



**WARRANT ARTICLES, INFORMATION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE
NOVEMBER 19, 2008
TOWN MEETING**



Town of Ashland

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TOWN OF ASHLAND

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
19 NOVEMBER 2008**

Article 1: Hear Town Reports

Sponsor: Routine

To see if the town will hear any reports of town committees, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: the Town hear any reports and vote accordingly.

Article 2: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Adjustment

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to or to make adjustments to Article 3 of the May 2008 annual town meeting (fiscal year 2009 budget), or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote that the sum of \$72,000 be transferred from the 01960 NonUnion/Union COLA of Article 3 and \$18,000 from Article 9 of the May 2008 annual town meeting to the following Salary and Wage accounts for increases distributed to non-union and clerical union personnel.

01122 Board of Selectmen	\$ 6,622
01155 Data Processing	\$ 2,526
01161 Town Clerk	\$ 4,539
01199 Public Buildings	\$ 3,582
01135 Town Accountant	\$ 2,130
01145 Treasurer/Collector	\$ 6,505
01141 Board of Assessors	\$ 4,133
01171 Conservation Commission	\$ 4,359
01175 Planning Board	\$ 2,908
01241 Inspection Services	\$ 2,155
01410 DPW – Administration	\$ 2,395
01510 Board of Health	\$ 3,425
01541 Council on Aging	\$ 8,113
01542 Youth and Family Services	\$ 1,182
01610 Library	\$ 4,159
01630 Recreation Commission	\$ 2,250
01210 Police Department	\$19,064
01292 Animal Control	\$ 2,944
01220 Fire Department	\$ 7,009
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	\$90,000

Article 3: Stabilization Fund

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to transfer the sum of \$572,473 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. This will bring the balance to \$861,373.

Article 4: Transfer of Retained Earnings

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Enterprise Account (61440) voted under Article 3 of the May 2008 annual town meeting (fiscal year 2009 budget), or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to transfer the sum of \$395,000 from retained earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Account. The balance of retained earnings is currently \$1,216,825.

Article 5: Transfer of Retained Earnings

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Retained Earnings Account to the Water Enterprise Account (60450) voted under Article 3 of the May 2008 annual town meeting (fiscal year 2009 budget), or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 6: Community Preservation Funds

Sponsor: CPA Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$291,500 in Community Preservation Act funds for the Board of Selectmen to design, plan, build and equip a new skate park at the Ashland Middle School site, subject to approval of the School Committee, from the General Account, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2011 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town not vote in favor of this article. Our recommendation is not based on a judgment about the value of a skateboard park as opposed to some other recreational project. Rather, it is based on our belief that given the financial climate and our uncertainty about whether the State will continue to fund CPA at existing levels, it would not be prudent to allocate these funds for this project at this time.

Article 7: Community Preservation Funds

Sponsor: CPA Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,500 in Community Preservation Act funds for the restoration of the Henry Warren Clock, an historical landmark on Main Street, from the Historic Account, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2011 being returned to their funding sources, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to allocate \$4,500 in Community Preservation Funds for restoration of the Henry Warren Clock from the Historic Fund account.

Article 8: Community Preservation Funds

Sponsor: CPA Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 in Community Preservation Act funds for the Lake Waushakum Neighborhood Association to hire a consultant to provide a preliminary design and apply for section 319 Grants to install a hydrodynamic separator at the outfall on East Union Street and reconstruct a swale at the outlet on Learned Road, from the Open Space Account, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2011 being returned to their funding sources, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to allocate \$20,000 in Community Preservation Funds for Lake Waushakum from the Open Space Fund account.

Article 9: Community Preservation Funds

Sponsor: CPA Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$135,000 in Community Preservation Act funds for the Lake Waushakum Neighborhood Association to fund Ashland’s half of the 40% of the cost to install a hydrodynamic separator at the outfall on East Union Street and reconstruct a swale at the outlet on Learned Road to reduce pollutants entering the lake, and apply Alum treatment for weed and algae control, from the General Account, subject to approval of section 319 Grants from the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the remaining 60% of the cost, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2012 being returned to their funding sources, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to allocate \$135,000 in Community Preservation Funds for Lake Waushakum from the General Fund account.

