

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD
May Fifteenth, 2018 at 7:00pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019

BERKSHIRE:

TO: ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of New Ashford who are qualified to vote in the town affairs, to meet in the New Ashford Town Hall, 188 Mallery Road, in said New Ashford, on Tuesday the Fifteenth of May, 2018 at 7:00pm, and transact the following business:

FIRST: To select a Moderator for the following year.

SECOND: To see if the town will vote that there be levied on the real estate and personal property of the town, or transferred from available funds, a sum sufficient to meet the appropriation of said meeting.

THIRD: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to retain counsel if necessary.

FOURTH: To see if the town will vote to close portions of Ingraham Rd, Roys Rd, Greylock Rd, Old Rte. Seven, and any other roads, that at certain times of the year the Road Commissioner and the Select Board deem necessary.

FIFTH: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money, from time to time, in the anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year, beginning July 1 2018, and to issue notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with chapter 44, section 17 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

SIXTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will vote to have its Selectmen act as its M.L.P. (Municipal Light Plant) Board pursuant to M.G.L c. 41, sec. 21 and M.G.L. c. 164, sec. 55. The municipal light board shall have the authority to construct, purchase or lease the municipal light plant in accordance with the vote of the town and to maintain and operate the same. (The question of the proposed will appear on the annual town election ballot)

SEVENTH: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand, Fifty-Four Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$870,054.61) or any other sum, to defray charges and expenses of the town of New Ashford, including any debts and interest and to compensate certain officers of the Town of New Ashford. (See attached sheet for individual line items)

EIGHTH: To see if the town should raise and or appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of Funding the Town's operating budget for FY 2019 beginning July 1, 2018, contingent on an override pursuant to proposition 2 ½. (The question of the proposed override of proposition 2 ½ will appear on the annual town election ballot)

NINETH: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000 to be used by the Assessor to reduce the tax rate for FY 2019 or take any action relative thereto.

TENTH: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ELEVENTH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum in the amount \$2,500, to supplement the town’s share of grant money from the FY 2019 budget for Emergency Management Grant. If the article is passed but the grant is not approved, the money will revert back to the Cash Stabilization Account. Requires 2/3 majority vote

TWELVETH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum of \$10,000 to be used for the purchase and installation of a new standby generator and air conditioner and cover the preparation of space at the town hall for broadband equipment. A Community Compact Grant will be used to cover a portion of the cost of the generator. If the article is passed but all funds are not used, the unused funds will revert back to Cash Stabilization Account. Requires 2/3 majority vote

THIRTEENTH: To see if the town will vote to transfer the amount of \$10,000.00 from Cash Stabilization for a new furnace for the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto. A Community Compact Grant will be used to cover a portion of the cost. If the article is passed but all funds are not used, the unused funds will revert back to the Cash Stabilization Account. Requires 2/3 majority vote

FOURTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$5,000.00 from Cash Stabilization to upgrade Town Hall Electrical, or take any action relative thereto. If the article is passed but all funds are not used, the unused funds will revert back to the Cash Stabilization Account. Requires 2/3 majority vote

FIFTEENTH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum of \$15,000 to supplement the town’s share of grant money from the FY 2019 budget for a new Fire Department Tanker Truck. If the grant is not awarded the Fire Department would purchase a replacement cab and chassis to put the tank on with the conditions not to exceed the sum of \$15,000 and would require the approval of the Select Board before such purchase was made. If the article is passed but the grant is not approved and replacement cab and chassis not purchased the money will revert back to the Cash Stabilization Account. Requires 2/3 majority vote

SIXTEENTH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum of \$5,000 to prepare a to be determined water location in town to install a Dry Fire Hydrant for the purpose of the Fire Department having an active water supply to fill its tanker, or take any action relative thereto. Requires 2/3 majority vote

SEVENTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Revolving Fund bylaw, adopted in May 2017 per G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to add the following:

Conservation Committee Services	Conservation Committee	fees, charges or other receipts to be credited to the fund
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And further, to set FY2019 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows;

Revolving Fund	Spending Limit	Revolving Fund	Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	\$1,200.00	Electrical/Wiring Inspection Services	\$1,200.00
Planning Board expenses	\$1,200.00	Plumbing & Gas Inspection Services	\$3,459.86
Trench Safety Inspector Services	\$1,200.00	Zoning Board of Appeals expenses	\$3,459.86
Board of Health - Licensing Fees	\$1,200.00	Fire Department	\$2,000.00
Select Board Expenses	\$1,200.00	All Other Board Expenses	\$1,200.00
Building Inspector	\$3,459.86	TOTAL OF ALL REVOLVING FUNDS	\$20,779.58

EIGHTEENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will enact the following proposed Bylaw;
 Chapter IX Section 11. Operation of Heavy Equipment on Public Streets or Roadways;
 No bulldozers or other equipment with metal cleats or grouzers shall be operated on public streets or roadways, except that equipment which is being used in the construction or maintenance of said roads. Whenever it shall be necessary for these pieces of equipment to cross public streets or roadways, any measures necessary to protect road surfaces shall be carefully followed. A \$100.00 fine plus all repair and prosecution costs will be levied on the offender for each such offense. Simple Majority

NINETEENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will enact the following proposed Bylaw;
 Chapter IX Section 10. Logging Operations Adjacent to Public Right of Way;
 Any landowner, or logging contractor, working on property adjacent to a public right of way shall comply with the following rules. There shall be no cutting of trees on or within the right of way without permission from the Tree Warden. No landings (Any place where logs are laid after being yarded and before transport to the worksite) shall be on the streets or roadways and all trucks shall stand on private property while loading or unloading logs, wood, or equipment. No skidders, bulldozers, or other log dragging equipment are to be operated on streets and roadways; except rubber tired equipment, with grouzered tire chains removed, which are being moved to or from an operation site. Access roads and driveways are to be maintained in a firm condition so not to damage streets or roadways, shoulders, or ditches. Pipes shall be used wherever needed to cross ditches or waterways. All State laws governing timber practices, including Chapters 48 and 132 will be observed and enforced. A fine of \$100.00 plus all repair and prosecution costs will be levied against the offender for each offense. Simple Majority

TWENTIETH: To act thereon and conduct any business legally brought before said meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting three (3) attested copies thereof in public places in the Town of New Ashford, at least seven days before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due your returns of doing to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting afore said.

CONSTABLE:	SELECT BOARD:
STEPHEN DEMYER, CONSTABLE	JASON JAYKO, CHAIRMAN
DATE AND TIME POSTED	MARK PHELPS
TRUE AND ATTESTED LORI TROTTIER CLERK TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD	KENNETH MCINERNEY