

**The following is a list of warrant articles and the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board for the December 3, 2008 Special Town Meeting.**

		<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Advisory</b>
<b>Art. 1</b>	Proctor Street Easement	YES	
<b>Art. 2</b>	Appropriation of insurance claim proceeds into Stabilization Fund	YES	YES
<b>Art. 3</b>	Rescission of budget voted at ATM and passage of a new, balanced budget.	YES	YES
<b>Art. 4</b>	Further reductions to the FY '09 budget and increases for the regional school budget.	YES	YES

**PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2008**

PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING WARRANT, THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM MET AT OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 9 OAKMONT DRIVE, ASHBURNHAM ON DECEMBER 3, 2008. DONALD LAWRENCE, MODERATOR PRESIDED AT THE MEETING WHICH WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 P.M. WITH A QUORUM PRESENT.

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise as provided by the Massachusetts General Laws on such terms and conditions as are in the Town's best interest for sewer purposes, interests in certain land located on Proctor Street for a permanent easement as is necessary for the installation, use, inspection, improvement, maintenance and repair of a sewer main and all appurtenances relating to and for said systems, as shown on "The Town of Ashburnham, Proctor and Holden Street" May 1995 on file in the Town Clerk's office, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of (\$100) to pay for such acquisitions, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the DPW Director)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES           ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES

**Article 1 Voted:** On motion of Margaret Whitney, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise as provided by the Massachusetts General Laws on such terms and conditions as are in the Town's best interest for sewer purposes, interests in certain land located on Proctor Street for a permanent easement as is necessary for the installation, use, inspection, improvement, maintenance and repair of a sewer main and all appurtenances relating to and for said systems, as shown on "The Town of Ashburnham, Proctor and Holden Street" May 1995 on file in the Town Clerk's office, and to transfer from free cash the sum of (\$100) to pay for such acquisitions.

Unanimous "YES"

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer, certain funds received for insurance reimbursements to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES           ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES

**Article 2 Voted:** On motion of Jonathan Dennehy, it was voted to appropriate by transfer, certain funds received for insurance reimbursements in the amount of \$33,206.87 to the Stabilization Fund.

Unanimous "YES"

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote approving the Fiscal Year 2009 budget under Article 2 of the May 3, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and further to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate by transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 and to set the salary of elected officials; or act in relation thereto.

LINE	DEPARTMENT	FY07 SPENT	FY08 BUDGET	FY09 TA RECOMMEND	FY09 ADV BD RECOMMEND	FY09 BOS RECOMMEND
1	Moderator	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
2	Board of Selectmen	9,154	10,300	9,261	9,261	9,261
3	Town Administrator	167,752	139,280	150,953	150,953	150,953
4	Advisory Board	51,500	51,500	51,455	51,455	51,455
5	Town Accountant	51,681	53,700	56,278	56,278	56,278

6	Board of Assessors	56,696	68,306	68,059	68,059	68,059
7	Treasurer	73,320	106,418	146,641	146,641	146,641
8	Tax Collector	53,864	65,280	64,937	64,937	64,937
9	Town Clerk	46,923	46,723	52,599	52,599	52,599
10	Land Use	102,583	88,893	87,040	87,040	87,040
11	Town Hall	55,597	40,512	51,825	51,825	51,825
12	VMS Bldg.	35,323	31,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
13	Non-Departmental	125,509	139,501	148,083	148,083	148,083
14	Police, Emergency Dispatch & Public Safe	941,219	1,017,772	1,197,364	1,197,364	1,197,364
16	Fire	455,395	498,143	523,411	523,411	523,411
17	Inspections	40,098	49,658	33,588	33,588	33,588
18	Dog Officer	22,816	25,779	24,851	24,851	24,851
19	Trade & Monty Tech	403,929	379,476	387,776	387,776	387,776
20	Ash-West Regional School District	6,184,920	5,882,504	6,327,298	6,327,298	6,327,298
21	DPW	841,722	788,301	645,076	645,076	645,076
22	Snow and Ice			130,000	130,000	130,000
23	Board of Health	17,005	19,100	18,545	18,545	18,545
24	Conservation Commission	23,568	51,215	50,487	50,487	50,487
25	Council on Aging	38,110	45,264	44,318	44,318	44,318
26	Veterans' Services	3,316	10,687	10,687	10,687	10,687
27	Library	182,525	199,696	194,197	194,197	194,197
28	Historical Commission	500	500	500	500	500
29	Debt Service	153,828	311,808	691,122	691,122	691,122
30	Employee Ins. Benefits	801,345	883,282	948,823	948,823	948,823
31	Water Fund	502,195	604,753	646,919	646,919	646,919
32	Sewer Fund	730,528	928,049	971,618	971,618	971,618
	<b>ARTICLE 3 TOTAL</b>	<b>12,173,021</b>	<b>12,542,500</b>	<b>13,744,811</b>	<b>13,744,811</b>	<b>13,744,811</b>