Article 10: Community Preservation Funds

Sponsor: CPA Committee

To see if the Town will vote to rescind and return prior unused Community Preservation Act Funds back to the Community Preservation Fund, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote. The following projects have been completed and the remaining balances are being closed out back to the Open Space account in the Community Preservation Fund.

<u>Article No.</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12	May 12, 2004	Town Forest Gates	\$10,785
13	May 12, 2004	Fire Station Doors	\$ 150

Article 11: Sewer Upgrade of Pipe - Brackett Street Station

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury or borrow under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, a sum of money to design, construct, make repairs, and upgrade and enlarge the outflow pipe from the Brackett Road sewer pump station, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote to borrow the sum of \$420,000. This appropriation, in addition to the \$1,595,240 appropriated last fall for the upgrade work in Framingham, is necessary to allow for additional sewer capacity for the Route 126 area. This work will expand pipe capacity immediately leaving the Brackett Street station.

Article 12: Water Tank Improvements

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury or borrow under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, a sum of money to design, construct, make repairs, and upgrade the standpipe mixer in the Cedar Street water tank, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote the sum of \$75,000 from Water Retained Earnings. The mixer is necessary to maintain a high level of water quality at the Cedar Street water tank.

Article 13: Property Tax Exemptions

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to adjust (the exemption amount and eligibility factors) for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C½, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the property tax exemption percentage be set at 10%, down from 11% last year. Based on the preliminary valuation data from the Assessors, this would amount to \$496 per applicant, down from \$517 last year. This level of benefit would allow the growing number of applicants under this exemption to be accommodated as well as allowing us to stay within the overlay funding amount.

Article 14: Acceptance of General Law

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Collector a fee of \$30.00 or such greater amount as authorized by state law to be added and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of January 1, 2009, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote. Recent legislation allows for the increase in fees. This assists in offsetting the cost of providing additional services that are necessary to collect overdue taxes.

Article 15: Acceptance of General Law

Sponsor: BoS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of a 4-acre parcel of land at 60 Pleasant Street (Map 13, Lot 5), owned by Gamewell Realty, and a 7-acre parcel of land at 10-60 Main Street (Map 14, Lot 128), owned by Gordan Realty, as Priority Development Sites, or pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote. This will allow the Town to apply for various grants from the State. The Town's Code and regulations must still be adhered to when a permit is submitted. The appropriate permitting board(s) must, however, issue its determination within a 180 day period. This simply allows for so called expedited permitting of sites. It is a tool that assists the Town's goals in expanding business

development.

Article 16: Amend Town of Ashland Code

Sponsor: BOS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 63 (Town Meetings) of the Town of Ashland Code by deleting section 63-8 in its entirety:

63-8. Town Meetings.

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in May. Unless Town Meeting votes otherwise, the Annual Town Meeting shall continue on the following Monday evening and successive evenings thereafter until the warrant has been dissolved; the fall Special Town Meeting shall be called by the Board of Selectmen for a Wednesday in October or November and shall continue on such evenings as Town Meeting shall determine until the warrant is dissolved.

and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

63-8. Town Meetings.

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in May. Unless Town Meeting votes otherwise, the Annual Town Meeting shall continue on the following Monday evening and successive evenings thereafter until the warrant has been dissolved.

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: that the Town so vote. Restricting the time frame for a Special Town Meeting in the fall is not necessary. The Selectmen should be allowed to determine, as allowed under Massachusetts General Laws, when and if a Special Town Meeting should be called.

Article 17: Amend Town of Ashland Code

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend 282 (Zoning) of the Town of Ashland Code by deleting the following sections:

282-45E – Table of Uses:

"Table of Uses: Within the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District (WMUSD), the following listed development types of light industrial, commercial, residential, municipal/recreational and miscellaneous uses shall be allowed as designated:

Y = Permitted;

SP = Conditionally Permitted with Special Permit;

N = Not Permitted.

