staff employees for their efforts in establishing this important communications medium.

The Water Department reviewed their current financial standing in light of obligations to provide water to our residents and to upkeep the facilities necessary to accomplish that most important obligation. The year-long study indicated that the Department would incur future financial obligations that cannot be achieved under the current rate structure without borrowing funds to meet daily operating obligations. Based on the study and findings the Board of Water Commissioners authorized a rate increase that will provide the funds for continued operations without placing the Town in debt by borrowing that would further increase water user's billings.

The close of 2024 saw the lapse of our long-term contract for the purchase of electrical energy by our Municipal Light Department. The year saw much time devoted to securing a long-term contract to provide electrical energy for our residents and businesses. The successful search ended with a new long-term contract for electrical energy that required a modest increase in purchased power costs. The new electricity rates were approved by our Municipal Light Commissioners in December of 2024. The Town will continue to enjoy electricity rates that are lower than other electric utilities in our State. Thank you for saving our citizens from high increased costs.

Our Accounting Staff has drastically improved our financial reporting and audit issues that the Town has been the recipient of over the last 10 years. Our auditors have removed the red lined

accounting problems due to the vary hard work of our Finance Director. All of the important red lined deficiencies in our past audit reports have been removed with only a few small items remaining that do not restrict the value of the audit.

In 2025 a new monthly financial report will be placed in use that will be of great value in the operations of the various Town Departments and will increase the value of the monthly report to our elected officials. Thank you to our staff for placing in operation valued tools that will save the taxpayers funds and taxes.

Our Fire Department has placed in operation the Town's new ambulance and rendered valued assistance in selling the old ambulance that helps decrease taxes. Our two-town operations agreement continues to operate with Ashland and Plymouth being co-responsible for the operations.

I am pleased to report that for the third year in a row we were able to decrease the municipal tax rate. We utilize the unassigned fund balance to reduce the taxes assessed on property. In 2024 we decreased the rate by \$1.00 per thousand. We were unable to decrease the rate by more so this past tax billing did see an increase in the rate. To further decrease the rate could have placed the Town in a position of having to borrow funds to maintain municipal operations thereby increasing your tax burden.

For the first time in a number of years the Town has no vacancies in the workforce of the Police Department. The Department has been very busy protecting the community as instructed by our citizens. We seem to have achieved that goal within the ability of our taxpayers to support the highly valued job performance of those who protect us that is a most difficult job at its best.

In the area of Public Safety our Fire Chief has indicated that he would like to retire sometime in the first half of 2025. We will be conducting a structured search for a replacement by candidates who express interest in filling the positions. A committee of area Fire Chiefs will be reviewing and interviewing potential candidates to fill this position. Our current Chief will continue to be of assistance during the change period to be sure that we have effective protection and to assist the newly selected chief.

Thank you to the Board of Selectmen for their support and hard work during the past year. The community has been able to move forward with your continued assistance and understanding.

Thank you as well to our employees for all the work accomplished during the year that has benefited our residents and taxpayers. Your continued work and volunteering has enabled this community to successfully provide expanded services to our residents, taxpayers, and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick W. Welch

Town Manager

DEPARTMENT REPORTS



TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

P.O Box 885
20 Highland Street
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

Chief William R Ulwick
Tel: (603)968-4000
Fax: (603) 968-4009



2024 Annual Report

Last year I informed you that “Officer [Mason] Dalphonse has successfully completed all his pre-employed requirements and will be attending the police academy in February, putting us to full staff for the summer (2024).” I am very pleased to note that Officer Dalphonse successfully completed the Police Standards and Training Council full-time police academy. Most of you have likely seen Officer Dalphonse on the road and hopefully you have had a chance to have a positive interaction with him. With Officer Dalphonse being on his own now, the Ashland Police Department is able to provide 24-hour coverage most nights of the week. This is a function that we have been trying to achieve for years now and are proud that we have finally reached this point to provide more coverage to the Town and an opportunity to keep the Town safer.

Officer Kabasakalian successfully completed rigorous training to become a Field Training Officer (FTO) and was the primary training officer for Officer Dalphonse. She did a great job training him and we are very much hoping we do not have to put those skills to work again in the near future. Officer Kabasakalian continues to grow her interview and interrogation skills and continues to be an incredibly valuable asset to the police department.

As officers get more time on the job, the trainings they go to get more difficult and intense to hone their skills and help to progress them as an officer. Officer Shannahan completed a week-long crime scene processing class. I logical next step in enhance the investigatory skills officers learn from their co-workers and supervisors. Officer Shannahan also completed the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA) training to become “bike certified” (yes, that’s a thing). Most people have a good understanding of how to ride a bike but this, physically intensive course, shows officers how to utilize the bicycle in arrest and pursuit scenarios. Officer Shannahan as truly embraced the use of the bicycle and can be seen on it regularly.

Sergeant Moretto continues to focus his training on supervisor classes to better lead the patrol division.

The police department put forth a warrant article in 2024 to see if the Town would approve us, through a committee, to look into the building of a new police department, which is desperately needed. The warrant article passed and I cannot thank the tax payers enough for agreeing that this is a worthwhile venture. Lt Gray and I spent a significant amount of time with the committee, and by ourselves, delving into this. We found a fantastic architectural firm to help us with this process. The committee came up with a viable location for a new building, which is a property currently owned by the town so there would be no added expense to purchase a property. Blueprints were drawn up and the process was moved forward. The plan has always been to do this is a three (3) stage process, this being the first. The second process is to do all the studies and surveys and hire a project manager to

get a cost of the build. Phase three would be a warrant article for the full build. An incredible amount of time and energy went into phase one, and I again thank the taxpayers for this opportunity.

Opportunistic crimes continue to be on the rise. Thefts from unlocked vehicles and open/unlocked garages and sheds are becoming more and more commonplace. Every year I ask folks to lock their vehicles, garages and residences. I will again ask that this be done. Most of the time, if a vehicle is locked, a thief will pass it by. It does not take much time, but it can save you from a major headache.

All of us at the Ashland Police Department thank you for your support and we will continue to do everything possible to keep the citizens of Ashland safe and secure.

Calls for Service: 4,618
Arrests: 85
Parking Tickets: 54

Incidents: 257
Traffic Citations: 850
Warrants: 20

William R Ulwick
Chief of Police

ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The total incident count for 2024 was 556. The following is a break-down by incident type over the past five years:

Call Type	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Medical	296	52%	325	62%	306	58%	322	%	260	47%
Fire	154	27%	117	23%	119	22%	139	22%	178	32%
MVA	51	9%	38	7%	38	7%	48	7%	46	8%
Service	64	11%	41	8%	41	8%	74	13%	72	13%
TOTAL	565		521		531		583		556	

Call break-down for 2024 by time of day

	Time	# Calls	Avg. Response Time
Per Diem Two Firefighter/EMT On duty at the station	0800 to 1700	338 (61%)	1:33 (No Response Calls 0)
No Coverage No assigned coverage	0500 to 0800 & 1700 to 2100	143 (26%)	4:59 (No Response Calls 3)
EMS/On Call Two EMT on call from home	2100 to 0500	75 (13%)	6:07 (No Response Calls 0)

The Ashland Fire Department currently has 27 members. Twenty are certified firefighters. Of these 20, six are certified Level I, and fourteen are certified Level II. We currently have twenty-three EMS personnel, (one EMR, eleven EMT, ten AEMT, and one Paramedic). Some of our personnel are certified as both EMTs and Firefighters, while others hold certification in one or the other. Our personnel continuously balance full-time jobs, family, and responsibilities for training and incident response. Their commitment to our community as firefighters/EMTs is commendable. Staffing however, remains one of the more significant issues we face. Our present call department roster is at seventeen. Of these, 12 are regularly active. Our per diem program was established in 2019, due to a lack of personnel to respond to calls during the day. We are always interested in bringing new members on board. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, EMT, or both, don't hesitate to contact us at 603-968-7772.

We currently have 10 firefighter/EMTs that are not members of the call department but cover per diem shifts during the week. We also have 6 members of the call department that participate in the program, covering shifts when they are available. In addition to responding to emergencies, per diem personnel conduct daily vehicle and equipment inspections, make repairs to equipment as needed, perform general maintenance work in the upkeep of the fire station, and manage the "Good Morning Program".

We were again able to complete the mandatory equipment testing on the department's hose, pumps, aerial and ground ladders. Our testing program is critical in keeping personnel safe and reducing liability. At times we have a piece of equipment that does not pass and requires repair or replacement. Certain items such as hose we have managed to replace as needed. Portable

radios, pagers, self-contained breathing apparatus with a new compressor have been replaced through grants in the past few years. In September of this past year, we received an AFG grant in the amount of \$88,285.71 to replace nineteen complete sets of firefighter protective clothing.

In 2023 voters approved a warrant article to raise and appropriate funds to go along with existing funds in our capital reserve fund to replace our aging ambulance. The ambulance arrived in July of 2024 and is now in service.

We continue to run the “Good Morning Program” and our version of the “Vial of Life Program”. Anyone interested in participating in either of these programs can reach out to us at 603-968-7772. We are also able to offer presentations on fall prevention, medication management, home fire safety, and fire extinguisher training. If interested in any of these programs please give us a call.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Ashland for their continued support of this department and encourage anyone with concerns or questions to stop in at any time. We continue to be mindful of the burden on taxpayers and are actively searching for solutions that minimize the financial impact. Our mission is to provide an appropriate quality of fire, medical, and rescue services to the citizens of Ashland.



PUBLIC WORKS

Submitted by Public Works Director Craig Moore

Below are some of the major projects we accomplished in 2024. Starting off with our winter storms. We ended up with 24 Storm events which required our attention. Our first storm was November 16th, 2023, and our last storm was April 11th, 2024.

As in most years we spent most of the spring thaw tending to our dirt roads. This year most of the dirt roads faired well as our regular maintenance of the ditch lines is paying off.

As spring approached, we prepared for the paving of Hicks Hill, Libby Lane and Mountain View Drive. We replaced 4 culverts and improved the ditch lines on each road. The road then required shouldering.

We went to North Ashland Road which required several weeks of maintenance. Using our new pavement grinder, we made several pavement repairs on the entire road. We also shouldered the entire road edge with gravel. We cleaned up the ditch lines on both sides, repaired one culvert and cut brush along the entire road.

We then started our summer maintenance which includes grading and ditching of all our dirt roads and some of the paved roads.

Late summer this year we used the pavement grinder to make road repairs to Owl Brook road, School St., Washington St., Carr Ave., Mill St., Church St and Elm St.

From there we started fall cleanup activities which include several weeks of picking up leaves and brush. We also regraded our dirt roads and cleaned up the ditch lines to be ready for winter. As always, the plows and sanders were prepared for the winter.

I would like to thank the citizens for their continued support of the Public Works Department.

Thank you,

Craig Moore

Public Works Director

TRANSFER STATION 2024

The town shipped out 600.5 tons of household trash (MSW) in 2024, that's down 122,000 lbs. That's great news, it saved the town \$10,980 in just household trash fees. We shipped out 549 tons of construction debris which was offset with the scale fees. If we can continue to reduce the amount we ship, it will save us the taxpayer's money in 2025. This is why recycling is so important; let's all do our part and recycle as it brings in additional revenue for the town.

In July of 2024 we hired a new employee to increase our recycling, the results speak for themselves.

Transfer Station slips processed is up 91%. Transfer stickers sold are up 147% and recycling revenue is up 45%.

Below are how your recycling efforts benefit our environment

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2024	Environmental Impact! Here is only one benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Electronics	2.38 Tons	Conserved enough energy to power 1.5 houses for one year!
Fiber/Paper	544 Tons	You conserved enough energy to charge 16,386,306 cell phones
Tires	8.25 Tons	Conserved the equivalent of 2,310 pounds of coal being burned
Glass	52.4 Tons	You conserved the equivalent of 494 gallons of diesel being consumed
Plastics	7.84 Tons	You Saved 322 Trash bags from the land fill

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

Transfer Station stickers are five dollars and can be purchased at the Town Office or at the Transfer Station.

Thank you all for your participation and support, keep up the good work!

Craig Moore
Public Works Director

PARKS & RECREATION

Submitted by Director- Ann Barney

General

As we come to the end of 2024, we look back on all that has been accomplished throughout the year. The Parks & Recreation department has continued to provide needed programs for families and children in our community.

Edward N Doggett Beach and Campground

The campground ran at full capacity and continues to be an asset to the town. The campground is having some needed work done during the off season. The beach continues to have lifeguards and swimming lessons for children. The safety of our beach patrons and campers continues to be our highest priority.