Setting of Elected Salaries under Article 3:

- a. Town Moderator: \$100
- b. Board of Selectmen: Chairman - \$1,300; Clerk - \$1,100; Member - \$1,100
- c. Town Clerk: \$39,124
- d. Board of Health: \$140 per member

*(Requested by the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board and Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES      ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES

**Article 3 Voted**      On motion of Christopher Gagnon, it was voted to rescind the vote approving the fiscal year 2009 budget under Article 2 of the May 3, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and further to appropriate the sum of \$14,010,698 for the departments and purposes noted in the warrant for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and to set the salary of elected officials as printed in the warrant, except that the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School budget shall be \$6,483,185, the snow and ice budget shall be \$180,000, the water fund shall be \$676,919 and the sewer fund shall be \$1,001,618, and that to meet this appropriation the town raise by taxation the sum of \$11,660,060 and transfer \$31,060 from free cash, transfer \$210,000 from Light Department receipts, transfer \$773,819 from water receipts, transfer \$1,121,618 from sewer receipts, transfer \$60,000 from bond premiums, transfer \$18,400 from conservation commission filing fee account, transfer \$19,854 from the septic repair revolving account, transfer \$101,887 from overlay surplus and transfer \$14,000 from the Ch. 40B Special Revenue account.

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1	Moderator	\$ 100
2	Board of Selectmen	9,261
3	Town Administrator	150,953
4	Advisory Board	51,455
5	Town Accountant	56,278
6	Board of Assessors	68,059
7	Treasurer	146,641
8	Tax Collector	64,937
9	Town Clerk	52,599

10	Land Use	87,040
11	Town Hall	51,825
12	VMS Bldg.	11,000
13	Non-Departmental	148,083
14	Police, Emergency Dispatch & Public Safe	1,197,364
16	Fire	523,411
17	Inspections	33,588
18	Dog Officer	24,851
19	Trade & Monty Tech	387,776
20	Ash-West Regional School District	6,483,185
21	DPW	645,076
22	Snow and Ice	180,000
23	Board of Health	18,545
24	Conservation Commission	50,487
25	Council on Aging	44,318
26	Veterans' Services	10,687
27	Library	194,197
28	Historical Commission	500
29	Debt Service	691,122
30	Employee Ins. Benefits	948,823
31	Water Fund	676,919
32	Sewer Fund	1,001,618
	<b>ARTICLE 3 TOTAL</b>	<b>14,010,698</b>

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- d. Board of Health: \$140 per member

Unanimous "YES"

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, such sums of money as may be recommended for the purpose of supplementing certain Fiscal Year 2009 budgets approved under article 3 of this warrant, and further to reduce the appropriations for certain budgets as may be recommended, also approved under article 3 of this warrant, or act in relation thereto.

LINE	DEPARTMENT	FY09 Budget Approved	Amount to be Reduced/Inc.	FY09 TA RECOMMEND	FY09 ADV BD RECOMMEND	FY09 BOS RECOMMEND
1	Police, Emergency Dispatch & Public Safe	1,197,364	(30,000)	1,167,364	1,167,364	1,167,364
2	Fire	523,411	(47,092)	476,319	476,319	476,319
3	Dog Officer	24,851	(12,426)	12,425	12,425	12,425
4	Ash-West Regional School District	6,327,298	155,587	6,482,885	6,482,885	6,482,485
5	DPW	645,076	(48,364)	596,712	596,712	596,712
6	Council on Aging	44,318	(21,022)	23,296	23,296	23,296
7	Library	194,197	(72,016)	122,181	122,181	122,181
8	Employee Ins. Benefits	948,823	29,776	978,599	978,599	978,599

*(Requested by the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board and Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES      ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES

**Article 4 Voted:** On motion of Margaret Whitney, it was voted to PASS OVER this article.

Unanimous "YES"

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda A. Ramsdell  
Town Clerk