The location of each development component type shall be depicted on the Use Plan on file with the Town Clerk for the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District, which use plan provides for four (4) areas of development (hereinafter, such areas are referred to as "Area A," "Area B," "Area C" and "Area D" which designations correspond to the development areas noted on the aforementioned Use Plan. The Permitted Uses and the Area on the Use Plan where such uses shall be permitted are as follows:

Light Industrial Uses.

**LAND USE AREA
PER USE PLAN**

USES	A	B	C	D
(a) Research offices and laboratories, including testing, provided such testing complies with the performance standards set forth in this section. This section shall include chemical, electronics, photography & film, medical & dental, metallurgy, pharmaceutical & X-ray; limited to 10,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
(b) Research offices and laboratories, including testing, provided such testing complies with the performance standards set forth in this section. This section shall include chemical, electronics, photography & film, medical & dental, metallurgy, pharmaceutical & X-ray; greater than 10,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y
(c) Services associated with permitted light industrial uses	N	Y	N	Y
(d) Light manufacturing research; assembly, testing and repair of components, including electronic components; communication equipment; guidance & control equipment; data processing equipment; computer hardware and/or software; and measuring instruments.	SP	Y	N	Y
(e) Light manufacturing, processing and/or assembly of the following or similar products: food products; medical equipment; apparel; woodworking shops;	SP	Y	N	Y

USES	A	B	C	D
furniture; fabricated metal products; stone, clay and glass products; optical devices; photographic equipment; and, filing and labeling machinery.				
(f) Parking in compliance with § 282-26 to service a use permitted in this § 282-45E(1), except that the Planning Board by Special Permit may permit modifications of the parking requirements on a case by case	Y	Y	Y	Y

	basis.				
	(g) Accessory scientific use in compliance with § 282-38D.	N	N	N	N
	(h) Sewerage treatment facility.	SP	SP	SP	SP
	(i) Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(2)	Commercial Uses.				
	(a) Business or professional offices which are limited to offices for accountants, attorneys, engineers, architects, medical and dental offices, and general and corporate offices; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
	(b) Business or professional offices which are limited to offices for accountants, attorneys, engineers, architects, medical and dental offices, and general and corporate offices; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y
	(c) Service industries, such as the repair of appliances, tooling, printing, blueprinting, and bookbinding.	SP	N	N	Y
	(d) Food preparation and eating facilities; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
	(e) Food preparation and eating facilities; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y
	(f) Personal service establishments, such as hair care, laundry, photography studio; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y

USES		A	B	C	
(g)	Parking compliance with § 282-26 to service a use permitted in this § 282-45E(2), except the Planning Board by Special Permit may permit modifications of the parking requirements on a case by case	Y	Y	Y	Y

basis.

(h)	Short term automobile rental.	SP	Y	N	Y
(i)	Retail sales, services and boutiques; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
(j)	Retail sales, services and boutiques; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	SP	N	Y
(k)	Retail home furnishings, home improvement and miscellaneous material and equipment stores which operate totally within principal structures and require no outside storage or display of products or materials; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
(l)	Restaurant, Class I; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
(m)	Restaurant, Class I; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y
(n)	Restaurant, Class II.	N	N	N	N
(o)	Catering service; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y
(p)	Catering service; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y
(q)	Hotel, motel.	SP	SP	N	SP
(r)	Indoor commercial recreation facility.	SP	Y	N	Y
(s)	Financial institutions without drive-up window.	Y	Y	N	Y
(t)	Financial institutions with drive-up window.	N	SP	N	SP
(u)	Business schools.	N	N	N	N
(v)	Cinema, theater, auditorium.	N	Y	N	Y
w)	Continuing care residential community or components thereof in conformance with § 282-47.	Y	Y	N	Y
(x)	Rest home or nursing home.	Y	Y	N	Y

