

**BELOW, IN RED, IS THE RESULT OF THE VOTES AT THE AUGUST 20, 2003 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND WHEN IN BRACKETS, THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS PASSED.
All red entries are the result of the vote at Town Meeting.**

The following is a list of warrant articles and the recommendations for the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board for the August 20, 2003 Special Town Meeting.

		Selectmen Recommend	Advisory Recommend	Impact on Tax Rate
Article 1	Amend Annual Budget from 5-3-03 ATM	YES	YES	--
Article 2	Use Stabilization Funds for FY04 Annual Budget	YES	YES	--
Article 3	School Override - \$647,498	YES		\$1.81
Article 4	Repair of Water Tanks - \$20,000 from Water Surplus Fund	YES	YES	--
	Total increase to tax rate if all passes:			\$1.81

Current Tax Rate for FY'03 is \$15.42

For every \$100,000 voted to be spent, \$.28 will be added to the tax rate

**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

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF AUGUST, 2003
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 raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds certain sums **(\$414,552.00)** to be added to the sums approved under Article 2 of the May 3, 2003 Annual Town Meeting and to rescind certain sums approved under Article 2 of the May 3, 2003 Annual Town Meeting, as set forth below, or act in relation.

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES TAX RATE IMPACT: N/A

<u>LINE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FY02 SPENT</u>	<u>FY03 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY04 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY04 APPROVED AT 5-3-03 ATM</u>	<u>FY04 ADDITIONS TO 5-3-03 BUDGET</u>
	GENERAL GOV'T						
1	Moderator						
1A		Personnel	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
		TOTAL:	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
2	Bd of Selectmen						
2A		Personnel	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
2B		Expenses	\$4,895	\$4,537	\$5,320	\$4,120	\$600
		TOTAL:	\$8,395	\$8,037	\$8,820	\$4,120	\$4,100

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3	Town Administrator						
3A		Personnel	\$83,292	\$91,011	\$91,359	\$90,333	\$3,767
3B		Expenses	\$46,730	\$39,350	\$48,510	\$25,000	\$13,010
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$130,022</u>	<u>\$130,361</u>	<u>\$139,869</u>	<u>\$115,333</u>	<u>\$16,777</u>
4	Advisory Bd.						
4A		Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$635	\$0	\$0
4B		Reserve Fund	\$64,674	\$97,847	\$65,000	\$88,392	\$10,836
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$64,674</u>	<u>\$97,847</u>	<u>\$65,635</u>	<u>\$88,392</u>	<u>\$10,836</u>
5	Town Accountant						
5A		Personnel	\$24,910	\$26,442	\$26,543	\$27,340	\$90
5B		Expenses	\$10,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,500	\$500
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$34,910</u>	<u>\$42,442</u>	<u>\$42,543</u>	<u>\$42,840</u>	<u>\$590</u>
6	Bd of Assessors						
6A		Personnel	\$32,233	\$33,867	\$33,996	\$32,428	\$3,285
6B		Expenses	\$7,360	\$6,150	\$6,350	\$4,700	\$1,450
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$39,593</u>	<u>\$40,017</u>	<u>\$40,346</u>	<u>\$37,128</u>	<u>\$4,735</u>
7	Treasurer/Collector						
7A		Personnel	\$59,802	\$59,083	\$61,361	\$55,318	\$6,664
7B		Expenses	\$20,600	\$23,500	\$25,850	\$22,800	\$1,650
7C		Tax Title	\$12,000	\$0	\$14,500	\$0	\$14,500
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$92,402</u>	<u>\$82,583</u>	<u>\$101,711</u>	<u>\$78,118</u>	<u>\$22,814</u>
8	Town Clerk						
8A		Personnel	\$28,200	\$29,268	\$29,336	\$26,626	\$3,661
8B		Expenses	\$8,025	\$11,025	\$8,825	\$7,525	\$1,300
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$36,225</u>	<u>\$40,293</u>	<u>\$38,161</u>	<u>\$34,151</u>	<u>\$4,961</u>
9	Land Use						
9A		Personnel	\$24,800	\$26,309	\$27,196	\$23,575	\$3,621
9B		Expenses	\$1,515	\$1,525	\$1,525	\$500	\$1,025
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$26,315</u>	<u>\$27,834</u>	<u>\$28,721</u>	<u>\$24,075</u>	<u>\$4,646</u>