After School Program

The program is a place for the kids to go after school to enjoy games and activities with their peers. Snacks are provided daily. The After-School Kids were able to ride the school bus to the Booster Club for the first time this year. Thank you to Mr. Donnelly for helping to facilitate this.

Summer Camp

Summer camp ran for 7 weeks from June to August. The kids were able to go on some great trips this year with no additional cost to parents because of generous donations by local groups and businesses. During beach days the kids were able to take swimming lessons with the goal of being able to swim to the raft by the end of the summer. Thank you to Elaine Hughes Realty for the donation of our summer camp shirts! The Doug Dicenzo Camp Fund made a very generous donation to the Summer Camp to help keep the cost of our trips low.

Community

The Ashland Elementary School uses the ballfield for soccer, baseball, and softball. The field is also utilized by many youth groups in the summer including Pemi-Baker soccer, Thundercat baseball, and softball. The Ashland 4th of July Celebration continues to utilize the ballpark for its celebration and events.

The Recreation Department started a t-ball program over the summer. There were twenty-two 4-5-year old's who took part. Donations were made by RVP Property Management, Taylor Rental and AARA so that t-shirts could be made for the participants. My hopes are to start a youth basketball team as well.

The Town of Ashland and I would like to thank all of the people and businesses who help to make the programs a success. Thank you again!



ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Superintendent Harry Gallien

2024 was a big year for the Electric Department. We brought on some new team members including Kelly Wang who joined in June and serves as the Utility Office Director working alongside Terry Myshrall in the office helping to serve the community, and Paul Granger who in November 2024 completed his apprenticeship and is now a Journeyman. Along with Foreman Shane Pelletier, 1st Class Lineman Dale Weeks and Apprentice Lineman Noah Eldridge, the Electric Department now has two full crews.

In the beginning of the year there were a few storms that caused outages not only in our community, but in surrounding communities. The department was able to lend a hand and help restore power in nearby communities. This year was also a big year for finishing the replacement of the new electric meters which can be read remotely saving time for completing other projects such as completing pole replacements, fixing street lighting and installing a back up transformer. Another big accomplishment for the year was completing the repairs to the substation transformer and associated breakers and reclosers. The department has also made electrical repairs to the Edward N. Doggett Campground.

We have set goals for 2025 which include upgrading the service on Leavitt Hill Road by replacing old bare wire with tree wire and changing out antique transformers and poles that have been flagged for replacement. And to start the process for updates and repairs to the substation structures and equipment to bring it up to safety code and national standards.

We at the Electric Department hope to have a productive and safe 2025.

Thank you to the community for their continued support of the department

From Ashland Electric Department

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Superintendent: Andrew Benton

2024 Annual Report

In 2024 the Water and Sewer Department faced many challenges and worked tirelessly to enhance the services we bring to rate payers. The department was understaffed throughout the year, requiring staff to take on additional work and on-call responsibilities. W&S is currently working with our engineers, Underwood, on an upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and engineering for Winona and Thompson Street water main replacement. The department applied for several federal and state grants, unfortunately these projects were not selected for funding this year. Currently we are in the process of applying for USDA funding and should find out in the spring if we were selected.

On the water side, the department conducted its yearly fire hydrant flushing along with flow testing. Phase 1 of the Thompson Street water main replacement was completed, replacing existing 6" lined cast iron water main with new 8" HDPE. As part of this project, we also were able to replace 2 aging hydrants and 4 house services. Our well contractor, Weston and Sampson, redeveloped Well #2 to extend the life and productivity. This fall we spent a considerable amount of time in the Town campground replacing/moving yard hydrants and installing a backflow preventor. Most of the yard hydrants replaced were in very poor condition or were almost inoperable. The department applied for, and was awarded, an asset management grant for the sum of \$19,500. Currently we are in the process of replacing older water meters, as well as updating service line material inventory to meet State and Federal requirements.

The sewer department conducted its yearly Highland, School, Gordon and Main Street sewer flushing and was able to break up and remove a considerable amount of grease from the collection system. Flushing was done in the hope to mitigate any potential blockages in areas known to be higher risk. There were 6 grinder pumps in the system that were replaced and sent out for rebuilding. The septage receiving unit at the wastewater treatment plant required a complete rebuild. This rebuild took over a week, between having to replace the internal mechanicals and re-wire and re-plumb before the unit could go back into operation.

Both the Water and Sewer Departments met all State and Federal permit requirements in 2024.

The Water and Sewer Departments would like to thank the townspeople and ratepayers for their continued support. Looking ahead, we have a lot of work that still needs to be accomplished but remain excited for all the opportunities this great community has in front of them. We would also like to thank the other town departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Andrew Benton

Water and Sewer Department

BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

2024 Annual Report

The primary responsibility of the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Department is to promote public safety and proper building construction by overseeing compliance to a wide variety of regulations. These regulations range from the International Building Code, to State RSA's, to our local Zoning ordinance adopted and revised by Town Meeting vote.

Other responsibilities range from helping with proper placement of smoke detectors to assisting tenants living in unsafe or unsanitary conditions. Often we work with homeowners and businesses in the planning stages of a project to ensure that it meets Life Safety and other requirements. We encourage all residents and property owners to reach out to us prior to starting a project so it can go as smoothly as possible.

2024 has been a dynamic year for the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Department. We are tasked with learning and enforcing eight different codes that are generally updated every three years. In 2024, New Hampshire adopted most (but not all) of the updated codes with varied phase-in periods. The Fire Code alone had over eighty changes, so there is a lot of information to absorb and apply.

Some trades do not have licensing and continuing education requirements, so part of the code change process is working with homeowners and contractors to ensure that they are aware of the changes and how their project is affected.

For the calendar year 2024, we issued 121 building permits for projects ranging from backyard sheds to new homes to commercial projects. This is a slight decrease from the 131 permits issued in 2023.

2025 is starting strong, and we anticipate the uptick in permit activity to continue as more businesses and residents invest in Ashland. To prepare, we are working to make application forms and information more accessible on the town website so the process is as smooth and efficient as possible. We look forward to another successful year in helping Ashland build and grow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Newcomb
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Annual Report for 2024

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2024:

- Cardholders: **1,730**
- Patron visits: **4,680**
- Programs offered: **65**, attended by **626** people
- Items circulated: **4,275**
- Items downloaded: **2,725**
- Volunteer hours: **24**
- World Book online encyclopedia: **525**
- Heritage Quest Genealogy Database: **3,370**
- Computer users: **259**

The above statistics indicate the continuing importance of technology resources. Use of downloaded books and audio books increased in 2024, as well as use of online databases. In other technology news, a 3D printer was purchased and is available for patrons to use for small projects. A smart television with slide show capabilities was purchased for the upstairs meeting room.

The Ashland Town Library began a new plan for the future of the library in 2024. Working with Samyn-D’Elia Architects, and with input from patrons and staff, there is now a proposal for a phased project of expansion and renovation at the current library building. The library trustees presented preliminary blueprints to the Board of Selectmen in December, and will hold informational sessions for patrons and potential donors in 2025. Citizens may visit the library to view the plans, and visit the website for a summary of the project. We are excited to look forward to new and improved facilities and programs, especially improving accessibility for all. Grant opportunities will also be explored. Visit the library website at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/>, and make a donation to the library building fund at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/library-building-program.html>

The library participated in community-wide Halloween and Christmas Night in Ashland, handing out bookmarks and treats for Halloween and craft kits for Christmas. Library staff participated in the elementary school open house, signing up students for library cards, and partnered with the elementary school on a CLiF (Children’s Literacy Foundation) grant which donated books to the school library and the Ashland Town Library. Also this year, all Ashland Elementary students visited the library in small groups. The library continued a partnership with Squam Lakes Association to create a story walk in Whitten Woods.

Adult programs included an historical fiction book club that met several times, including a guest speaker and local author, Lisa Olech. Craft events such as book page roses, stacked felt trees, scented ornaments, and crocheting were held throughout the year. The library received a grant from STAR Net to purchase solar eclipse glasses and held a watch party on the library lawn for the big event. A new program has begun; the library now serves free coffee for seniors and

veterans on Friday afternoons. The library maintains a Little Free Library in Memorial Park, and a Little Free Pantry in the library.

This year a new Kid's Book Club was created, in addition to toddler story times and holiday craft activities for children. The summer reading program included a visit from Smokey the Bear and forest rangers from the White Mountain National Forest. A family carnival was held in August, with games on the lawn, sno-cones, popcorn and cotton candy. Two family movie events were held and were very popular. The teen room continues to be popular for after school activities. Snacks and water are always available.

Repairs and improvements to the building and grounds continued in 2024. The underground oil tank was dug up and removed, and a new oil tank installed in the basement. Townspeople may have noticed the new signage on the exterior of the building. There is new and visible signage indicating that the building is the Ashland Town Library on the Main Street side and the Pleasant Street side of the building. The bronze plaque commemorating the donation of the building to the town by Emma Scribner has been refurbished and is again located near the front entrance. A new up-to-date fire alarm system was installed, and new shutters have been purchased and will be installed in the spring. A book drop has been placed at the rear entrance, making it more convenient for patrons to return books when the library is closed. Signage for easier accessibility and parking was added. The trustees and director conducted a disability survey from the New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability. Exterior and interior areas were surveyed and measured. There is much work to be done. The library staff undertook some much-needed landscaping projects to improve the exterior appearance of the library.

Alice Staples, library trustee, decorated and drove her Kia Soul in the Fourth of July parade. Thanks to JD Designs for the wonderful posters (designed by children at the library) supporting the theme of Red, White and Boom! (Books!), and Anne Richards and John Coolidge for help with decorating and walking the parade route and handing out gifts to children. There was much love and support for the library along the parade route.

The Friends of the Library are a registered non-profit with the state of New Hampshire. Membership is free and new members are welcome. Thanks to the Friends for their work in supporting the library through fundraising, programming, and donations, this year including bird feeders and bird seed. The birds have been happy this winter! The Friends held book sales in July and during the Town Wide Yard Sale in September.

The library trustees welcomed alternate trustee Fran Newton this year. The library trustees wish to thank the hard-working staff, Library Director Sara Weinberg, Assistant Library Director Terry Fouts, circulation assistants Robby Binette, Lynne Uhlman, and Rebekah Stott.

Thanks also to the DPW, Steve Orlich, and David Ruell for maintenance work inside and on the grounds of the library, and to the many volunteers and supporters of the Ashland Town Library.

**ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY
2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

DONATIONS FUND

Balance, December 31, 2023	10813.39
Donations	620.00
Interest	.95
Loans to General Fund	(10200.00)
Return of Loans from General Fund	10200.00
Balance, December 31, 2024	11434.34

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, December 31, 2023	3379.16
Interest	.28
Transfer to General Fund	(580.90)
Balance, December 31, 2024	2798.54

PATRON FEES

Balance, December 31, 2023	3024.59
Patron Fees	50.00
Patron Fees (from General Fund)	115.13
Interest	.29
Loans to General Fund	(1800.00)
Repayment of Loans from General Fund	1800.00
Balance, December 31, 2024	3190.01

COPY FEES

Balance, December 31, 2023	432.78
Copy Fees	98.50
Copy Fees (from General Fund)	62.07
Interest	.05
Balance, December 31, 2024	593.40

LOST BOOK FUND

Balance, December 31, 2023	1530.37
Reimbursements for Lost Materials, direct	80.00
Reimbursements for Lost Materials, from General Fund	48.10
Interest	.16
Balance, December 31, 2024	1658.63

BUILDING FUND

Balance, December 31, 2024	13498.66
Donation	1000.00
Interest	1.29
Equipment-fire radio	(1070.50)
Balance, December 31, 2025	13879.45

**LIBRARY BUILDING PURCHASE / ADDITION FUND
(formerly TCCAP BUILDING FUND)**

Balance, December 31, 2023	401229.31
Interest	800.87
Balance, December 31, 2024	402033.98

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	2890.67
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	104046.00
Loans from Donations	10200.00
Loans from Patron Fees	1800.00
Transfer from Computer Fund	580.90
Transfer from Scribner Fund	10800.00
Donation from Friends of Library	51.65
Copy Fees	57.40
Patron Fees	76.83
Reimbursement of Lost Materials	97.72
Sale of Books	400.00
Refund	.60
Expired Check (from 2023)	40.00
Interest	.66
Total Income	128151.76

Total Available Funds	131042.43
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EXPENDITURES

Wages	54598.98
FICA	3385.13
Medicare	791.66
Paycheck costs	638.00
Audios	1318.52
Books	6354.59
Subscriptions	485.73
Videos	294.78
Electronic Resources	1147.00
Library of Things	507.17
Catalog	950.18
Computer	831.06
Equipment	1452.05
Furniture	531.37
Cleaning	4332.00
Dues	195.00
Postage & PO Box	408.00
Programs	1992.04
Supplies	2027.54
Utilities	3343.59
Misc.	.01
Check Charges	183.57
Fire Alarm	1431.88
Fuel Oil	3067.98
Maintenance	14481.42
Transfers to Patron Fees	115.13
Transfers to Copy Fees	62.07
Transfers to Lost Book Fund	48.10
Repayment of Loans to Donations	10200.00
Repayment of Loans to Patron Fees	1800.00
Total Expenditures	116974.55

Balance at end of fiscal year	14067.88
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TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Ashland Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rebecca L. Hartley

2024 was a big year for the Town Office! We said goodbye to our past town clerk of 34 years in March – thank you, Patsy Tucker, for the time you have devoted to the Town of Ashland. After the election in March, I appointed my deputy, Luann McAndrews, who has been so supportive and a joy to work with. It is our goal to provide you with the highest level of service with a smile.

