

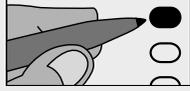


**Sample Ballot**  
**Town Election**  
**March 10, 2026**  
 Ashland, NH

**Instructions**

**To Vote:**

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



**To Vote for a Write-in:**

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



**Board of Selectmen**

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected  
3 years

Ann-Marie Barney

Charles Bozzello

Stephen Felton

Write-in

Write-in

**Town Trustee of the Trust Funds**

Vote for not more than 1  
3 years

Amanda D. Loud

Write-in

**Library Trustee**

Vote for not more than 1  
3 years

Robin Fisk

Write-in

**Cemetery Trustee**

Vote for not more than 1  
2 years

Write-in

**Treasurer**

Vote for not more than 1  
3 years

Linda D. Guyotte

Write-in

**Board of Selectmen**

Vote for not more than 1  
1 year

Alan J. Cilley

Stephen L. Heath

Write-in

**Budgett Committee**

Vote for not more than 1  
3 years

Jim Joyce

Write-in

**Supervisor of the Checklist**

Vote for not more than 1  
6 years

Teri Linden

Write-in

**Supervisor of the Checklist**

Vote for not more than 1  
2 years

Elaine S. Allard

Write-in

**Cemetary Trustee**

Vote for not more than 1  
3 years

Write-in

**ARTICLE 6 WATER DEPARTMENT BOND NO TAX IMPACT**

To see if the *Town of Ashland* will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Hundred Thousand Dollars* and no cents (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of all work needed to identify, engineer, purchase of materials, and replace water system services improving compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of Bonds or Notes not to exceed \$500,000.00 under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the *Board of Selectmen* to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, term of payment, and rate of interest thereon. Further, to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the *Town of Ashland* NH. And to further authorize the *Board of Selectmen* to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available pursuant to RSA 31:95-b for the same or similar purposes of this article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

Yes

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

No

**ARTICLE 7 TOWN BUDGET ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$9.06**

Shall the Town of Ashland 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 as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes as set forth therein, totaling \$4,117,206? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,003,067 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1

No



**ARTICLE 8 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department 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 as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$4,125,826? Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$3,553,636 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**ARTICLE 9 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department 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 \$408,365? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$399,086 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**ARTICLE 10 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations 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 \$847,327? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$837,113 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**ARTICLE 11 NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 union which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level.

**Estimated increase (over previous year level):**

<b>2026 (39 weeks) (April 1 through December 31)</b>	<b>\$ 49,933</b>
<b>2027 (52 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 25,283</b>
<b>2028 (52 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 26,042</b>
<b>2029 (13 weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 8,681</b>

and further to raise and appropriate \$49,933 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels, said sum of to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund balance (\$34,908), and further to fund the balance of the appropriation in the amount of \$11,269 from the Electric, \$1,878 from Water income and \$1,878 from Sewer income, with no funds to be raised from property taxes? (Majority Vote Required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

No

**ARTICLE 12**

Shall the Town of Ashland, if Article 11 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 11 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

No

**ARTICLE 13 MASTER PLAN ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.02**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of starting the process of updating the Town of Ashland Master Plan?

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**ARTICLE 14 CONTINGENCY FUND NO TAX IMPACT**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to put in the fund? The sum to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the contingency fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required)

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

No

**ARTICLE 15 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Fire Department vehicles? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

**ARTICLE 16 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.08**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be deposited into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing and purchasing Police Department vehicles? (Majority vote Required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

**ARTICLE 17 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.07**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be deposited into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicles and equipment, replacement, or repairs? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

**ARTICLE 18 ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.33**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be deposited into the Road and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-2**

**ARTICLE 19 BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.02**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be deposited into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

**ARTICLE 20 COMPENSATED LEAVE TRUST FUND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Compensated Leave Trust Fund Capital Reserve Fund established in 2022 for the purpose of fully funding employee leave benefits over time? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

**ARTICLE 21 POLICE STATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.44**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Police Department Police Station Capital Reserve Fund established in 2024 for the purpose of purchasing or constructing a Police Station?

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

**ARTICLE 22 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.11**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan to redevelop the Town of Ashland waterfront beach area? Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to come from grant funds. (Majority Vote Required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town of Ashland is in favor of increasing the Veteran's Special Disabled Property Tax Credit to \$4,750 from \$4,000 under the provisions of RSA 72:35? The purpose of this increase is to replace the loss of the Veteran's Property Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) of \$750 that they are no longer eligible for due to a change in the State of New Hampshire legislative rules (HB99). (Majority Vote Required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-1**

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 24 LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.06**

Shall the Town of Ashland vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited into the Ashland Library Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building, and or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2 • Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-3**



**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 25 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.03**

We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2026 Town of Ashland Warrant: Shall the voters raise and appropriate Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents. From July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 68 Ashland residents, and the Aging & Disability Resource Center (formerly known as ServiceLink) provided services for 12 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, activities, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$79,676.69.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 26 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.02**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Six Dollars (\$9,746) for Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health. As a non-profit agency, PBH&HH provides services without regard to ability to pay and serves many uninsured and underinsured clients. Many of the services PBH&HH provides are not covered fully by insurance. The requested appropriation amounts to less than \$5.00 per year per resident, based on the recent census data, and represents a small fraction of the costs of providing services to the residents in their homes. PBH&HH provides home health, hospice, and palliative care services in the Ashland community, as well as educational programs, workshops, and bereavement counseling. These services to uninsured or underinsured patients help the town limit welfare payments for medical services.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 27 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$4,980 for Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) to support the delivery of High-Level Access to Mental Health Care. LRMHC provides comprehensive mental health services, including 24/7 access to emergency services and the LRMHC Mobile Crisis Response, which reports to a mental health emergency wherever the individual is located, whether at home, work, school, or elsewhere in the community. In early 2025, LRMHC opened the doors at "A Place to Go" in Plymouth, which offers short-term mental health stabilization services upon referral. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 28 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$5,297) for 2026 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit crisis center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court, and hospital accompaniment, and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, and bullying.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 29 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,876.00 for the operation of the following Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. services in Ashland includes Fuel and Energy Assistance, Guardianship, Head Start, Community Action Resource Coordinators, USDA TEFAP Food Distribution to pantries, the Free Diaper Distribution Program.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 30 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.00**

To raise and appropriate \$1,250 to support Transport Central in providing essential medical transportation for qualified Ashland residents.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1**

No

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE 31 ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT \$0.01**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$3,000) to be deposited into the account of the Ashland Historical Society for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Whipple House Museum, owned by the town of Ashland.

Yes

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0 • Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-1**

No