

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES**

Results Added



***Thursday, October 20, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Fairbanks Memorial Town Hall
32 Main Street
Ashburnham, MA 01430***

All text in red added after meeting.

Please bring this warrant with you to the Special Town Meeting.

The following is a list of warrant articles and the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board for the October 20, 2005 Special Town Meeting.

		Selectmen	Advisory
Art. 1	Page's Beach Water Main	Yes	Yes
Art. 2	Highway Truck/Sander	Yes	Yes
Art. 3	5-year IT Plan	Yes	Yes
Art. 4	Assessor's Computer System Replacement	Yes	Yes
Art. 5	Town Hall Computer Switch	Yes	Yes
Art. 6	Home Rule Petition re. MGL Ch. 21J	Yes	Yes
Art. 7	Briggs School Temporary Classrooms	Yes	Yes
Art. 8	Light Department Budget	Yes	Yes
Art. 9	Public Safety Antenna Tower	Yes	Yes
Art. 10	Conservation Agent	Yes	Yes
Art. 11	Non-union Wage/Classification Study	Yes	Yes

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, SS

TO THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM, IN WORCESTER COUNTY,
GREETINGS

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND TOWN AFFAIRS TO MEET AT FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 32 MAIN STREET, ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS ON

**THURSDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF OCTOBER, 2005
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**

THEN AND THERE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of **\$30,000 from the Water Surplus account and raise \$100,000 from abatements**, for the design and construction of a water line in the Page's Beach area, including but not limited to replacement of existing water lines and all engineering, legal and grant administration costs associated with such water line, and to authorize the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefore and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such interests, and to enter into any and all agreements necessary to carry out this project on such terms and conditions as may be in the best interest of the Town, and further that to pay for all or a portion of the costs associated with this project betterments shall be assessed under Chapter 80 of the Massachusetts General Laws; said funds to be used to supplement funds received under the Community Development Block Grant Program, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from **the Chapter 90 account** a sum of **\$34,253** to pay for the first year of a three-year lease with an option to purchase a 2006 truck with sander and plow for the Highway department and to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease with an option to purchase for a term of three years for such vehicle, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer **from free cash** a sum of **\$13,000** for the purpose of funding the preparation of a five-year Information Technology Plan for the Town and to pay for related consulting services, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from **free cash** a sum of **\$26,219** to pay for the purchase or first year lease, of computer servers, desktop computers, screens, printers and related peripherals and software as well as the consulting services related to the installation and operation of all hardware and software, for the purpose of replacing the Assessor's current computer system, and further to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease agreement, to fund the purchase of said equipment and services, for a period of up to four years, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Assessors/Town Administrator)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from **free cash** a sum of **\$7,145** to replace the computer switch at the Town Hall, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct our representatives in the Legislature to file a petition under the provisions of the Home Rule Amendment to the Mass. State Constitution, seeking an amendment to MGL Ch. 21J to allow the Town to receive reimbursement of funds related to the installation of water mains, appurtenances, and all related engineering and other consulting services, as well as all other related costs, on Main Street and Route 12, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from **free cash** a sum of **\$160,000** to pay for the construction of two temporary classrooms to be located at the Briggs Elementary School and for all materials, supplies, engineering, architectural and other services related to design and construction of the classrooms, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District)*
PASSED / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of income from the sales of electricity and jobbing during the Municipal Light Plant current year for the payment of expenses incurred by the Municipal Light Plant. The payment of these expenses will be made by the municipal Light Plant manager, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Plant Board, as defined in Chapter 164 of the general laws of the Commonwealth, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Municipal Light Plant Board)*
PASSED OVER / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to construct a public safety communications tower on Meeting House Hill, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*
PASSED OVER / UNANIMOUS

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the hiring of a Conservation Agent and to authorize the signing of an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and any other community for the purposes of sharing the services of a Conservation Agent, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Conservation Commission/Town Administrator)*
PASSED OVER / MAJORITY (1 NO vote – Lincoln Styles)

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from **free cash** a sum of **\$12,000** to pay for an update to the Town's Non-Union Wage/Classification Plan, and the Non-Union Personnel Policy or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*
PASSED OVER / MAJORITY (1 NO vote – Alan Richeit)

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES

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Please bring this warrant with you to the Special Town Meeting on October 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Hall, Town Hall. Parking at Town Hall will be reserved for the elderly and handicapped. Parking is available along Memorial Drive, the Senior Center and the Library parking lots, and Highway Department. Please be respectful to the downtown businesses and not park in their patrons' spaces. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.