

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD
May 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020

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 Twenty First of May, 2019 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 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 anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019, 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 will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$777,808.00) or any other sum, to defray the 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)

SEVENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the provision of high speed internet service to the residents of New Ashford as an enterprise fund effective July 1, 2019 (Fiscal Year 2020).

EIGHTH: Enterprise Fund Budget (If Article 7 passes.): To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$69,791.43) through user's fees and fund Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900) to the General Fund to reimburse shared Employee Salaries, Electricity and Propane Cost. (See attached sheet for individual line items)

NINETH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Free Cash, the sum of nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800) to be used by the to replace the Heaters at the Fire station or take any action relative thereto. *(2/3 vote required)*

TENTH: 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 2020 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. *(2/3 vote required)*

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 2020 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. *(2/3 vote required)*

TWELVETH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum of \$10,000 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. *(2/3 vote required)*

THIRTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to set Fiscal Year 2020 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

FOURTEENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will enact the following proposed Bylaw change; Chapter IX Section 2. All new driveways or change of location of existing driveways shall require a permit from the Planning Board, prior to issuance of which, approval of the Conservation Committee, Road Commissioner and Building Inspector must be obtained as to material, location and drainage. No person shall construct or relocate a driveway or access road from private property to a public way, or from private property to a way shown on an approved subdivision plan, without first having obtained written permit issued by the Planning Board after review by the Conservation Committee, Road Superintendent, Building Inspector and the Tree Warden. Such permits shall be issued with due consideration to traffic hazards, site distance and drainage problems which may be created by the proposed driveway or access road. Any application for a driveway or access road of such length or grade that it may, in the judgment of the Conservation Committee and Road Commissioner, discharge a substantial volume of surface water on a public way or adjacent property, shall be accompanied by the plans and specifications of the proposed drainage facilities as may be required by the Planning Board. Such facilities must be adequate for any anticipated storm runoff and so designed as to reduce, disperse and delay the runoff, or otherwise protect the traveled ways, drainage facilities and adjacent

lands from flooding, erosion or siltation, and prevent the pollution of natural waterways. This does not apply to driveways that are directly accessed from the State Highway (Route 7). The Conservation Commission Committee has 45 days to respond to a written request via certified mail. The Conservation Commission will notify the Planning Board of receipt and their plan of action. This By-Law will cover Permanent as well as temporary access road used for logging, gravel removal and such. These driveway permits do no/t apply to normal agriculture uses. A One Hundred Dollars (\$100) will be required for all Driveway Applications. Simple Majority

FIFTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Fire Warden become an appointed Town Fire Warden for the Town of New Ashford; and if such vote passes by a simple majority, to instruct the Board of Selectmen to place on the ballot for the Annual Town Election being held May 2020, a ballot question to see if the residents of the Town of New Ashford will vote to have its elected Fire Warden become an appointed Town Fire Warden; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

SIXTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Town Tree Warden for the Town of New Ashford; and if such vote passes by a simple majority, to instruct the Board of Selectmen to place on the ballot for the Annual Town Election being held May 2020, a ballot question to see if the residents of the Town of New Ashford will vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Town Tree Warden; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

SEVENTEENTH: 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