ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2009

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN

three year term — vote for not more than one

- SANDRA COLEMAN 271
- BETH BARTLETT 185
- (Write-in)

SELECTMAN

one year term — vote for not more than one

- DENNIS POTTER 260
- (Write-in)

POLICE CHIEF

two-year term — vote for not more than one

- JAMIE LYFORD 119
- ANTHONY "TONY" RANDALL 199
- TIMOTHY SWEETSIR 161
- (Write-in)

TOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

three-year term — vote for not more than one

- THOMAS PETERS 369
- (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term — vote for not more than one

- LYNN DAVIS 417
- (Write-in)

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

three-year term — vote for not more than one

- MICHAEL EVLETH 387
- (Write-in)

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER

three-year term — vote for not more than one

- ANDREW DAME 405
- (Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

three-year term — vote for not more than two

- KENDALL "KB" HUGHES 305
- DAVID RUELL 301
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

two year term — vote for not more than one

- BETH BARTLETT 287
- (Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

one year term — vote for not more than one

- Paul Branscombe 27
- (Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article #3:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $6,363,405. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $6,138,379 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES 143
NO 316

Article #4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four-hundred nineteen thousand three-hundred forty nine dollars ($419,349) for the construction, any costs related to construction and easement, engineering, and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits, for the replacement of the River Street Bridge. Of that amount, 80% (approximately $335,479) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of $72,000 from the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 for that purpose. The **balance of eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars ($11,870) is to be raised from taxation.** The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 310
NO 157

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #5

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 should River Street Bridge Reconstruction – Article #4 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 316
NO 139

Article #6

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Employee Disability Payment Fund to an Employee Compensated Benefit Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-1-2 to recommend this article. (2/3 majority Vote required).

YES 228
NO 220

Article #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) to reconstruct a portion of Sanborn Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 164
NO 302

Article #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) to provide funding for repair and reconstruction of the roof of the Squam River Covered Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 153
NO 312

Article #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars ($7000) to purchase a replacement engine for the Town Highway Department grader. The board of selectmen voted 4-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee vote 6-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 324
NO 145

Article #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred twenty-four thousand dollars ($124,000) to purchase a sidewalk plow and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand ($35,000) from the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of eighty-nine thousand dollars ($89,000) is to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the plow is purchased or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

YES 149
NO 320

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund should Sidewalk Plow – Article #10 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

YES 246
NO 203

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to create a Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle in the future, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The amount of the appropriation is to be raised from taxation. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 not to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

YES 151
NO 318

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000) for the purchase, installation, and other ancillary expenses relating to installation of an air exchange/exhaust for the Town Fire Department. Of that amount, forty thousand three-hundred and seventy-five dollars ($40,375) shall be received from Department of Homeland Security – FEMA grant with the **balance of five thousand-six hundred twenty-five dollars ($5,625) to be raised from taxation.** This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the installation is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

YES 299
NO 166

Article #14

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland employ a full time paid fire chief and raise and appropriate $25,000.00 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2009, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time on-call fire chief. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 6-0-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

YES 142
NO 332

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #15

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose, or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981, with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 147
NO 318

Article #16

Submitted by petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to come from general taxation to purchase two electric generators, one to be installed at the Town Garage and the other to be installed at the Town Fire Department. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 7-1 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

YES 118
NO 358

Article #17

Submitted by petition: If funding for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc's services for Ashland residents is not approved through the regular Town Budget process, we request that $5,000 be raised and appropriated for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland Residents in 2009. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2008 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services to 117 Ashland residents and the cost of providing these services was $66,922.86. The board of selectmen voted 2-2 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 4-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

YES 346
NO 126

Article #18

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year 2008 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 402
NO 55

Article #19

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Residential Codes? (Majority Vote Required)

YES 256
NO 198

Article #20

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Building Codes? (Majority Vote Required)

YES 255
NO 196

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

KENDALL "KB" HUGHES 371

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

BRIAN CHALMERS 376

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PHILIP PRESTON 398

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER 398

(Write-in)

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Ashland Elementary School on the second Tuesday of March?"

PASSED

YES 285
NO 69

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2009

Susan M Daignault
Pemi-Baker Regional
School District Clerk

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

(1-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

QUENTIN BLAINE 344

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM ASHLAND

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

CATHERINE E. HAHN 370

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMPTON

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

LISA ASH 347

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDERNESS

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

ANDREW C. HANCOCK 320

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

BARBARA A. NOYES 220

OMER C. AHERN, JR. 141

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM THORNTON

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

CAROLYN M. VARIN 307

(Write-in)

Article 2: Are you in favor of changing the term of the moderator from one year to two years, beginning with the term of the moderator to be elected at next year's regular school district meeting? (Submitted by Petition)

YES 117
NO 288

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 320
NO 115

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and further to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 163
NO 270

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to form a committee to study the feasibility of seeking alternative energy options for the heating of school buildings and other uses. Such a committee would consist of Board Members, district residents and others, and further to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) to engage consultants and other related costs. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 187
NO 254

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars ($104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2009-2010 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interest of the District: said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 216
NO 214

Article 5: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purpose set forth therein, totaling twelve million seven hundred eight thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars ($12,708,573). The Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million eight hundred twelve thousand nine hundred eighty-seven dollars ($12,812,987), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2 and 3.

YES 253
NO 179

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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ZONING BALLOT
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AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3d to permit back lots (so-called flag or hammerhead lots) that have access to a public road by a private right of way that is at least 50 feet wide?

YES 291
NO 168

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3e to replace the prior density requirements for the commercial and village residential zones having town sewer and water with requirements of at least 5,000 square feet of land area per dwelling unit with a maximum of 4 bedrooms, 3,750 square feet per dwelling unit with a maximum of 3 bedrooms, and 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit with 1 or 2 bedrooms? This amendment would further provide that the minimum square footages described above would apply only to the first 3 dwelling units on a lot. Each additional dwelling unit of up to 4 bedrooms would require a minimum of 5,000 square feet of land area, with an additional 1,250 square feet required for each additional bedroom above 4.

YES 248
NO 211

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 2.4d to prohibit lots without town sewer from using slopes greater than 25%, areas of exposed ledge, wetlands, fill materials, and areas unsuitable for septic placement in determining countable area for minimum lot size?

YES 291
NO 171