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10	Town Hall/Stevens						
10A		Personnel	\$25,344	\$26,896	\$34,710	\$30,527	\$646
10B		Expenses	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$23,500	\$4,500
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$50,344</u>	<u>\$54,896</u>	<u>\$62,710</u>	<u>\$54,027</u>	<u>\$5,146</u>
11	Non-Departmental						
11A		Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11B		Expenses	\$67,501	\$95,942	\$106,331	\$89,480	\$14,052
11C		Sewer Assess.	\$31,150	\$31,150	\$31,150	\$31,150	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$98,651</u>	<u>\$127,092</u>	<u>\$137,481</u>	<u>\$120,630</u>	<u>\$14,052</u>
	GENERAL GOV'T	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$581,630</u>	<u>\$651,502</u>	<u>\$666,098</u>	<u>\$598,913</u>	<u>\$88,657</u>
	PUBLIC SAFETY						
12	Police						
12A		Personnel	\$401,891	\$450,822	\$545,758	\$373,328	\$149,673
12B		Expenses	\$24,708	\$25,679	\$36,319	\$22,200	\$7,669
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$426,599</u>	<u>\$476,500</u>	<u>\$582,076</u>	<u>\$395,528</u>	<u>\$157,342</u>
13	Fire						
13A		Personnel	\$184,585	\$245,667	\$287,141	\$183,714	\$69,318
13B		Expenses	\$41,250	\$61,378	\$98,000	\$69,270	\$4,700
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$225,835</u>	<u>\$307,045</u>	<u>\$385,141</u>	<u>\$252,984</u>	<u>\$74,018</u>
14	EDC						
14A		Personnel	\$99,887	\$135,126	\$144,203	\$144,203	\$2,124
14B		Expenses	\$8,477	\$7,037	\$7,800	\$6,440	\$1,360
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$108,364</u>	<u>\$142,163</u>	<u>\$152,003</u>	<u>\$150,643</u>	<u>\$3,484</u>
15	Weights/Measures						
15A		Personnel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$500
15B		Expenses	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$2,900</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$2,900</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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16	Inspections						
16A		Personnel	\$30,000	\$30,962	\$31,939	\$32,704	\$0
16B		Expenses	\$3,275	\$3,375	\$3,975	\$2,900	\$1,075
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$33,275</u>	<u>\$34,337</u>	<u>\$35,914</u>	<u>\$35,604</u>	<u>\$1,075</u>
17	Dog Officer						
17A		Personnel	\$11,183	\$15,499	\$19,149	\$12,944	\$3,082
17B		Expenses	\$2,550	\$3,694	\$3,894	\$3,024	\$870
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$13,733</u>	<u>\$19,193</u>	<u>\$23,043</u>	<u>\$15,968</u>	<u>\$3,952</u>
	PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$810,707</u>	<u>\$982,638</u>	<u>\$1,181,577</u>	<u>\$853,626</u>	<u>\$240,371</u>
	EDUCATION						
18	Monty Tech						
18A		Contribution	\$334,935	\$365,052	\$367,185	\$367,185	\$0
18B		Fixed Assets	\$8,810	\$4,736	\$0	\$0	\$0
18C		Transportation	\$39,181	\$38,927	\$28,631	\$28,631	\$0
18D		Expansion	\$9,446	\$9,291	\$9,053	\$9,053	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$392,372</u>	<u>\$418,006</u>	<u>\$404,869</u>	<u>\$404,869</u>	<u>\$0</u>
19	AWRSD						
19A		Contribution	\$3,945,375	\$3,957,064	\$4,504,475	\$3,504,647	\$352,330
19B		Fixed Assets	\$3,124	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
19C		Comm. Service	\$10,210	\$1,435	\$1,433	\$1,433	\$0
19D		Transportation	\$135,631	\$311,543	\$535,788	\$535,788	\$0
19E		Debt Assess	\$125,530	\$112,625	\$37,915	\$112,186	-\$74,271
19F		Capital Outlay	\$347,306	\$562,582	\$275,806	\$551,611	-\$275,805
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$4,567,176</u>	<u>\$4,945,249</u>	<u>\$5,355,417</u>	<u>\$4,705,665</u>	<u>\$2,254</u>
	EDUCATION	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$4,959,548</u>	<u>\$5,363,255</u>	<u>\$5,760,286</u>	<u>\$5,110,534</u>	<u>\$2,254</u>

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PUBLIC WORKS							
20	Highway						
20A		Personnel	\$200,956	\$250,575	\$256,648	\$198,962	\$55,568
20B		Expenses	\$115,263	\$129,400	\$149,400	\$126,500	\$22,900
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$316,219</u>	<u>\$379,975</u>	<u>\$406,048</u>	<u>\$325,462</u>	<u>\$78,468</u>
21	Snow & Ice						
21A		Miscellaneous	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
22	Waste Collection & Disposal						
22A		Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22B		Expenses	\$26,200	\$15,300	\$15,300	\$130	\$15,000
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$26,200</u>	<u>\$15,300</u>	<u>\$15,300</u>	<u>\$130</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
23	Municipal Grounds						
23A		Personnel	\$82,024	\$94,260	\$92,421	\$79,183	\$12,622
23B		Expenses	\$36,400	\$40,090	\$67,760	\$27,910	\$19,850
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$118,424</u>	<u>\$134,350</u>	<u>\$160,181</u>	<u>\$107,093</u>	<u>\$32,472</u>
		<u>PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL</u>	<u>\$542,843</u>	<u>\$611,625</u>	<u>\$663,529</u>	<u>\$514,684</u>	<u>\$125,940</u>
24	Water						
24A		Personnel	\$100,501	\$109,100	\$108,955	\$108,094	\$2,258
24B		Expenses	\$195,650	\$284,150	\$186,550	\$186,550	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$296,151</u>	<u>\$393,250</u>	<u>\$295,505</u>	<u>\$294,644</u>	<u>\$2,258</u>
25	Sewer						
25A		Personnel	\$42,050	\$44,331	\$44,251	\$44,525	\$0
25B		Expenses	\$90,500	\$167,500	\$181,000	\$181,000	\$0
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$132,550</u>	<u>\$211,831</u>	<u>\$225,251</u>	<u>\$225,525</u>	<u>\$0</u>
		<u>PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$428,701</u>	<u>\$605,082</u>	<u>\$520,755</u>	<u>\$520,169</u>	<u>\$2,258</u>