It was an uphill battle getting trained in the various state and federal agencies to get the Town Office functioning again. Dates for our training at the various offices kept changing and at one point the NHDMV had a one-on-one training for us. I know this was frustrating for everyone, but we finally made it work. Thank you for your patience. Everyone that I worked with were great to work with, which I am so grateful for. While this list is far from complete there are a few people and agencies that I would like to thank: The Town of Bridgewater's Town Clerk and Deputy, The Town of Plymouth's Town Clerk and Deputy, The Town of Plymouth's Tax Collector, NH DMV, NH Vital Records, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, NH Secretary of State, and the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

Not only are New Hampshire's State Agencies a great team to work with, but so is the Town of Ashland! The support that my deputy and I get from all the departments in town, as well as our Town Manager and the Select Board, has been overwhelmingly positive. Last but not least, thank you for being great citizens which makes coming to work to interact and assist you a pleasure.

I am able to assist with your vehicle registration and titling needs, vital records, voter registrations, tax needs, and will do my best to help you with any other questions you may have. My door is always open and I look forward to assisting you.

We accept cash, check or credit card (a 2.99% convenience fee is charged). RSA HB 391 requires a government-issued photo identification card to be presented to the clerk prior to the beginning of any transaction. For your convenience, you are able to register vehicle renewals, renew dog licenses, and obtain copies of vital records online. You can find colored icons in the right-hand column of the town's website home page (www.ashland.nh.gov) to find the online service you need. These requests are processed and mailed out daily.

The following is a partial list of a town clerk's duties and functions that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations and titles
- Issue dog licenses [renewals are due yearly by April 30]
- Issue vital records [marriage licenses, death certificates, birth certificates, divorce certificates]
- Register residents to vote
- Record and preserve town public records
- Record and certify town meeting minutes, election results [state, federal and local]
- Administer oaths of office

- Receive writs of action against the town
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Work with Department of Environmental Services

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by the State of NH for Town Clerks, I also:

- Issue decals and plates within the limits permitted by the State of NH DMV
- Provide notary services
- Pursue payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds
- Issue transfer station permits
- Aid the public in genealogy searches
- Assist all departments whenever needed
- Respond to inquiries from the general public

The tax collector's office is audited by the town auditors and the town clerk's office audited by the Department of Safety – Motor Vehicle Division.

Currently the town clerk/tax collector office is open Monday through Friday from 8-4. The hours are subject to change so please either call the office or check the Town of Ashland website to be sure.

2024 Town Clerk Financial Activity [unaudited at this time].

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$428,590.38
Boat Registrations [Riveredge Marina deputy]	\$5,425.84
Vital Record [State fees]	\$2,217.00
Dog Registrations [State fees]	\$827.50
Vital Records [Town fees]	\$1,699.15
Dog Registrations [Town fees]	\$1,549.05

Tax Collection details are found on the MS 61 form [unaudited at this time].

Rebecca L. Hartley
 Town Clerk / Tax Collector
Townoffice@ashland.nh.gov
 603-968-4432 ext. 5661

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT**

01/13/2025

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01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

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Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
MYRDEK, JOCELYN ADRIAN ASHLAND, NH	CHASE, BRIAN ROBERT ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	05/16/2024
PEARSON, ELIAS JAMES ASHLAND, NH	HUTTON, OLIVIA ROSE SANBORNTON, NH	ASHLAND	CHICHESTER	07/12/2024
WEYMOUTH, JOSEPH ANCIL ASHLAND, NH	JACKSON, SHARI LOUISE ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	07/24/2024
CASSIDY, NICOLE ASHLAND, NH	TRACY, TIMOTHY ROBERT ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	FRANCONIA	07/30/2024
O'NEILL, PATRICK RYAN NEW HAMPTON, NH	CONKEY, CRYSTAL MAY ASHLAND, NH	NEW HAMPTON	BOSCAWEN	10/12/2024
STONE, MISTY DAWN ASHLAND, NH	BERRY, SHANE ROBERT ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	RUMNEY	10/31/2024
STEVENS, BRITA MARY ASHLAND, NH	YAHN, BROCKTON RICHARD ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	11/28/2024

Total number of records 7

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

-- ASHLAND--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
COMEAU, ALAINA MAE	01/31/2024	PLYMOUTH, NH		COMEAU, MATAYA LYNN
SMITH, AURORA JADE	06/13/2024	CONCORD, NH	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER ISAIAH	CARINE, HALEY DAWN
STYCZYNSKI, THEODORE ALEXANDER	08/02/2024	CONCORD, NH	STYCZYNSKI, JACOB JOHN	STYCZYNSKI, ELIZA JANE
HAMEL, PRESTON SCOTT	11/07/2024	CONCORD, NH	HAMEL, ALEXANDER LOUIS	HAMEL, MICHELLE CATHERINE

Total number of records 4

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**



RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

--ASHLAND, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
GOODWIN, COREY LEE	01/19/2024	ASHLAND	GOODWIN, DANA	BEAUCHEMIN, JACQUELINE	N
SHARROW, GARY LEE	01/29/2024	ASHLAND	SHARROW, PAHL	BOYNTON, LORRETTA	N
CROSS, TIMOTHY AARON	03/17/2024	LEBANON	CROSS, RUSSELL	COOK, NANCY	N
MARDIN, ROY WAYNE	03/18/2024	ASHLAND	MARDIN, ROBERT	COOK, DAISY	N
NICHOLS, LEE VAN	03/28/2024	ASHLAND	NICHOLS, VAUGHN	TEST, RUTH	N
GRIFFIN, JERROLD CLEMENT	04/22/2024	ASHLAND	GRIFFIN JR, JOHN	BROWNE, JUNE	Y
CHENEZ, RENEE L	05/02/2024	ASHLAND	CHENEZ, ROBERT	PIERCE, GRACE	N
MUDGETT, KAY CROWLEY	05/16/2024	ASHLAND	CROWLEY, CARL	DAWSON, GRACE	N
O'MARA, ESTHER H	06/03/2024	WOLFEBORO	PHINNEY, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, DORRIS	N
TIVEY, DAVID BRYAN	06/16/2024	ASHLAND	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	TIVEY, BEVERLY	Y
ROLLINS, ELEANOR M	07/22/2024	PLYMOUTH	MERRILL, JAMES	WHITTEMORE, GLADYS	N
DUNCAN, NANCYJANE J	07/31/2024	LACONIA	JACKSON MD, HOWARD	ROBINSON, ELIZABETH	N
VACHON, KENNETH DAVID	10/28/2024	LEBANON	VACHON, ANTHONY	BRUNT, GRACE	Y
SHARPE, WAYNE LEE	12/02/2024	MEREDITH	SHARPE, EVERETT	MOCKAMIL, MARY	N
HAVLOCK, LINDA ARDEL	12/18/2024	ASHLAND	GRIGAS, ALBERT	BOULEY, ELAINE	N
GLENNIE, STEVEN JOHN	12/26/2024	ASHLAND	GLENNIE, DOUGLAS	FREEMAN, SANDRA	N
CLOGSTON, GAYLE PATRICIA	12/31/2024	ASHLAND	TURMEL, GERARD	BURGESS, DIANA	N

Total number of records 17

FINANCIALS

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2024
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,272,085.67	\$ 619,804.80	\$ 240,476.84	\$ 859,415.82
EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,446,214.76	\$ 2,603,407.21	\$ 139,169.12	\$ 1,069,081.27
INTEREST	\$ 13,097,396.75	\$ 2,653,778.76	\$ 238,465.09	\$ 904,793.89
	\$ 16,107.18	\$ 5,602.80	\$ 2,408.78	\$ 10,588.71
TOTAL	\$ 2,637,010.86	\$ 575,036.05	\$ 143,589.65	\$ 1,023,703.20

PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2024

MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 559,053.71	\$ 33,011.59	\$ 91,689.93	
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 2,637,010.86	\$ 575,036.05	\$ 143,589.65	\$ 904,008.89
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT			\$	\$ 119,694.31
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 3,196,064.57	\$ 608,047.64	\$ 235,279.58	\$ 1,023,703.20

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TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2024

\$ 3,196,064.57	\$ 608,047.64	\$ 235,279.58	\$ 1,023,703.20
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ESCROW FOR LACONIA LAND TRUST

BEGGING BALANCE	\$ 10,000.00	4TH OF JULY BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 23,707.66
EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,200.00	4TH OF JULY DEPOSITS	\$ 35,779.74
INTEREST	\$ 0.67	4TH OF JULY INTEREST	\$ 399.61
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2024	\$ 800.67	4TH OF JULY EXPENDITURES	\$ 25,810.00
		ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 2024	\$ 34,077.01

LONG-TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS

Town's Long-Term Debt - 2024

	Balance January 1	Principal Retired	Balance December 31	Interest Paid for Year
General Obligation Debt Payments				
\$235,631 Water System Bond Interest @ 3.99% Payable to Northway Bank Final Payment: 2027	\$42,293	\$ (12,083.66)	\$30,209	\$1,808
\$1,092,191 Water Project Interest @ 3.99% Payable to Northway Bank Final Payment: 2026	\$160,616	\$ (64,246.52)	\$96,370	\$7,049
\$944,000 River Street Imps R1 and R2 Interest @ 5% Payable to NHMBB - Peoples United Bank Final Payment: 2029	\$484,000	\$ (63,000.00)	\$421,000	\$13,406
\$2,000,000 Headworks & Septage Rec. Facility \$300,000 Principal Forgiven Interest @ 2% Payable to State of NH Final Payment: 2039	\$ 1,415,509	\$ (75,942.21)	\$ 1,339,567	\$ 28,310
\$100,000 Aeration Bond \$50,000 Principal Forgiven Interest @ 2% Payable to State of NH Final Payment: 2028	\$ 50,000	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,371

CONTINGENCY FUND REPORT

Submitted by Finance Director Marissah Gallien

Established in 2020 at the Annual Town Meeting, the contingency fund was created to be used for unanticipated expenditures that could arise. It was approved in 2024 to appropriate \$25,000 into the fund, should there be any remaining balance at the end of the year, the funds would lapse to the general fund. During 2024 the contingency fund was used towards the general assistance budget which helps members of the community that are in need of assistance for a variety of reasons.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

The funds managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds continue to do well at Vanguard, invested in diversified funds according to NH state law. We continue to shave costs wherever possible to ensure the greatest growth and security of the trusts. This includes paperless statements and EFTs to avoid wire transfer fees. We also continue to work with legal to resolve past matters and hope these matters conclude in 2025.

We trustees met 4 times in 2024, with our primary purpose of writing checks for the Town of Ashland as well as town organizations who have funds invested with the town. The Trustees awarded the Janet Addison Scholarship to Matthew B. Jolin (check written in 2024). Eliza Foote is the 2024 recipient, and the check will be awarded in early 2025.

We strive for transparency in all transactions and invite the public to our quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,

The Trustees of the Trust Funds
Amanda Loud, Chair
Lisa Rollins, Secretary
Walter Durack

MS-9 2024

The 2024 MS-9 was not available at the time of printing for the Town Report.
Once the MS-9 is finalized, copies will be made available at the Town Hall and online.