USES		A	B	C	D
(y)	Accessory scientific use in compliance with § 282-38D.	N	N	N	N
(z)	Other drive-up services associated with any commercial or industrial use.	N	N	N	SP
(aa)	Health club or clinic.	SP	SP	Y	SP
(bb)	Outdoor commercial recreation other than campgrounds.	N	SP	N	SP
(cc)	Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(dd)	Sewerage treatment facility.	SP	SP	SP	SP
(ee)	Day care facilities; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(ff)	Day care facilities; over 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(3)	Residential Uses.				
(a)	Age restricted, attached (as defined in § 282-49C).	Y	Y	N	SP
(b)	Age restricted, mixed use building-- defined as including one, a portion of a building containing more than one (1) dwelling unit used for occupancy by individuals living independently of each other containing at least one(1) dwelling unit owned or occupied by at least one (1) person who is older; and no more than one (1) additional occupant who may be under fifty-five (55) years of age, unless otherwise qualifying as a handicapped adult; two, a portion of the building for occupancy of commercial uses.	Y	Y	N	SP
(c)	Age restricted, multifamily (as defined in 282-49 C).	Y	N	N	SP
(d)	Dwelling, multifamily.	Y	N	N	SP

(e)	Dwelling, multifamily in a mixed use building--defined as including one, a portion of a building containing more than one (1) dwelling unit; two, a portion of the building for occupancy of commercial uses.	Y	Y	N	Y
USES		A	B	C	D
(f)	Public housing for the elderly.	Y	N	N	N
(g)	Affordable housing (defined as housing meeting affordability standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development).	Y	N	N	Y
(h)	Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(i)	Sewerage treatment facility.	SP	SP	SP	SP
(j)	Dwelling, single family (excluded in a CDA as defined in §282-45(G)(7)(a))	N	N	N	Y
(4)	Municipal Uses.				
(a)	Municipal school and other municipal buildings.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(b)	Municipal community center and recreation buildings.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(c)	Municipal fields.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(d)	Municipal cemetery.	Y	N	Y	N
(e)	Municipal golf course and related facilities.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(f)	Municipal tennis facilities and swimming pool.	Y	N	Y	Y
(g)	Civic area.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(h)	Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y
(i)	Sewerage treatment facility.	SP	SP	SP	SP
(5)	Miscellaneous Uses.				

(a)	Residential uses above the ground floor of commercial buildings.	Y	Y	N	Y
(b)	Uses exceeding 20,000 sq.ft. except where they are designed to be compatible with the intended pedestrian oriented character of the zone.	N	SP	N	SP

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements.

1. Lot Area. Individual lots within the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District shall require a minimum of forty thousand (40,000) square feet, except as herein noted. In Area "D" individual single family dwellings lots shall require a minimum of thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.

(a) In "Area A" only, non-senior residential dwellings will require a minimum lot area not less than 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit, plus one thousand square feet per bedroom for a maximum of two (2) bedrooms under the following percentages of development area of that which is buildable in "Area A" only: maximum of 75% "multifamily dwelling" uses (just residential) and or open space and minimum of 25% mixed uses with commercial (non-residential use on first floor of the mixed use buildings) and/or commercial. Computations for additional housing units in mixed use structures on the second floor or higher shall be calculated at 600 sq. ft. per unit with a maximum of two bedrooms.

(b) At least 10% of all housing units in "Area A" shall be affordable as defined by the Commonwealth. No single building shall contain more than 25% affordable housing.

(c) Senior residential dwellings require a lot area not less than four thousand square feet per dwelling, plus one thousand fifty square feet per bedroom for two bedrooms.

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements

(3) Front Yard-shall be no less than 25 feet except as noted below:

a. In "Area A" and "Area D" there will be no front yard setback for commercial and mixed use buildings.

b. In "Area B," for commercial or mixed-use projects, the front setback shall not exceed fifteen feet for fifty percent of the linear frontage of the building, except areas contiguous with the structure and used for outdoor dining or courtyards shall be exempt from this requirement. This setback shall not be used for parking.

c. In residential only areas the front yard shall not be less than twenty-five feet. In areas where there are two front yards on one lot, the permitting granting authority may waive setback requirements.

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements

(6) - Height. - The height for buildings in the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District shall be as stated

below. In no event shall any building exceed five stories in height.