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HUMAN SERVICES							
26	Board of Health						
26A		Personnel	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
26B		Expenses	\$16,235	\$16,523	\$16,523	\$15,963	\$560
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$17,635</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,363</u>	<u>\$560</u>
27	Council on Aging						
27A		Personnel	\$8,653	\$13,842	\$13,954	\$14,372	-\$2,039
27B		Expenses	\$6,135	\$6,148	\$6,616	\$5,731	\$885
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$14,788</u>	<u>\$19,990</u>	<u>\$20,570</u>	<u>\$20,103</u>	<u>-\$1,154</u>
28	Veteran's Services						
28A		Personnel	\$2,479	\$2,479	\$2,479	\$2,479	\$0
28B		Expenses	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$4,000	\$1,200
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$7,679</u>	<u>\$7,679</u>	<u>\$7,679</u>	<u>\$6,479</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
	HUMAN SERVICES	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$40,102</u>	<u>\$45,592</u>	<u>\$46,172</u>	<u>\$43,945</u>	<u>\$606</u>
CULTURE & REC.							
29	Library						
29A		Personnel	\$75,781	\$80,071	\$98,916	\$0	\$75,223
29B		Expenses	\$43,847	\$46,983	\$53,871	\$8,050	\$37,861
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$119,628</u>	<u>\$127,054</u>	<u>\$152,787</u>	<u>\$8,050</u>	<u>\$113,084</u>
30	Historical Comm.						
30A		Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
30B		Expenses	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$0	\$295
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$295</u>	<u>\$295</u>	<u>\$295</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$295</u>
	CULTURE & REC.	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$119,923</u>	<u>\$127,349</u>	<u>\$153,082</u>	<u>\$8,050</u>	<u>\$113,379</u>

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31	DEBT SERVICE						
31A		Principal	\$163,185	\$130,800	\$130,800	\$130,800	\$0
31B		Interest	\$55,168	\$42,168	\$38,053	\$38,053	\$0
31C		Water Principal	\$214,611	\$210,537	\$219,457	\$219,457	\$0
31D		Water Interest	\$59,677	\$55,792	\$54,834	\$54,834	\$0
31E		Sewer Principal	\$100,658	\$92,070	\$105,148	\$105,148	\$0
31F		Sewer Interest	\$77,419	\$35,276	\$37,473	\$37,473	\$0
	DEBT SERVICE	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$670,718</u>	<u>\$566,643</u>	<u>\$585,766</u>	<u>\$585,766</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	MISC.						
32		Health Insurance	\$186,460	\$213,963	\$271,725	\$231,184	\$24,867
33		Life Insurance	\$900	\$814	\$1,072	\$959	\$113
34		Medicare	\$17,000	\$25,382	\$29,166	\$18,151	\$4,563
35		Worc. County Retire	\$150,303	\$157,178	\$167,834	\$167,834	\$0
36		Insurance Premiums	\$80,000	\$90,920	\$130,420	\$115,897	\$10,637
37		Unemployment	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$163,593	-\$161,593
	MISC.	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$436,663</u>	<u>\$490,257</u>	<u>\$602,217</u>	<u>\$697,617</u>	<u>-\$121,413</u>
	ARTICLE 2	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$8,590,834</u>	<u>\$9,443,943</u>	<u>\$10,179,481</u>	<u>\$8,933,306</u>	<u>\$452,052</u>

Additional Transfers to be added:

a.) Water Dept. receipts against line items 24A: \$2,258

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money **(\$37,500.00)** as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2003, or act in relation thereto.

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: **YES** ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: **YES** TAX RATE IMPACT: **N/A**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$647,498.00 to be added to the sum in line 19A of the budget approved under Article 2 of the May 3, 2003 Annual Town Meeting and as approved by Article 1 above for the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District, provided that no funds shall be spent and no bonds shall be issued unless the Town has voted at an election to exempt this expenditure from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called, and further provided that the Town of Westminster also votes to approve and fund its proportional share of such additional appropriation, or act in relation thereto.

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES TAX RATE IMPACT: \$1.81

PASSED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Surplus funds the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the water storage tanks located at Lashua Road and Gardner Road/Hosley Road, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Water & Sewer Commissioners)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION: YES ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION: YES TAX RATE IMPACT: N/A

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY