

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD
June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021
BERKSHIRE COUNTY:

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-Third of June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm, and transact the following business:

FIRST: To elect 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, 2020, 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 Forty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$749,618.00) 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: Enterprise Fund Budget To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$72,878.63) through user's fees and fund Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900) to the General Fund to reimburse shared Officer and Appointees Stipends, Electricity and Propane Cost. (See attached sheet for individual line items)

EIGHTH: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Cash Stabilization Account, the sum in the amount Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500), to supplement the town's share of grant money from the FY 2021 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)*

NINETH: To see if the Town will approve the establishment of a Broadband Stabilization Fund using certified retained earnings of the MLP Enterprise fund beginning July 1, 2020, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2. 2/3 Vote Required

TENTH: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from MLP Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Broadband Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority)

ELEVENTH: To see if the Town will approve the establishment of an Old School House Repair Stabilization Fund beginning July 1, 2020, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2. (2/3 Vote Required)

TWELFTH: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the Old School House Repair Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority)

THIRTEENTH: 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. (Majority)

FOURTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to set Fiscal Year 2021 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

FIFTEENTH: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk 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 2021, a ballot question to see if the residents of the Town of New Ashford will vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

SIXTEENTH: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash, the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$17,360) to replace the roof on the Fire Station. (Requires 2/3 majority vote)

SEVENTEENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a), of the Massachusetts General Laws, and impose a local meals excise; or take any other action relating thereto. Acceptance of

this section of the General Laws will enable the Town to impose a local meals tax of .75%. This would be in addition to state meals tax. (Majority Vote)

EIGHTTEENTH: To see if the Town of New Ashford will vote to accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3 to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3 percent. (Majority Vote)

NINETEENTH: 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 do 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