(a). For buildings containing only commercial uses or only residential units in "Area A," no building or structure shall exceed a height of three stories unless allowed under Special Permit conditions of this section.

(b). For buildings containing both commercial and residential uses in the same building, in "Area A and "Area D," no building or structure shall exceed a height of five stories.

(c) . For buildings containing only residential uses in "Area D", no building or structure shall exceed a height of three stories unless allowed under the Special Permit conditions of this section.

and substituting in lieu thereof the following;

"282-45 E. - Table of Uses. Within the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District (WMUSD), the following listed development types of light industrial, commercial, residential, municipal/recreational and miscellaneous uses shall be allowed as designated.

Y = Permitted;
 SP = Conditionally Permitted with Special Permit;
 N = Not Permitted

1. The location of each development component type shall be depicted on the Use Plan on file with the Town Clerk for the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District, which use plan provides for three (3) areas of development (hereinafter, such areas are referred to as "Area A," "Area B," "Area C", Area "D" and "Area E" which designations correspond to the development areas noted on the aforementioned Use Plan. The Permitted Uses and the Area on the Use Plan where such uses shall be permitted are as follows:

Wildwood Use Table					
	Per Use Plan				
Land Use Area Uses	A	B	C	D	E
(1) Light Industrial Uses					
Research offices and laboratories, including testing, provided such testing complies with the performance standards set forth in this section. This section shall include chemical, electronics, photography & film, medical & dental, metallurgy, pharmaceutical & X-ray; limited to 10,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Research offices and laboratories, including testing, provided such testing complies with the performance standards set forth in this section. This section shall include chemical, electronics, photography & film, medical & dental, metallurgy, pharmaceutical & X-ray; greater than 10,000 sq. ft.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Services associated with permitted light industrial uses.	N	Y	N	Y	Y

Light manufacturing research; assembly, testing and repair of components, including electronic components; communication equipment; guidance & control equipment; data processing equipment; computer hardware and/or software; and measuring instruments	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Light manufacturing, processing and/or assembly of the following or similar products: food products; medical equipment; apparel; woodworking shops; furniture; fabricated metal products; stone, clay and glass products; optical devices; photographic equipment; and, filing and labeling machinery.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Parking in compliance with the Zoning By-Law to service a use permitted herein, except that the Planning Board by Special Permit may permit modifications of the parking requirements on a case by case basis.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Accessory scientific use	N	N	N	N	N
Sewerage treatment facility	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
(2) Commercial Uses.					
Business or professional offices which are limited to offices for accountants, attorneys, engineers, architects, medical and dental offices, and general and corporate offices; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Business or professional offices which are limited to offices for accountants, attorneys, engineers, architects, medical and dental offices and general and corporate offices; over 3,000 sq. ft.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Service industries such as repair of appliances, tooling, printing, blueprinting and bookbinding.	SP	N	N	Y	Y
Food preparation and eating facilities; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Food preparation and eating facilities; over 3,000 sq. ft.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Personal service establishments, such as hair care, laundry, photography studio; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Parking in compliance with the Zoning By-law to service a use permitted herein, except the Planning Board by Special Permit may permit modifications of the parking requirements on a case by case basis.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Short term automobile rental.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Retail sales, services and boutiques; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	SP	SP	N	Y	Y
Retail sales, services and boutiques; over to 3,000 sq. ft.	SP	SP	N	Y	Y

Retail home furnishings, home improvement and miscellaneous material and equipment stores which operate totally within principal structures and require no outside storage or display of products or materials; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Restaurant; limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Restaurant; over 3,000 sq. ft.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Restaurant, fast food	N	N	N	N	N
Catering service; limited to 3,000 sq.ft.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Catering service; over 3,000 sq.ft.	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Hotel, motel	SP	SP	N	SP	SP
Indoor commercial recreation facility	SP	Y	N	Y	Y
Financial institutions without drive-up window.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Financial institutions with drive-up window	N	SP	N	SP	N
Business schools	N	N	N	N	N
Cinema, theater, auditorium	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Continuing care residential community or components thereof	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Rest home or nursing home	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Accessory scientific use	N	N	N	N	N
Other drive-up services associated with any commercial or industrial use.	N	N	N	SP	N
Health club or clinic.	SP	SP	Y	Y	SP
Outdoor commercial recreation other than campgrounds	N	SP	N	SP	SP
Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sewerage treatment facility	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
Day care facilities limited to 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Day care facilities over 3,000 sq. ft.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

