



TOWN OF ASHLAND
TOWN MEETING CERTIFIED VOTE
Tuesday, May 1, 2024
Vote on Article 5

ARTICLE 5: Annual Consent Article – General
SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote the following consent articles:

1. **Grant Program Authorization** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds allotted to Ashland by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the U. S. Government under any State or Federal grant program;
2. **Road Contracts** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department Commissioner or the Federal Government for the construction and maintenance of public highways in the Town of Ashland for the ensuing year;
3. **Contracts in Excess of Three Years** - To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b), to authorize the Town Manager or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Select Board or the School Committee, as appropriate;
4. **Lease Purchase Agreements** – To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44 §21C to authorize the Select Board to enter into lease purchase financing agreements to acquire equipment or improve a capital asset that may be financed by the issuance of debt under G. L. c. 44 or otherwise allowed by law, for a term up to the useful life of the property and to be procured in accordance with appropriate procurement laws. or take any other action relative thereto.
5. **Revolving Funds:** To see if the Town will vote to Amend the General Bylaw section 26-5(D)(A)(1)(A) Table as set forth below to change the “Community Center” title to “Town Building Rental”, and then to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during FY 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in the town bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44 §53E 1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.
6. **Grant Easements:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the School Committee to grant easements for access, water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interest of the Town; or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *The Finance Committee recommends the Town approve Article 5 as set forth in the Warrant and further the Town set the maximum amount that may be spent on revolving funds in subsection 5 of Article 5.*

MOTION MADE: That the Town approve article 5 as set forth in the Warrant and amend General Bylaw section 26-5(D)(A) (as follows) and further that the Town set the maximum amount that may be spent on revolving funds in subsection 5 of Article 5 as follows:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Fiscal Year
Town Building Rental (Previously Senior Center Rental)	Rent or Rental fees for any use of Town Property including Senior Center, Main Street Fire Station, and any other future Town properties that collect rental or use fees	Recreation Director, Assistant Town Manager, Town Manager	Costs associated with maintaining the buildings and properties that collect fees or rent	2025 and subsequent years

FUND DESCRIPTION	USE OF FUNDS	Maximum Amount of Expenditure From Fund
Senior Program Revolving	The purpose of which shall be to pay for programs conducted by the Council on Aging for the benefit of Ashland senior citizens	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$25,000
Town Building Rental	The purpose of which shall be to pay for expenses and maintenance incurred for the rental of said building	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$75,000
Town of Holliston Animal Control Revolving	The purpose of which shall be to pay for expenses incurred for the care and capture of animals on behalf of the Town of Holliston	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$114,000
Library Materials Replacement	The purpose of which shall be to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost or damaged by those who borrow such materials	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$5,000

Hazardous Waste Revolving	The purpose of which shall be to be able to continue to drop off programs for TV's & Computers	Expenditures shall not exceed monies into the fund \$10,000
Sidewalk Construction Fund	The purpose of which shall be to pay for sidewalks	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$50,000
Guidance Revolving Fund	The purpose of which shall be to pay for the institutional, per student cost for our students who take the PSAT and/or Advanced Placement (AP) tests and to pay for proctors during the exams	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$50,000
Food Inspection Program	The purpose of which shall be a self-supporting program which will collect fees for the services provided to pay for food establishment programs provided by the Board of Health for the delivery of routine inspections, investigations and reviews for food establishments	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$20,000
Electrical, Plumbing, & Gas Inspections Revolving Fund	The purpose of which shall be a self-supporting program which will collect fees charged and received by the Building Department for electrical, plumbing and gas inspections and permits. During each fiscal year, the Building Department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Revolving Fund for salaries or wages of for inspectors performing electric, plumbing or gas inspections, education, contractual services and any other expenses in connection with the operation of the inspectional services program	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$150,000

Tobacco Program Revolving	The purpose of which shall be a self-supporting program which will collect fees for the services provided to pay for inspections and programs provided by the Board of Health for the delivery of tobacco control comprehensive inspections at tobacco sales locations and for evidence based education programs that will benefit the residents of Ashland	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$10,000
Ambulance Revolving	The purpose of which shall be to pay for the costs of providing ambulance and emergency response services.	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$900,000
Recreation Revolving	The purpose of which shall be to support the cost of providing recreation programs throughout the year.	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$500,000
Vaccination Clinic Revolving	The purpose shall be to create a self-supporting program which will pay for the costs associated with running the regional vaccination clinics.	Expenditures shall not exceed receipts into the fund and in any case shall not exceed \$30,000

The motion was seconded.

A 2/3 majority is required.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: Passed unanimously

A True Copy Attest:


 Cynthia T. Livingstone, Ashland Town Clerk