Tax Rate Breakdown Ashland

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,852,720	\$454,971,865	\$6.27
County	\$450,582	\$454,971,865	\$0.99
Local Education	\$4,474,974	\$454,971,865	\$9.84
State Education	\$540,623	\$417,736,565	\$1.29
Total	\$8,318,899		\$18.39

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$8,318,899
War Service Credits	(\$77,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$8,241,899

11/7/2024

Sam Greene
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$15,021,365	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$11,917,400)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$25,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$330,000)
War Service Credits	\$77,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$26,755	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,852,720	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$450,582	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$450,582	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$4,201,153	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$1,629,775	
Net Education Grant		(\$815,331)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$540,623)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$4,474,974	
State Education Tax	\$540,623	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$540,623	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$454,971,865	\$442,202,158
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$417,736,565	\$413,352,758
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$454,971,865	\$442,202,158

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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Ashland

Tax Commitment Verification

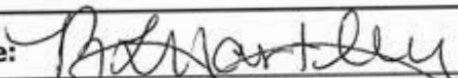
2024 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$8,241,899
1/2% Amount	\$41,209
Acceptable High	\$8,283,108
Acceptable Low	\$8,200,690

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	8249552.92
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	8249552.92

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2024 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:  Date: 11/7/24

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Ashland	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2024 Tax Rate	\$18.39	\$9.20
Associated Villages		

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$10,920,909
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$9,566,635
Final Overlay	\$26,755

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund*.

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2024 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Ashland	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (12.86%)	\$1,230,737
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$1,626,328
10% Retained	\$956,664
8% Retained	\$765,331
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$478,332



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year)** or **September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: ASHLAND County: GRAFTON Report Year: 2023

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name: PATRICIA Last Name: TUCKER
Street No.: 20 Street Name: HIGHLAND STREET - ASHLAND Phone Number: (603) 968-4432
Email (optional): ptucker@ashland.nh.gov



Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: <input type="text"/>	Year: <input type="text"/>	Year: <input type="text"/>
Property Taxes	3110		\$399,142.38	\$22,048.51	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				(\$44.89)	

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$7,539,038.29	\$3,921.31	
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$9,300.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,258.64		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	3110	\$21,618.81			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,300.90	\$11,259.29	\$2,514.55	\$27.25
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$7,573,516.64	\$414,278.09	\$24,563.06	\$27.25



Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	\$6,800,765.23	\$285,213.38	\$18,211.51	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$9,300.00			
Yield Taxes	\$1,258.64			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,300.90	\$11,259.29	\$2,514.55	\$27.25
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$117,535.09		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	\$6,983.10	\$270.33	\$3,837.00	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$752,920.22			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$11.45)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits		\$7,573,516.64	\$414,278.09	\$24,563.06
				\$27.25

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$752,908.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$74,388.18



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020-
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$50,178.10	\$63,216.28	\$22,401.99
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$123,781.07			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,984.48	\$3,764.28	\$16,748.09	\$14,588.94
Total Debits	\$127,765.55	\$53,942.38	\$79,964.37	\$36,990.93

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020-
Redemptions	\$83,031.10	\$22,109.38	\$57,405.77	\$8,565.94
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$3,984.48	\$3,764.28	\$16,748.09	\$14,588.94
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$2,011.76	\$2,160.19	\$2,199.16	\$7,705.96
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$38,738.21	\$25,908.53	\$3,611.35	\$6,130.09
Total Credits	\$127,765.55	\$53,942.38	\$79,964.37	\$36,990.93

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$752,908.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$74,388.18



ASHLAND (19)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

PATRICIA

Preparer's Last Name

TUCKER

Date

1-22-24

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Patricia Tucker TAX COLLECTOR
Preparer's Signature and Title




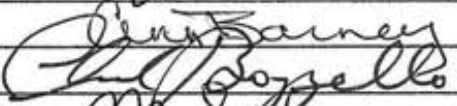
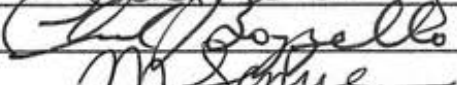
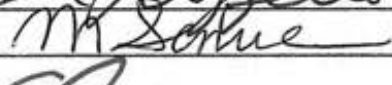
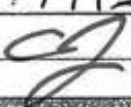
Ashland Summary Inventory of Valuation

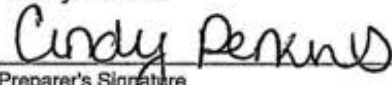
Reports Required: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

Note: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

For assistance please contact:
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Assessor
Cindy Perkins (CNP)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
Andy Fitch	Chair	
Ann-Marie Barney	Vice Chair	
Charles Bozzello	Selectman	
Meghan Semiao	Selectman	
Chris Janosa	Selectman	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Cindy Perkins	603-410-6444	cindy@cnpappraisal.net
		
Preparer's Signature		



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	3,746.86	\$230,207	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	1,948.49	\$144,105,900	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	354.75	\$14,490,788	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	6,050.10	\$158,826,895	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	509.54	\$7,435,060	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$219,468,580	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$5,815,740	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$34,979,800	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$260,264,120	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$26,010,070	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$37,235,300	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$456,326,315	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	1	\$1,174,450	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$455,151,865	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	4	\$150,000
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	0	\$0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$180,000
21A	Net Valuation			\$454,971,865
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$454,971,865
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$454,971,865
22	Less Utilities			\$37,235,300
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$417,736,565
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$417,736,565



Utility Value Appraiser

Sansoucy

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOP	\$454,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$454,000
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$7,191,000	\$0	\$0	\$29,590,300	\$36,781,300
	\$7,645,000	\$0	\$0	\$29,590,300	\$37,235,300



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$750	57	\$42,750
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$0	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$4,000	8	\$32,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$750	3	\$2,250
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		68	\$77,000

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	
Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year

Age	Number
65-74	0
75-79	0
80+	0

Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
75-79	3	\$40,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
80+	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	4		\$150,000	\$150,000

Income Limits	
Single	\$20,000
Married	\$30,000

Asset Limits	
Single	\$60,000
Married	\$60,000

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)

Granted/Adopted? No

Structures:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:

Total Exemption Granted:

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:

Current Assessed Value:



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	241.76	\$81,875
Forest Land	2,446.38	\$110,715
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	869.96	\$34,196
Unproductive Land	113.62	\$1,779
Wet Land	75.14	\$1,642
	3,746.86	\$230,207

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	2,421.40
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	4.07
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	63
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	94

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$9,300
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 50.00%	Dollar Amount: \$4,650
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$4,650
Monies to General Fund		\$4,650

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	0.00	\$0

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	0



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F

Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
		0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D

Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
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Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
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This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
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This municipality has no TIF districts.

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax

	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357		
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$28.00	54.20

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)

Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
SOUTHERN NH HOUSING AUTHORITY [AMES BROOK APARTMENTS] 214-017-000-000-0000	\$11,265
	\$11,265

Notes

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Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

Ashland

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Andy Fitch	Selectman	
Meghan Semiao	Selectman	
Ann-Marie Barney	Selectman	
CHARLES BORZELLO	SELECTMAN	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
4130	Executive	17	\$189,773
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	17	\$56,552
4150	Financial Administration	17	\$166,851
4152	Property Assessment	17	\$15,101
4153	Legal Expense	17	\$30,000
4155	Personnel Administration	17	\$569,389
4191	Planning and Zoning	17	\$14,030
4194	General Government Buildings	17	\$43,626
4195	Cemeteries	17	\$1
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	17	\$86,571
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0
4198	Contingency	21	\$25,000
4199	Other General Government	17	\$1
General Government Subtotal			\$1,196,895
Public Safety			
4210	Police	17	\$591,098
4215	Ambulances	17	\$116,664
4220	Fire	17	\$432,679
4240	Building Inspection	17	\$32,469
4290	Emergency Management	17	\$1,000
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,173,910
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration		\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration	17	\$292,073
4312	Highways and Streets	17	\$266,992
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	17	\$115,727
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$674,792



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Sanitation			
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	17	\$186,263
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$186,263
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration		\$0
4352	Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration	17	\$2,355
4414	Pest Control	17	\$1,133
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0
Health Subtotal			\$3,488
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration	17	\$21,827
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0
4449	Other Welfare	31,32,33,34,3 5,36	\$34,442
Welfare Subtotal			\$56,269



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation	17	\$184,887
4550	Library	17	\$104,046
4583	Patriotic Purposes	17	\$1,201
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	38	\$3,000
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$293,134
Conservation and Development			
4611	Conservation Administration	17	\$1
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1
Debt Service			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	17	\$1
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$1
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	14	\$6,200,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$6,200,000



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Operating Transfers Out			
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	18	\$3,443,990
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	16,20	\$917,689
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	19	\$399,381
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	22,23,24,25,26,27,28	\$475,552
4916	To Expendable Trusts		\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$5,236,612
Total Voted Appropriations			\$15,021,365

Financial Report of the Budget

Ashland

For the period ending December 31, 2023

PREPARER'S EFILE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Natalie Smith

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Ann-Marie Barney	Selectman	Ann-Marie Barney
CHRIS JANOSA	SELECTMAN	Chris Janosa
Charles Bozzello	SELECTMAN	Charles Bozzello
M. Semma	Selectman	M. Semma

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Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
General Government			
4130	Executive	\$187,760	\$172,631
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$42,957	\$38,900
4150	Financial Administration	\$176,820	\$141,400
4152	Property Assessment	\$49,101	\$50,673
4153	Legal Expense	\$30,000	\$24,822
4155	Personnel Administration	\$524,536	\$439,820
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$13,030	\$10,404
4194	General Government Buildings	\$43,376	\$35,895
4195	Cemeteries	\$1	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$65,577	\$64,497
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$25,001	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$1,158,159	\$979,042
Public Safety			
4210	Police	\$558,660	\$495,750
4215	Ambulances	\$76,306	\$76,306
4220	Fire	\$358,157	\$339,526
4240	Building Inspection	\$33,390	\$31,349
4290	Emergency Management	\$1,000	\$3,700
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$1,027,513	\$946,631
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration	\$264,736	\$255,715
4312	Highways and Streets	\$261,241	\$278,345
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$76,002	\$29,424
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$601,979	\$563,484



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Sanitation			
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$1,541	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$163,825	\$205,646
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$165,366	\$205,646
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration	\$1,541	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$1,541	\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration	\$4,022	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$4,022	\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration	\$2,355	\$1,525
4414	Pest Control	\$1,100	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$3,455	\$1,525
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration	\$18,428	\$26,255
4442	Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$32,848	\$32,848
Welfare Subtotal		\$51,276	\$59,103



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$162,345	\$146,149
4550	Library	\$88,743	\$88,744
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$1,101	\$1,089
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$3,000	\$3,000
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$255,189	\$238,982
Conservation and Development			
4611	Conservation Administration	\$1	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1	\$0
Debt Service			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$275,000	\$448,384
<i>Explanation: \$173,384 due to agents to expend</i>			
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$275,000	\$448,384



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
Operating Transfers Out			
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$3,440,794	\$3,381,191
<i>Explanation: Gross Expenditures</i>			
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$838,476	\$699,475
<i>Explanation: Gross Expenditures</i>			
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$375,325	\$538,451
<i>Explanation: Gross Expenditures</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$225,000	\$225,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$4,879,595	\$4,844,117
Payments to Other Governments			
4931	Taxes Assessed for County	\$0	\$482,422
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village District	\$0	\$0
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	\$0	\$4,127,797
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Education	\$0	\$541,572
4939	Payments to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
Payments to Other Governments Subtotal			\$5,151,791
Total Before Payments to Other Governments		\$8,423,097	\$8,286,914
Plus Payments to Other Governments			\$5,151,791
Plus Commitments to Other Governments from Tax Rate		\$5,151,791	
Less Proprietary/Special Funds		\$4,654,595	\$4,619,117
Total General Fund Expenditures		\$8,920,293	\$8,819,588



Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Taxes			
3110	Property Taxes	\$0	\$7,516,024
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	\$0	\$4,650
3121	Land Use Change Taxes for Conservation Fund	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	\$0	\$1,259
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$15,290	\$26,555
3187	Excavation Tax	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$39,000	\$48,111
Taxes Subtotal		\$54,290	\$7,596,599
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$1,000	\$1,925
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$400,000	\$407,330
3230	Building Permits	\$14,000	\$21,262
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$4,000	\$7,010
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$419,000	\$437,527
From Federal Government			
3311	Housing and Urban Development	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0
State Sources			
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$183,990	\$183,990
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$54,705	\$54,698
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$14,098	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$31	\$31
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	\$27,229	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	\$0	\$41,162
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal		\$280,053	\$279,881



Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Charges for Services			
3401	Income from Departments	\$165,000	\$216,843
3402	Water Supply System Charges	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$165,000	\$216,843
Miscellaneous Revenues			
3500	Special Assessments	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$2,500	\$17,368
3503	Other	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	\$30,000	\$9,403
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$32,500	\$26,771
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
3911	From Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund	\$3,444,816	\$2,762,087
<i>Explanation: Gross Revenues</i>			
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$825,919	\$789,430
<i>Explanation: Gross Revenues</i>			
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	\$350,799	\$322,307
<i>Explanation: Gross Revenues</i>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$105,000	\$286,384
<i>Explanation: agents to expend</i>			
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$4,726,534	\$4,160,208
Other Financing Sources			
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Less Proprietary/Special Funds		\$4,621,534	\$3,873,824
Plus Property Tax Commitment from Tax Rate		\$7,612,304	



Revenues

Total General Fund Revenues

\$8,668,147

\$8,844,005



Balance Sheet

Account	Description	Starting Balance	Ending Balance
Current Assets			
1010	Cash and Equivalents	\$3,074,408	\$3,220,572
1030	Investments	\$0	\$0
1080	Tax Receivable	\$424,269	\$648,587
<i>Explanation: Net of \$100,000 Allowance</i>			
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	\$35,796	\$74,388
1150	Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0
1260	Due from Other Governments	\$0	\$0
1310	Due from Other Funds	\$503,753	\$645,560
1400	Other Current Assets	\$33,880	\$41,847
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	\$15,561	\$15,561
Current Assets Subtotal		\$4,087,667	\$4,646,515
Current Liabilities			
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$101,403	\$388,875
2030	Compensated Absences Payable	\$45,815	\$42,883
2050	Contracts Payable	\$0	\$0
2070	Due to Other Governments	\$4,282	\$25,206
2075	Due to School Districts	\$2,031,046	\$2,202,166
2080	Due to Other Funds	\$155,663	\$250,050
2220	Deferred Revenue	\$130,730	\$94,190
2230	Notes Payable - Current	\$0	\$0
2270	Other Payables	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities Subtotal		\$2,468,939	\$3,003,370
Fund Equity			
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$49,441	\$57,408
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2460	Committed Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	\$3,360	\$0
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,565,927	\$1,585,737
Fund Equity Subtotal		\$1,618,728	\$1,643,145



Tax Commitment

Source	County	Village	Local Education	State Education	Other	Property Tax
MS-535	\$482,422	\$0	\$4,127,797	\$541,572	\$0	\$7,516,024
Commitment	\$482,422	\$0	\$4,127,797	\$541,572		\$7,612,304
Difference	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$96,280)

General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation

Total Revenues	\$8,844,005
Total Expenditures	\$8,819,588
Change	\$24,417
Ending Fund Equity	\$1,643,145
Beginning Fund Equity	\$1,618,728
Change	\$24,417



Long Term Debt

Description (Purpose)	Original Obligation	Annual Installment	Rate	Final Payment	Start of Year	Issued	Retired	End of Year
Headworks/Septage Receiving (Sewer)	\$2,000,000	\$65,483	2.0	2039	\$1,489,962	\$0	\$74,453	\$1,415,509
River St. Improvement (Water and Sewer)	\$944,000	\$53,000	2%-5%	2029	\$484,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$424,000
SRF - Energy Audit (Sewer)	\$100,000	\$10,000	2.0	2028	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Water Project (Water Infrastructure)	\$1,600,000	\$64,247	4.501%	2026	\$256,987	\$0	\$64,246	\$192,741
Water System (Water Infrastructure)	\$300,000	\$12,084	4.501%	2027	\$60,408	\$0	\$12,084	\$48,324
	\$4,944,000				\$2,291,357	\$100,000	\$210,783	\$2,180,574

**TOWN OF ASHLAND,
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**AS OF AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major governmental and proprietary fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Ashland's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major governmental and proprietary fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the major general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Ashland and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in the year ending December 31, 2023, the Town adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Town of Ashland's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Ashland's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting

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from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Ashland's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Ashland's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Ashland's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic

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financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 17, 2025
Concord, New Hampshire

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,135,267	\$ 2,031,663	\$ 6,166,930
Investments	180,213	-	180,213
Taxes receivables	722,975	-	722,975
Accounts receivable	-	595,691	595,691
Intergovernmental receivable	-	174,453	174,453
Internal balances	636,742	(636,742)	-
Inventory	-	15,594	15,594
Prepaid items	41,847	28,922	70,769
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	15,561	-	15,561
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,769,494	367,177	2,136,671
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	7,337,362	5,961,844	13,299,206
Total assets	14,839,461	8,538,602	23,378,063
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Amounts related to pensions	291,379	158,807	450,186
Amounts related to other postemployment benefits	4,617	2,273	6,890
Total deferred outflows of resources	295,996	161,080	457,076
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	388,875	24,498	413,373
Accrued salaries and benefits	42,883	-	42,883
Accrued interest payable	-	25,140	25,140
Intergovernmental payable	2,227,372	-	2,227,372
Notes payable	-	171,930	171,930
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	15,578	281,335	296,913
Due in more than one year	1,730,675	2,782,579	4,513,254
Total liabilities	4,405,383	3,285,482	7,690,865
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - SB 401 and donations	94,190	-	94,190
Unavailable revenue - ARPA	215,137	-	215,137
Amounts related to pensions	20,891	103,640	124,531
Total deferred inflows of resources	330,218	103,640	433,858
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	9,106,856	4,112,069	13,218,925
Restricted	632,033	-	632,033
Unrestricted	660,967	1,198,491	1,859,458
Total net position	\$ 10,399,856	\$ 5,310,560	\$ 15,710,416

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 802,803	\$ 349	\$ 214,593	\$ (587,861)	\$ -	\$ (587,861)
Public safety	1,075,778	13,560	-	(1,062,218)	-	(1,062,218)
Highways and streets	592,655	61,782	102,860	(428,013)	-	(428,013)
Sanitation	192,860	-	-	(192,860)	-	(192,860)
Health	1,525	-	-	(1,525)	-	(1,525)
Welfare	59,103	-	-	(59,103)	-	(59,103)
Culture and recreation	283,572	150,707	-	(132,865)	-	(132,865)
Depreciation- unallocated	713,499	-	-	(713,499)	-	(713,499)
Total governmental activities	<u>3,721,795</u>	<u>226,398</u>	<u>317,453</u>	<u>(3,177,944)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,177,944)</u>
Business-type activities:						
Water	537,450	319,467	-	-	(217,983)	(217,983)
Sewer	683,798	774,562	4,279	-	95,043	95,043
Electric	3,325,968	2,755,879	-	-	(570,089)	(570,089)
Total business-type activities	<u>4,547,216</u>	<u>3,849,908</u>	<u>4,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(693,029)</u>	<u>(693,029)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,269,011</u>	<u>\$ 4,076,306</u>	<u>\$ 321,732</u>	<u>(3,177,944)</u>	<u>(693,029)</u>	<u>(3,870,973)</u>
General revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property				2,364,233	-	2,364,233
Other				85,225	-	85,225
Motor vehicle permit fees				407,330	-	407,330
Licenses and other fees				30,197	-	30,197
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				183,990	-	183,990
Unrestricted investment earnings				31,739	22,722	54,461
Miscellaneous				46,935	-	46,935
Total general revenues				<u>3,149,649</u>	<u>22,722</u>	<u>3,172,371</u>
Change in net position				(28,295)	(670,307)	(698,602)
Net position, beginning, as restated (see Note 17)				10,428,151	5,980,867	16,409,018
Net position, ending				<u>\$ 10,399,856</u>	<u>\$ 5,310,560</u>	<u>\$ 15,710,416</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,084,579	\$ 50,688	\$ 4,135,267
Investments	-	180,213	180,213
Taxes receivable	822,975	-	822,975
Interfund receivable	636,742	-	636,742
Prepaid items	41,847	-	41,847
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	15,561	-	15,561
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,601,704</u>	<u>\$ 230,901</u>	<u>\$ 5,832,605</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 388,875	\$ -	\$ 388,875
Accrued salaries and benefits	42,883	-	42,883
Intergovernmental payable	2,227,372	-	2,227,372
Total liabilities	<u>2,659,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,659,130</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	174,995	-	174,995
Unavailable revenue - SB 401 and donations	94,190	-	94,190
Unavailable revenue - ARPA	215,137	-	215,137
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>484,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484,322</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	57,408	22,813	80,221
Restricted	435,995	208,088	644,083
Committed	454,107	-	454,107
Unassigned	1,510,742	-	1,510,742
Total fund balances	<u>2,458,252</u>	<u>230,901</u>	<u>2,689,153</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,601,704</u>	<u>\$ 230,901</u>	<u>\$ 5,832,605</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 2,689,153
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost	\$ 31,650,939	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,544,083)</u>	
		9,106,856
Pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds as follows:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 291,379	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(20,891)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>4,617</u>	
		275,105
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.		174,995
Allowance for uncollectible property taxes that is recognized on the full accrual basis but not on the modified accrual.		(100,000)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences	\$ 78,632	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	63,000	
Net pension liability	1,468,402	
Other postemployment benefits	<u>136,219</u>	
		(1,746,253)
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 10,399,856</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 2,391,363	\$ 4,650	\$ 2,396,013
Licenses and permits	437,527	-	437,527
Intergovernmental	501,443	-	501,443
Charges for services	216,843	9,555	226,398
Miscellaneous	59,412	19,262	78,674
Total revenues	<u>3,606,588</u>	<u>33,467</u>	<u>3,640,055</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	979,042	-	979,042
Public safety	1,121,193	3,900	1,125,093
Highways and streets	610,484	-	610,484
Sanitation	205,646	-	205,646
Health	1,525	-	1,525
Welfare	59,103	-	59,103
Culture and recreation	270,747	14,525	285,272
Capital outlay	448,384	-	448,384
Total expenditures	<u>3,696,124</u>	<u>18,425</u>	<u>3,714,549</u>
Net change in fund balances	(89,536)	15,042	(74,494)
Fund balances, beginning	2,547,788	215,859	2,763,647
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 2,458,252</u>	<u>\$ 230,901</u>	<u>\$ 2,689,153</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-4
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-3)	\$ (74,494)
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay expenditures in the current year, as follows:

Capitalized capital outlay	\$ 468,817	
Depreciation expense	(713,499)	
		(244,682)

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and donations) is to decrease net assets.	(17,846)
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Revenue in the Statement of Activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.	
Change in deferred inflows of resources for tax revenue	53,445

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in compensated absences payable	\$ (444)	
Change in accrued landfill postclosure care costs	11,000	
Net change in net pension liability, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions	205,733	
Net change in net other postemployment benefits liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits	38,993	
		255,282

Changes in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	\$ (28,295)
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The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 2,408,367	\$ 2,408,367	\$ 2,444,808	\$ 36,441
Licenses and permits	419,000	419,000	437,527	18,527
Intergovernmental	239,888	239,888	279,881	39,993
Charges for services	165,000	165,000	216,843	51,843
Miscellaneous	32,500	32,500	26,771	(5,729)
Total revenues	<u>3,264,755</u>	<u>3,264,755</u>	<u>3,405,830</u>	<u>141,075</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,171,196	1,179,196	979,042	200,154
Public safety	1,017,212	1,017,212	946,631	70,581
Highways and streets	599,243	599,243	560,124	39,119
Sanitation	163,825	163,825	205,646	(41,821)
Health	3,455	3,455	1,525	1,930
Welfare	51,276	51,276	59,103	(7,827)
Culture and recreation	255,189	255,189	238,982	16,207
Conservation	1	1	-	1
Debt service:				
Interest	-	1	-	1
Capital outlay	275,001	448,384	448,384	-
Total expenditures	<u>3,536,398</u>	<u>3,717,782</u>	<u>3,439,437</u>	<u>278,345</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(271,643)</u>	<u>(453,027)</u>	<u>(33,607)</u>	<u>419,420</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	105,000	286,384	286,384	-
Transfers out	(225,000)	(225,000)	(225,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>61,384</u>	<u>61,384</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (391,643)</u>	<u>\$ (391,643)</u>	27,777	<u>\$ 419,420</u>
Increase in nonspendable fund balance			(7,967)	
Unassigned fund balance, beginning			1,565,927	
Unassigned fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 1,585,737</u>	