(3) Residential Uses					
Age restricted attached (as defined in Section in Sec. 282-49 C).	Y	Y	N	SP	SP
Age restricted mixed use building - defined as including one, a portion of a building containing more than one (1) dwelling unit used for occupancy by individuals living independently of each other containing at least one (1) dwelling unit owned or occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age, or older; and no more than one (1) additional occupant who may be under fifty-five (55) years of age, unless otherwise qualifying as a handicapped adult; two, a portion of the building for occupancy of commercial uses	Y	Y	N	SP	SP
Age restricted, multifamily (as defined in Sec 282-49 C).	Y	N	N	SP	SP
Dwelling, multifamily	Y	N	N	SP	SP
Dwelling, multifamily in a mixed use building - defined as including one, a portion of a building containing more than one (1) dwelling unit; two, a portion of the building for occupancy of commercial uses.	Y	Y	N	SP	SP
Public housing for the elderly.	Y	N	N	N	N
Affordable housing (defined as housing meeting affordability standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development).	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidental to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sewerage treatment facility	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
Dwelling, single family (excluded in a CDA as defined in Sec 282-45 (G)(7)(a))	N	N	N	N	Y
(4) Municipal Uses.					
Municipal school and other municipal buildings.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Municipal community center and recreation buildings.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Municipal fields	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Municipal cemetery.	Y	N	Y	N	N
Municipal golf courses and related facilities.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Municipal tennis facilities and swimming pool.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Civic area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Uses and structures customarily accessory and incidentals to the primary use.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sewerage treatment facility.	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
(5) Miscellaneous Uses					
Residential uses above the ground floor of commercial buildings.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Uses exceeding 20,000 sq. ft. except where they are designed to be compatible with the intended pedestrian oriented character of the zone.	N	SP	N	SP	SP

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements

1. Lot Area. Individual lots within the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District shall require a minimum of forty thousand (40,000) square feet, except as herein noted. In Area "D" and "Area E" individual single family dwellings lots shall require a minimum of thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
 - (a). In "Area A" only, non-senior residential dwellings will require a minimum lot area not less than 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit, plus one thousand square feet per bedroom for a maximum of two (2) bedrooms under the following percentages of development area of that which is buildable in "Area A" only: maximum of 75% "multifamily dwelling" uses (just residential) and or open space and minimum of 25% mixed uses with commercial (non-residential use on first floor of the mixed use buildings) and/or commercial. Computations for additional housing units in mixed use structures on the second floor or higher shall be calculated at 600 sq. ft. per unit with a maximum of two bedrooms.
 - (b) At least 10% of all housing units in "Area A" shall be affordable as defined by the Commonwealth. No single building shall contain more than 25% affordable housing.
 - (c) Senior residential dwellings require a lot area not less than four thousand square feet per dwelling, plus one thousand fifty square feet per bedroom for two bedrooms.

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements

- (3) Front Yard-shall be no less than 25 feet except as noted below:
 - a. In "Area A", "Area D" and "Area E" there will be no front yard setback for commercial and mixed use buildings.
 - b. In "Area B," for commercial or mixed-use projects, the front setback shall not exceed fifteen feet for fifty percent of the linear frontage of the building, except areas contiguous with the structure and used for outdoor dining or courtyards shall be exempt from this requirement. This setback shall not be used for parking.
 - c. In residential only areas the front yard shall not be less than twenty-five feet. In areas where there are two front yards on one lot, the permitting granting authority may waive setback requirements.

and;

282-45 G - Dimensional Requirements

(6) - Height. - The height for buildings in the Wildwood Mixed Use Special District shall be as stated below. In no event shall any building exceed five stories in height.