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT E-1
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Proprietary Funds
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities			
	Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Electric	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 300,701	\$ 1,079,458	\$ 651,504	\$ 2,031,663
Accounts receivable	44,102	140,621	410,968	595,691
Intergovernmental receivable	-	174,453	-	174,453
Prepaid items	665	17,159	11,098	28,922
Inventory	-	-	15,594	15,594
Capital assets:				
Land and construction in progress	4,011	363,166	-	367,177
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	1,949,811	3,239,835	772,198	5,961,844
Total assets	<u>2,299,290</u>	<u>5,014,692</u>	<u>1,861,362</u>	<u>9,175,344</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Amounts related to pensions	30,486	30,486	97,835	158,807
Amounts related to other postemployment benefits	483	483	1,307	2,273
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>30,969</u>	<u>30,969</u>	<u>99,142</u>	<u>161,080</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	1,071	899	22,528	24,498
Accrued interest payable	-	25,140	-	25,140
Internal balances	101,915	208,868	325,959	636,742
Notes payable	-	171,930	-	171,930
Long term liabilities:				
Due within one year	-	281,335	-	281,335
Due in more than one year	174,055	2,114,029	494,495	2,782,579
Total liabilities	<u>277,041</u>	<u>2,802,201</u>	<u>842,982</u>	<u>3,922,224</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Amounts related to pensions	<u>2,186</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>99,268</u>	<u>103,640</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	1,953,822	1,386,049	772,198	4,112,069
Unrestricted	97,210	855,225	246,056	1,198,491
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,051,032</u>	<u>\$ 2,241,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,018,254</u>	<u>\$ 5,310,560</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT E-2
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Proprietary Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities			Total
	Enterprise Funds			Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Electric	
Operating revenues:				
User charges	\$ 319,467	\$ 774,562	\$ 2,755,879	\$ 3,849,908
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and wages	136,209	137,874	364,150	638,233
Operation and maintenance	241,085	375,940	2,906,642	3,523,667
Depreciation	160,156	169,984	55,176	385,316
Total operating expenses	537,450	683,798	3,325,968	4,547,216
Operating gain (loss)	(217,983)	90,764	(570,089)	(697,308)
Nonoperating revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues	-	4,279	-	4,279
Interest income	3,643	12,871	6,208	22,722
Total nonoperating revenues	3,643	17,150	6,208	27,001
Change in net position	(214,340)	107,914	(563,881)	(670,307)
Net position, beginning, as restated (see Note 17)	2,265,372	2,133,360	1,582,135	5,980,867
Net position, ending	\$ 2,051,032	\$ 2,241,274	\$ 1,018,254	\$ 5,310,560

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT E-3
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Proprietary Funds
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities			
	Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Electric	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 341,730	\$ 785,284	\$ 3,112,844	\$ 4,239,858
Payments to employees	(120,587)	(124,973)	(87,685)	(333,245)
Payments to suppliers	(242,751)	(395,757)	(2,937,440)	(3,575,948)
Net cash provided by (used by) operating activities	(21,608)	264,554	87,719	330,665
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Proceeds from grant	-	97,205	-	97,205
Proceeds from State of NH State Revolving Loan	-	149,586	-	149,586
Principal paid on bonds	-	(216,846)	-	(216,846)
Acquisition and construction of fixed assets	(33,334)	(403,770)	(69,464)	(506,568)
Interest paid	-	(8,737)	-	(8,737)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	(33,334)	(382,562)	(69,464)	(485,360)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:				
Interfund borrowings	58,366	17,114	110,000	185,480
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest received	3,643	12,871	6,208	22,722
Net change in cash	7,067	(88,023)	134,463	53,507
Cash, beginning	293,634	1,167,481	517,041	1,978,156
Cash, ending	\$ 300,701	\$ 1,079,458	\$ 651,504	\$ 2,031,663
Reconciliation of Operating Gain (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used by) Operating Activities				
Operating gain (loss)	\$ (217,983)	\$ 90,764	\$ (570,089)	\$ (697,308)
Adjustments to reconcile operating gain (loss) to net cash provided by (used by) operating activities:				
Depreciation expense	160,156	169,984	55,176	385,316
Change in other receivables	22,263	10,722	359,965	392,950
Change in prepaid items	(665)	(5,039)	(8,158)	(13,862)
Change in inventory	-	-	17,021	17,021
Change in accounts payable	971	899	(39,661)	(37,791)
Change in accrued salaries and benefits	-	-	(150)	(150)
Change in compensated absences	-	902	13,899	14,801
Change in net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources	10,706	(3,970)	244,570	251,306
Change in net OPEB liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources	2,944	292	15,146	18,382
Total adjustments	196,375	173,790	657,808	1,027,973
Net cash provided by (used by) operating activities	\$ (21,608)	\$ 264,554	\$ 87,719	\$ 330,665

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT F-1
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	All Custodial Funds	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 582	\$ 439,380	\$ 439,962
Investments	17,524	78,376	95,900
Intergovernmental receivable	-	2,202,166	2,202,166
Total assets	<u>18,106</u>	<u>2,719,922</u>	<u>2,738,028</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to the Ashland School District	-	1,609,528	1,609,528
Due to the Pemi-Baker School District	-	592,638	592,638
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,202,166</u>	<u>2,202,166</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted	<u>\$ 18,106</u>	<u>\$ 517,756</u>	<u>\$ 535,862</u>

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EXHIBIT F-2
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	All Custodial Funds	Total
ADDITIONS			
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Investment earnings	1,188	8,399	9,587
Change in fair market value	1,494	8,545	10,039
Tax collections for other governments	-	5,151,791	5,151,791
Motor vehicles fees collected for State	-	142,942	142,942
Total additions	<u>2,682</u>	<u>5,386,677</u>	<u>5,389,359</u>
DEDUCTIONS			
Administrative expenses	-	2,750	2,750
Payments of taxes to other governments	-	5,155,691	5,155,691
Motor vehicle fees paid to State	-	142,942	142,942
Scholarships	500	-	500
Total deductions	<u>500</u>	<u>5,301,383</u>	<u>5,301,883</u>
Change in net position	2,182	85,294	87,476
Net position, beginning	15,924	428,562	444,486
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 18,106</u>	<u>\$ 513,856</u>	<u>\$ 531,962</u>

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COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 2,354,077	\$ 2,364,233	\$ 10,156
Land use change	-	4,650	4,650
Yield	-	1,259	1,259
Payment in lieu of taxes	15,290	26,555	11,265
Interest and penalties on taxes	39,000	48,111	9,111
Total from taxes	<u>2,408,367</u>	<u>2,444,808</u>	<u>36,441</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	1,000	1,925	925
Motor vehicle permit fees	400,000	407,330	7,330
Building permits	14,000	21,262	7,262
Other	4,000	7,010	3,010
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>419,000</u>	<u>437,527</u>	<u>18,527</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	183,990	183,990	-
Highway block grant	54,705	54,698	(7)
State and federal forest land reimbursement	31	31	-
Other	1,162	41,162	40,000
Total from intergovernmental	<u>239,888</u>	<u>279,881</u>	<u>39,993</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	<u>165,000</u>	<u>216,843</u>	<u>51,843</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Interest on investments	2,500	17,368	14,868
Other	30,000	9,403	(20,597)
Total from miscellaneous	<u>32,500</u>	<u>26,771</u>	<u>(5,729)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	<u>286,384</u>	<u>286,384</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	3,551,139	<u>\$ 3,692,214</u>	<u>\$ 141,075</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	300,000		
Amounts voted from fund balance	91,643		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 3,942,782</u>		

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SCHEDULE 2
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:				
General government:				
Executive	\$ -	\$ 187,760	\$ 172,631	\$ 15,129
Election and registration	-	42,957	38,900	4,057
Financial administration	-	176,820	141,400	35,420
Revaluation of property	-	49,101	50,673	(1,572)
Legal	-	30,000	24,822	5,178
Personnel administration	-	537,573	439,820	97,753
Planning and zoning	-	13,030	10,404	2,626
General government buildings	-	51,376	35,895	15,481
Cemeteries	-	1	-	1
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	65,577	64,497	1,080
Other	-	25,001	-	25,001
Total general government	-	1,179,196	979,042	200,154
Public safety:				
Police	-	548,359	495,750	52,609
Ambulance	-	76,306	76,306	-
Fire	-	358,157	339,526	18,631
Building inspection	-	33,390	31,349	2,041
Emergency management	-	1,000	3,700	(2,700)
Total public safety	-	1,017,212	946,631	70,581
Highways and streets:				
Administration	3,360	256,488	255,715	4,133
Highways and streets	-	261,241	278,345	(17,104)
Other	-	81,514	29,424	52,090
Total highways and streets	3,360	599,243	563,484	39,119
Sanitation:				
Solid waste disposal	-	163,825	205,646	(41,821)
Health:				
Administration	-	2,355	1,525	830
Pest control	-	1,100	-	1,100
Total health	-	3,455	1,525	1,930
Welfare:				
Administration and direct assistance	-	18,428	26,255	(7,827)
Vendor payments and other	-	32,848	32,848	-
Total welfare	-	51,276	59,103	(7,827)
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	-	162,345	146,149	16,196
Library	-	88,743	88,744	(1)
Patriotic purposes	-	1,101	1,089	12
Other	-	3,000	3,000	-
Total culture and recreation	-	255,189	238,982	16,207
Conservation	-	1	-	1

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SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:				
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	1	-	1
Capital outlay	-	448,384	448,384	-
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	225,000	225,000	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,942,782	\$ 3,667,797	\$ 278,345

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SCHEDULE 3
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		\$ 1,565,927
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2023 tax rate		(300,000)
Amounts voted from fund balance		(91,643)
2023 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 141,075	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>278,345</u>	
2023 Budget surplus		419,420
Increase in nonspendable fund balance		<u>(7,967)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		1,585,737
Reconciliation on Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis		
To record deferred property taxes not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end, not recognized on a budgetary basis		(174,995)
Elimination of the allowance for uncollectible taxes		<u>100,000</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending, GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)		<u><u>\$ 1,510,742</u></u>

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SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds			Permanent	
	Other	Police	Ambulance	Fund	Total
	Funds	Revolving	Revolving		
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,086	\$ 2,140	\$ 32,286	\$ 3,176	\$ 50,688
Investments	-	-	-	180,213	180,213
Total assets	<u>\$ 13,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,140</u>	<u>\$ 32,286</u>	<u>\$ 183,389</u>	<u>\$ 230,901</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	\$ -	-	-	\$ 22,813	\$ 22,813
Restricted	13,086	-	-	160,576	173,662
Committed	-	2,140	32,286	-	34,426
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 13,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,140</u>	<u>\$ 32,286</u>	<u>\$ 183,389</u>	<u>\$ 230,901</u>

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SCHEDULE 5
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds			Permanent	
	Other Funds	Police Revolving	Ambulance Revolving	Fund	Total
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 4,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,650
Charges for services	-	6,040	3,515	-	9,555
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	19,262	19,262
Total revenues	4,650	6,040	3,515	19,262	33,467
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Public safety	-	3,900	-	-	3,900
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	14,525	14,525
Total expenditures	-	3,900	-	14,525	18,425
Net change in fund balances	4,650	2,140	3,515	4,737	15,042
Fund balances, beginning, as reclassified	8,436	-	28,771	178,652	215,859
Fund balances, ending	\$ 13,086	\$ 2,140	\$ 32,286	\$ 183,389	\$ 230,901

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SCHEDULE 6
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Custodial Funds
Combining Schedule of Fiduciary Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds		Total
	Taxes	Trust Funds	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 439,380	\$ 439,380
Investments	-	78,376	78,376
Intergovernmental receivables	2,202,166	-	2,202,166
Total assets	<u>2,202,166</u>	<u>517,756</u>	<u>2,719,922</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to the Ashland School District	1,609,528	-	1,609,528
Due to the Pemi-Baker School District	592,638	-	592,638
Total liabilities	<u>2,202,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,202,166</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 517,756</u>	<u>\$ 517,756</u>

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SCHEDULE 7
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Custodial Funds
Combining Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds		Total
	Taxes	Trust Funds	
ADDITIONS			
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Investment earnings	-	8,399	8,399
Change in fair market value	-	8,545	8,545
Tax collections for other governments	5,151,791	-	5,151,791
Collection of motor vehicle fees for State	142,942	-	142,942
Total additions	<u>5,294,733</u>	<u>91,944</u>	<u>5,386,677</u>
DEDUCTIONS			
Administrative expenses	-	2,750	2,750
Payments of taxes to other governments	5,151,791	-	5,151,791
Payments of motor vehicle fees to State	142,942	-	142,942
Total deductions	<u>5,294,733</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>5,297,483</u>
Change in net position	-	89,194	89,194
Net position, beginning	-	428,562	428,562
Net position, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 517,756</u>	<u>\$ 517,756</u>

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OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

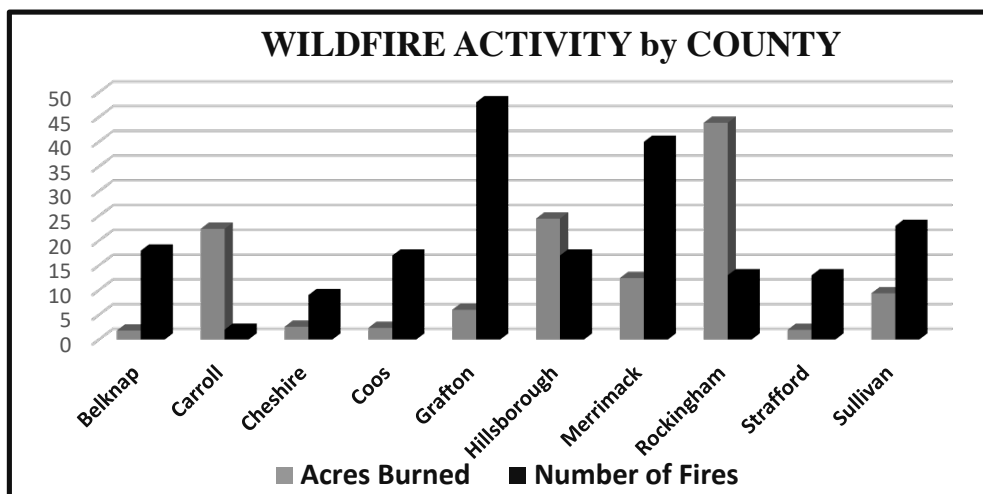
In 2024, New Hampshire experienced an average spring wildfire season which included a 20-acre fire in Effingham in late April. Conditions remained wet enough throughout most of the summer to keep fire occurrence low. However, the fall conditions experienced throughout the northeast were higher than normal as drought conditions set in, keeping state and local firefighters very busy. The week before Thanksgiving found firefighters and forest rangers spending 3 days in an effort to extinguish a 21-acre fire in Exeter. State resources also responded to Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to assist with large fires which occurred in the fall.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2024, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 37 structures threatened and 4 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2025 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.dnrcr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2024 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2024)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED

Fireworks	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	2	29	13	108	7	10	9	5	7	2	7

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UNH Cooperative Extension provides outreach and resources from UNH to strengthen people and communities across New Hampshire. Through a partnership that began over 100 years ago with the county, state and federal government, and an office in each of New Hampshire's ten counties, Extension reaches people where they are, offering access to research-based solutions.

Throughout the year, Extension continued to be a partner in the Invest NH Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant program, working with towns to find ways to address the housing crisis by assessing needs, providing training and technical assistance, gathering ideas and creating solutions unique to each community. Due to the success of the program, it has been extended for two more years.

Healthy forest lands for wood products, recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality are very important to the way of life in New Hampshire. This year our Grafton County forester covered nearly 5,000 acres on woodlot visits and provided guidance to over 100 landowners, to help them achieve their land management goals.

The 4-H program takes pride in providing opportunities for youth and adults to work together, developing skills and growing confidence through experiential learning. This year, using the 4-H Global Gourmet curriculum and a collaboration with a local Chinese restaurant and community partners, youth were given the opportunity to learn about other cultures. Youth then presented their knowledge of cultural foods at the Grafton County 4-H Presents event in March.

Through the Nutrition Connections program, several 6-week youth-based nutrition education and physical activity lessons were taught. These lessons made use of the Collaborative Garden at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth for hands-on activities and the opportunity for kids to see food they helped grow become a nutritious meal. Over 500 pounds of produce from the Collaborative Garden were delivered to local pantries and agencies. Several food pantries were also assisted with aspects of food distribution in their community.

This was the second year of a sweet potato variety trial, performed at the Grafton County complex and the UNH campus. Information was gathered on yield, quality, and disease and insect resistance, to find the varieties best suited for our region. (And taste good too!) The sweet potatoes were donated to local food pantries and senior centers.

The first hybrid Master Gardener training course was piloted in Grafton County this year, with eighteen participants completing the 12-week program in April. Master Gardener volunteers share their knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening in a variety of ways, including maintaining educational and production gardens in local communities.

Ensuring the safety of the food we purchase and consume is no small task. Presentations of farm food safety information to growers as part of Extension's New Farmer School and the Jumpstart Produce Safety program, along with trainings for staff and volunteers at NH retail food establishments and food pantries, are just some examples of how Extension is working to help minimize contamination and food-borne illnesses.

To learn more about programs and resources that are available, please visit extension.unh.edu.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Lee - UNH Extension, Grafton County Office Administrator



FROM: Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: 2024 Annual Town Report

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is a member organization of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset (the Pemi) River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, Lincoln, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Thornton and Woodstock. The members of PRLAC act on behalf of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The DES does not have adequate staff to visit most permit application sites in a timely fashion, and they have asked PRLAC as well as other Local Advisory Committees to perform this task for them. Our site visits collect data, make observations, and usually take photos of the sites of the proposed projects that will impact the Pemi corridor, and then we report our findings to DES, the developer, and the property owner. Although we ourselves do not have the authority to approve or deny an application, our observations influence the action that is taken by DES.

During 2024 PRLAC's membership remained strong, and we thank your town for providing knowledgeable and engaged representatives! Their participation continues to provide valuable insight and information as we pursue our mission. Just a reminder that Select Boards of each of the PRLAC towns may appoint up to 3 members to the committee.

The Pemi is a Class B River, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status. Historically, the Pemi has had a wide variety of surface water problems, and PRLAC has had considerable experience in identifying potential water quality issues before they become a crisis and make suggestions for prevention and remediation.

One role of PRLAC is to investigate permit applications that are submitted to DES. With the increase of development and infrastructure projects along the Pemi, our permit investigations have expanded dramatically. We continue to monitor individual and business growth for shoreline violations. One major concern we are still working on is the clear-cut mowing along the riverbanks by the various utility companies. We have observed that they are not leaving enough flora to keep the riverbanks stable, thus causing erosion. We continue to explore what options we have to control that process while protecting against invasive species. Although not specific to a permit application, some members did research as to the possibility of PFAS chemicals being manufactured and used in areas along the river corridor.

A number of the permit applications we received had to do with water withdrawals. Right now, the Pemigewasset River has 130 registered withdrawal users. PRLAC has seen a notable increase in withdrawal applications during this past year. Our objective is to balance sensible environmental and economic goals while respecting the rights and desires of riparian property owners of the region as a whole. We wish to ensure that there is enough water to support aquatic life, fish consumption, drinking water supply after adequate treatment, swimming, boating, and wildlife.

One way we are looking to protect this goal is to have the Pemigewasset River be a part of the DES Instream Flow Program. The Instream Flow Program ensures that rivers continue to flow in spite of the uses and stresses that people put on them. The Instream Flow Program operates within the New Hampshire Rivers Management

and Protection Program statute, Section 9-c ([RSA 483:9-c](#)) and in accordance with [Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1900](#). We are pleased to announce that the Pemigewasset River has been chosen with active data collection already in process. We anticipate a final report in 2026. Here is the link for further information on this program: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/instream-flow>

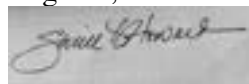
Another key role of PRLAC is its participation with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), where PRLAC members tested water quality at 13 stations along the Pemigewasset and three tributaries that feed into the Pemi. Last year was the 23rd year of regular water testing at these stations, and we recognize what a benefit it is to have been able to rely on our volunteers to perform a 20-year longitudinal study of the Pemi River water quality parameters! Testing takes place from Bristol to Woodstock and runs from April into September. VRAP tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature, and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health. Additionally, after taking the previous year off due to COVID precautions, DES's lab was once again able to test for E coli, total phosphorus, and nitrogen at popular recreation sites on the river. Information on DES's rivers and lakes testing program along with the results of our annual testing are posted on the DES website: www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/river-and-lake-monitoring.

Under state law, one purpose of the Local Advisory Committee is to develop a corridor management plan which communities may adopt as an adjunct to their master plan, and report to NH DES and communities on the status of compliance to laws and regulations. Our Management Plan is used to inform the public and serve as a resource for anyone interested in going forward with a project in the Pemi River corridor. We are pleased to note that in January of 2024, the approved 10 year River Management Plan update became available to the public. Online access: <https://www.lac.des.nh.gov>. We are extremely grateful to all who participated in the process.

PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns that we work most closely with. For that, we are very thankful! Your contribution goes directly towards protection of this key corridor resource. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. PRLAC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month from January through November. We have returned to in-person meetings with a Zoom option noted on the agenda. Details of the monthly meeting are posted through your Town, and all are encouraged to attend, and you can find out more information from reviewing the meeting minutes. The minutes of our meetings are available at our link <https://www.lakesrpc.nh.gov/Pages/Index/229107/prlac-home>

PRLAC continues to be a dedicated group of volunteers with a focus on keeping the Pemigewasset River healthy and cared for so that all of us can utilize its beauty and its natural resources.

Regards,



Sherrill D. Howard, Chair
PRLAC



Lakes Region Planning Commission

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Town of Ashland

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities that span across the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack, and is enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC acts as an essential conduit for federal funding for many programs including Watershed Management, Transportation, Hazard Mitigation, Brownfields, CDBG, and Housing. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with municipally appointed Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by the Executive Director.

The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Environmental Planning such as Watershed Management, Household Hazardous Waste, and Brownfields.
- Economic development assistance including CDBG and NBRC.
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance.
- Transportation planning including, Scenic Byways Planning and Corridor Management, TAP and CMAQ grant funding, and Ten Year Plan project inclusion.

The following are highlights of our FY24 activities. For our full FY24 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

Brownfields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in meetings regarding Brownfields project at Ashland Mill Pond site for planning and Phase 1 assessment.
Culverts & Closed Drainage Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides fee-based inventory and analysis of municipal culvert and closed drainage systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Determination of Regional Impact (DRI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per RSA 36:56, LRPC reviews Developments of Regional Impact as determined by local land use boards. In accordance with NH RSA 36:54, the LRPC conducted one DRI review as requested by the Town of Ashland concerning the following: Applicant: Town of Ashland Project: Inflow Study at the LW Packard Building
Economic Development & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explored several potential infrastructure projects and their impact on housing and the economy in Ashland in conjunction with the Regional Plan update.
General & Technical Assistance including Circuit Riding, Master Plan, Ordinance and Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information to Town Officials concerning a webinar being offered by the Office of Planning and Development & State Floodplain Management Program regarding updating flood maps, with the potential effect on flood hazard insurance rates and the need to update local floodplain ordinances. • Worked with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership. • As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC is a great resource for land use planning maps. LRPC provides both digital and large scale hard copy zoning, town road, natural resource or community facility maps.
Homeland Security Emergency Management/Hazard Mitigation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides consulting services for HSEM Hazard Mitigation Plan grants, including Plan audit, update, and community outreach.

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRPC provides technical support to the PRLAC organization and to communities within the PRLAC Watershed.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$104.75 per book/e-book, and \$96.50 per book with supplemental e-book. Ashland purchased 13 books. Total saved: \$1,361.75
Road Surface Management System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRPC provides fee-based inventory an analysis of the municipal road surface systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more.
Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRPC is the regional contact for municipal submissions of projects to the State's Ten Year Transportation Plan (TYP), as well as host of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding their TAC appointee. LRPC is the regional contact for allocation of federal highway funding, including Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants. LRPC is the regional contact for other NHDOT programs such as Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP), Scenic Byways, and Complete Streets. LRPC staff conducted traffic counts at 6 locations within Ashland as requested by the municipality or by the NH Department of Transportation.
Watershed Management Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRPC provides community assistance with both NHDES 604b Watershed Assistance Grants, and 319 Infrastructure Grants.