(a). For buildings containing only commercial uses or only residential units in "Area A," no building or structure shall exceed a height of three stories unless allowed under Special Permit conditions of this section.

(b). For buildings containing both commercial and residential uses in the same building, in "Area A," "Area D," and "Area E" no building or structure shall exceed a height of five stories.

(c) . For buildings containing only residential uses in "Area D" and "Area E," no building or structure shall exceed a height of three stories unless allowed under the Special Permit conditions of this section.

and inserting the following new subsection **282-45 G – Dimensional Requirements;**

(8) Dwelling Unit Requirements Applicable to Multifamily Dwellings in Area "E"

a) Provisions for multifamily dwelling units—A multi-family project is limited to a maximum of eight (8) units per .9 acres of land, and must have 15% of the units as affordable units. Waivers of dimensional requirements may be granted by the permit granting authority for the multifamily project. Unit affordability will be determined by the standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Affordable units constructed will be spread among the market rate units in a project.

b) Bedroom Limitation –A maximum of 15% of the units in a multi-family development can be three bedroom units. The remaining units in a multifamily development must be either one or two bedroom units. The Applicant shall provide for the same proportion of one, two or three bedroom dwelling units for affordable housing units as for non-affordable units within the development."

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 18: Amend Zoning Map

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the town will consider amending the Zoning Map, Town of Ashland, originally dated May 15, 1972 [effective date 9/7/1972], with the latest revision date June, 2008, by changing the zoning of the following lots;

From Wildwood Mixed Use District "D" to "E":
Map 15, Lot 9 (13 Waverly Street)
Map 15, Lot 10 (15 Waverly Street)
Map 15, Lot 11

And from Wildwood Mixed Use District "B" to "E":
Map 15, Lot 76
Map 15, Lot 77
Map 15, Lot 78 (1 East Union St.)
Map 15, Lot 79 (7 East Union St.)

Map 15, Lot 80 (11 East Union St.)
Map 15, Lot 81 (17 East Union St.)
Map 15, Lot 82 (23 East Union St.)

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 19: Amend Town of Ashland Code

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend and recodify and renumber 282 (Zoning) of the Town of Ashland Code by deleting the following headings and text of sections of the Code:

Chapter 282
ZONING

ARTICLE I

Administration and Procedure

- § 282-1. Statutory authority; purpose; preamble
- § 282-2. Administration.
- § 282-3. Compliance certification.
- § 282-4. (Reserved)
- § 282-5. Permit responsibility.
- § 282-6. Site plan review and design plan review.
- § 282-7. Violations and penalties.
- § 282-8. Enforcement.
- § 282-9. Board of Appeals.
- § 282-10. Special permits.
- § 282-11. Greater restrictions to control.
- § 282-12. Conformance required.
- § 282-13. Nonconforming uses and structures.
- § 282-14. Amendments.
- § 282-15. Court appeal.
- § 282-16. Severability.

ARTICLE II

District Regulations

- § 282-17. Establishment of districts.
- § 282-18. Zoning Map.
- § 282-19. Boundary lines,
- § 282-20. Split lots.
- § 282-21. Residential districts.
- § 282-22. Commercial districts.
- § 282-23. Industrial Districts.
- § 282-24. Dimensional regulations
- § 282-25. (Reserved)

ARTICLE III

General Regulations

- § 282-26. Parking and loading requirements.
- § 282-27. Landscaping and screening
- § 282-28. Environmental disturbances.
- § 282-29. Pollution control.
- § 282-30. Water body protection.
- § 282-31. Erosion control.
- § 282-32. Sawmills and logging.
- § 282-33. (Reserved)
- § 282-34. Site alteration.
- § 282-35. Signs.
- § 282-36. Floodplain regulations.
- § 282-37. New dwelling unit scheduling

ARTICLE IV

Special Regulations

- § 282-38. Accessory uses and structures.
- § 282-39. Motor vehicle services.
- § 282-40. Cluster development.
- § 282-41. Multifamily dwellings.
- § 282-42. Dwelling conversion.
- § 282-43. Groundwater Protection District.
- § 282-44. Accessory family dwelling unit.
- § 282-45. Wildwood Mixed Use Special District.
- § 282-45.1. Adult entertainment uses.
- § 282-46. Wireless Communication Service District (WCSD).
- § 282-47. Elderly assisted living residences.
- § 282-48. Senior Residential

Community (SRC).