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides. • Ashland representatives to the LRPC during FY24 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration
Mardean Badger	07/06/25
Executive Board	Position
Mardean Badger	Area 2 Commissioner
Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant	

TAC Member	Term Expiration
Charles Bozzello	07/10/25
Robert Letourneau	04/01/23
TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Craig Moore	12/06/23

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna B. Saunders

Executive Director

TOWN OF ASHLAND

Minutes of the Deliberative Session

February 1, 2025

In accordance with the legally posted warrant, Moderator Jane Sawyer called the session to order at 10:00 AM on February 1, 2025 with the Pledge of Allegiance said by Andrew Fitch. Officials at the head table were – Board of Selectmen Andrew Fitch, Ann-Marie Barney, Christopher Janosa, and Charles Bozzello; Town Manager Fred Welch; Legal Council Naomi Butterfield; Moderator Jane Sawyer; Assistant Moderator Luann McAndrews; Town Clerk Rebecca Hartley; Budget Committee Kendall B. Hughes and David Ruell.

ARTICLE 1

Moderator Sawyer read the list of candidates for the March elections – Board of Selectmen Christopher Janosa and Jennie Angell; Moderator Jane Sawyer; Budget Committee David Ruell; Trustee of the Trust Fund Kristine Garcia; Library Trustee Alice Staples. No one ran for Cemetery Trustee.

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

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 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.

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7 CLASS V PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to accept as a Class V Public Highway known as Industrial Drive shown on a plan approved by the Planning Board and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. Said road to run from United States Route 3 a distance of 201.05 feet being 50 feet in width. The acceptance of Industrial Way by the Town would allow for negotiations to begin between the Town and the developers of the Mill Pond development to discuss the return to the Town of the easement running across the land owned by the Town of Ashland and currently used by Parks and Recreation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Discussion-

Patty Bickford asked what would happen if this didn't pass.

Andrew Fitch responded that we would most likely lose part of the ball park.

Robert Letourneau asked how the development would get their water.

Andrew Fitch responded that it would go through Winter St.

1st by Andrew Fitch 2nd by Robert Letourneau to use warrant as read.

Passed with hand vote. Article will appear on ballot as amended.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

Discussion-

Alice Staples spoke about how the library is doing an expansion which will include a parking lot, ADA access, and a children's reading room. She also stated that they have about \$675k in funds to start the project.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

Discussion: Steven Tamulonis asked where the rest of the 88% goes. Ann Barney stated that the rest goes into the general fund and that the 12% was going to be kept aside for future projects.

Article will appear on ballot as written

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 and apply 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

Discussion-

Jennie Angell proposed an amendment to add "and apply for potential grants".

1st Jennie Angell 2nd Robert Baker to include applying for grants in warrant.

Passed with hand votes. Article will appear on ballot as amended.

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

Discussion-

Robert Letourneau asked if the Town would be liable if Kearsarge Solar went out of business. Andrew Fitch responded that the Town would not be liable and that there would be a bond in the contract.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

No discussion. Article will appear on ballot as written

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

Discussion-

Sherri Downing asked if this building would also fall under the Town's Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

Jane Sawyer responded that it didn't and that the Historical Society was responsible for maintenance.

Article will appear on ballot as written

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

Discussion-

Robert Letourneau and Sherri Downing spoke in favor of the Budget Committee and how it is a necessary check and balance.

Sherri also mentioned that when she was on the Budget Committee that they would meet at least monthly so that they could keep up with the Selectmen and know the important issues that were going on.

Steven Tamulonis asked if the Budget Committee had outlived their usefulness.

Alice Staples asked the BOS why they voted for this warrant article.

Charles Bozzello said that he voted against it and that it is a necessary inconvenience.

Andrew Fitch agreed that the committee is important but that they don't show up for meetings that were arranged ahead of time so that they could all participate. He continued that out of 3 meetings only 1 meeting had a quorum.

Christopher Janosa stated that they aren't involved and that they are misinformed.

Kendall Hughes stated that the only times that the committee didn't have a quorum was the joint meetings.

Sherri asked if the BOS put in the warrant article.

Ann Barney stated that the BOS didn't put in the warrant article but that they supported it because the committee doesn't show up to scheduled meetings.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Moderator Sawyer called for a motion to adjourn at 10:57am. Motion made by Rebecca Hartley and seconded by Robert Baker. Passed by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Hartley", with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca Hartley

Ashland Town Clerk



Ashland

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: JANUARY 27, 2025

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Andrew Fitch	Selected man	
DAVID L RIVER	Budget Committee	
Kenneth B. Hughes	Budget Committee	
Jesse Farns	Budget Committee	
MICHAEL M. ROZOFF	BUDGET COMMITTEE	

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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090

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General Government								
4130	Executive	03	\$181,703	\$189,773	\$206,725	\$0	\$206,725	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$51,805	\$56,552	\$52,768	\$0	\$52,768	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	03	\$150,929	\$166,851	\$186,360	\$0	\$176,672	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	03	\$26,522	\$15,101	\$26,297	\$0	\$26,297	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$20,646	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	03	\$576,787	\$569,389	\$693,744	\$0	\$693,744	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	\$26,331	\$14,030	\$18,737	\$0	\$18,737	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$38,320	\$43,626	\$45,861	\$0	\$45,861	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	\$85,392	\$86,571	\$84,237	\$0	\$84,237	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$1,183,435	\$1,196,895	\$1,344,731	\$0	\$1,335,043	\$0
Public Safety								
4210	Police	03	\$564,068	\$591,098	\$633,588	\$0	\$633,588	\$0
4215	Ambulances	03	\$140,813	\$116,664	\$190,000	\$0	\$190,000	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$368,870	\$432,679	\$454,562	\$0	\$454,562	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$34,375	\$32,469	\$42,186	\$0	\$42,186	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$607	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,108,733	\$1,173,910	\$1,327,336	\$0	\$1,327,336	\$0



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Airport/Aviation Center								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Highway Administration	03	\$294,837	\$292,073	\$322,603	\$0	\$319,297	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$242,739	\$266,992	\$276,468	\$0	\$276,468	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	03	\$85,623	\$115,727	\$109,172	\$0	\$109,172	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$623,199	\$674,792	\$708,243	\$0	\$704,937	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$244,715	\$186,263	\$256,259	\$0	\$256,259	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$244,715	\$186,263	\$256,259	\$0	\$256,259	\$0



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Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Health Administration	03	\$1,755	\$2,355	\$3,431	\$0	\$2,355	\$0
4414	Pest Control	03	\$1,133	\$1,133	\$1,133	\$0	\$1,133	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$2,888	\$3,488	\$4,564	\$0	\$3,488	\$0



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Welfare								
4441	Welfare Administration	03	\$22,214	\$21,827	\$31,226	\$0	\$31,226	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$34,442	\$34,442	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$56,656	\$56,269	\$31,226	\$0	\$31,226	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520	Parks and Recreation	03	\$162,453	\$184,887	\$205,496	\$0	\$205,966	\$0
4550	Library	03	\$102,981	\$104,046	\$105,961	\$0	\$105,961	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$1,145	\$1,201	\$1,201	\$0	\$1,201	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$269,579	\$293,134	\$312,658	\$0	\$313,128	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611	Conservation Administration	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$6,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$6,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	04	\$2,951,372	\$3,443,990	\$3,508,859	\$0	\$3,508,859	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	06	\$784,158	\$917,689	\$877,838	\$0	\$877,838	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	05	\$363,436	\$399,381	\$403,578	\$0	\$403,578	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$4,098,966	\$4,761,060	\$4,790,275	\$0	\$4,790,275	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$8,775,294	\$0	\$8,761,694	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4210	Police	16	\$29,046	\$0	\$29,046	\$0
		Purpose: Police Department Radios				
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	21	\$9,692	\$0	\$9,692	\$0
		Purpose: Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home				
4449	Other Welfare	20	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
		Purpose: Grafton County Senior Citizens				
4449	Other Welfare	22	\$3,876	\$0	\$3,876	\$0
		Purpose: Tri-Cap				
4449	Other Welfare	23	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$0
		Purpose: Transport Central				
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	25	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
		Purpose: Ashland Historical Society				
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	11	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
		Purpose: Police Dept Car CRF				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
		Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		Purpose: Police Department Capital Reserve Fund				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
		Purpose: Ashland Public Works Capital Reserve Fund				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
		Purpose: Road and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
		Purpose: Ashland Building Maintenance & Repair CRF				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		Purpose: Ashland Library Capital Reserve Fund				



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4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	24	Purpose: Police Dept Building CRF	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles				\$628,864	\$0	\$628,864	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

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4198	Contingency	08	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Contingency Fund						
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes		\$1,570	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	03	\$12,280	\$15,171	\$15,171
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$47,885	\$39,000	\$39,000
	Taxes Subtotal		\$61,735	\$54,171	\$54,171
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$6,269	\$1,000	\$1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$434,016	\$400,000	\$400,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$24,589	\$14,000	\$14,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$3,643	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$468,517	\$419,000	\$419,000
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$192,286	\$160,000	\$160,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$54,416	\$54,705	\$54,705
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$28	\$43	\$43



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State Sources					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	03	\$1,083	\$486	\$486
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	16	\$0	\$19,046	\$19,046
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$247,813	\$234,280	\$234,280
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	03	\$239,451	\$200,000	\$200,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$239,451	\$200,000	\$200,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$16,150	\$10,000	\$10,000
3503	Rents of Property	03	\$28,366	\$30,000	\$30,000
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	10	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$54,516	\$50,000	\$50,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund	04	\$2,639,893	\$3,508,859	\$3,508,859
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	06	\$754,911	\$877,838	\$877,838
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	05	\$307,546	\$403,578	\$403,578
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$3,702,350	\$4,790,275	\$4,790,275
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	08, 16	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$4,774,382	\$5,782,726	\$5,782,726



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$8,775,294	\$8,761,694
Special Warrant Articles	\$628,864	\$628,864
Individual Warrant Articles	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total Appropriations	\$9,429,158	\$9,415,558
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$5,782,726	\$5,782,726
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,646,432	\$3,632,832



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$9,415,558
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$9,415,558
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$941,556
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	\$10,357,114



Default Budget of the Municipality

Ashland

For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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GOVERNING BODY OR BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Andrew Fitch	Selectman	
CHRIS JANOSA	SELECTMAN	
Glen-raig Barney	Selectman	
CHARLES BOZZELLO	SELECTMAN	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130	Executive	\$189,773	\$4,514	\$0	\$194,287
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$56,552	\$0	\$0	\$56,552
4150	Financial Administration	\$166,851	\$13,363	\$0	\$180,214
4152	Property Assessment	\$15,101	\$0	\$0	\$15,101
4153	Legal Expense	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$569,389	\$75,615	\$0	\$645,004
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$14,030	\$0	\$0	\$14,030
4194	General Government Buildings	\$43,626	\$360	\$0	\$43,986
4195	Cemeteries	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$86,571	(\$2,334)	\$0	\$84,237
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
General Government Subtotal		\$1,171,895	\$91,518	\$0	\$1,263,413
Public Safety					
4210	Police	\$591,098	\$17,562	\$0	\$608,660
4215	Ambulances	\$116,664	\$0	\$0	\$116,664
4220	Fire	\$432,679	\$1,339	\$0	\$434,018
4240	Building Inspection	\$32,469	\$8,217	\$0	\$40,686
4290	Emergency Management	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$1,173,910	\$27,118	\$0	\$1,201,028
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Highway Administration	\$292,073	\$22,654	\$0	\$314,727
4312	Highways and Streets	\$266,992	\$1,284	\$0	\$268,276
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$115,727	(\$7,755)	\$0	\$107,972
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$674,792	\$16,183	\$0	\$690,975



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Sanitation					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$186,263	\$54,696	\$0	\$240,959
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$186,263	\$54,696	\$0	\$240,959
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Health Administration	\$2,355	\$0	\$0	\$2,355
4414	Pest Control	\$1,133	\$0	\$0	\$1,133
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$3,488	\$0	\$0	\$3,488
Welfare					
4441	Welfare Administration	\$21,827	\$0	\$0	\$21,827
4442	Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal		\$21,827	\$0	\$0	\$21,827



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Culture and Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$184,887	\$560	\$0	\$185,447
4550	Library	\$104,046	\$0	\$0	\$104,046
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$1,201	\$0	\$0	\$1,201
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$290,134	\$560	\$0	\$290,694
Conservation and Development					
4611	Conservation Administration	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Operating Transfers Out					
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$3,443,990	(\$1,766)	\$0	\$3,442,224
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$817,689	\$31,848	\$0	\$849,537
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$399,381	(\$49,958)	\$0	\$349,423
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$4,661,060	(\$19,876)	\$0	\$4,641,184
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$8,183,371	\$170,199	\$0	\$8,353,570



Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations

Account	Explanation
4240	Contract
4150	Contract fees
4220	Contracts
4194	Contract fees
4196	Contract fees
4210	Contracts