§ 282-49.Rail Transit District (RTD).

- ARTICLE V
- §282-50. Ashland Downtown District.
Definitions
- § 282-51. Quarry Remediation District.
- § 282-52 through 282-98. (Reserved)
- § 282-99.Terms defined.

And replacing in lieu thereof the following headings and text of sections:

Chapter 282
Zoning
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- SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY
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 - 1.2 Purpose
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 - 2.1 Establishment
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 - 2.4 Boundaries of Districts
- SECTION 3.0 USE REGULATIONS
 - 3.1 Principal Uses
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- SECTION 4.0 DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - 4.2 Special Provisions for Village Commerce
 - 4.3 Special Provisions for Neighborhood Commerce (CD) Districts
- SECTION 5.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS
 - 5.1 Off-Street Parking Requirements
 - 5.2 Loading Requirements
 - 5.3 Signs
 - 5.4 General Landscaping Requirements
 - 5.5 Landscaping and screening in the Office Commerce District
 - 5.6 Corner Clearance
 - 5.7 Environmental Standards
 - 5.8 Site Alteration
- SECTION 6.0 SPECIAL REGULATIONS
 - 6.1 Adult Entertainment Uses
 - 6.2 Motor Vehicle Services
- SECTION 7.0 SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL REGULATIONS
 - 7.1 Dwelling Conversion
 - 7.2 Senior Residential Community (SRC)
 - 7.3 Cluster Development

7.4	Elderly Assisted Living Residences
7.5	Multi-Family Dwellings
7.6	Accessory Family Dwelling Unit
7.7	Special Provisions for Highway Commercial (CH) District
SECTION 8.0	SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS
8.1	Flood Plain Overlay District (FPOD)
8.2	Groundwater Protection Overlay District (GPOD)
8.3	Wireless Communication Service Overlay District (WCSOD)
8.4	Rail Transit District (RTD)
8.5	Ashland Downtown District (ADD)
8.6	Wildwood Mixed use Special District
8.7	Quarry Remediation District
SECTION 9.0	ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES
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9.2	Board of Appeal
9.3	Special Permits
9.4	Site Plan Review
9.5	Planning Board Associate Member
SECTION 10.0	DEFINITIONS

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 20: Amend Town of Ashland Code

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend 282 (Zoning) of the Town of Ashland Code by Adding the following new subsection 6.3:

6.3 DRIVEWAYS

1. General. For the purpose of promoting the safety of the residents of the Town, an application for a building permit for a residential structure shall include a plan, at a scale of 1" = 100 ft., showing the driveway serving the premises, and showing existing and proposed topography at 10 foot or 3 meter contour intervals. All driveways shall be constructed in a manner ensuring reasonable and safe access from the public way serving the premises to within a distance of 100 feet or less from the building site of the residential structure on the premises, for all vehicles, including, but not limited to, emergency, fire, and police vehicles. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for the principal structure on the premises unless all of the following conditions have been met:

2. Location. Wherever possible, a driveway shall not be located within five (5) feet of any side or rear lot line excluding cluster development lots..

3. Grade. The grade of each driveway where it intersects with the public way shall not exceed six percent (6%) for a distance of 20 feet from the travel surface of the public way unless the Planning Board shall grant a special permit after a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.

4. Access. Driveways serving the premises shall provide access through the required frontage of the serviced lot with the following exceptions:

1. Access can be provided to the serviced lot from adjacent property when easements or other appropriate legal devices over said adjacent property are in place and recorded at the registry of

Deeds. Nothing herein shall be construed to exclude the frontage requirement.

5. Common Driveways. Common driveways serving not more than two (2) lots may be allowed on special permit by the Planning Board. A common driveway must satisfy all of the conditions in this Section, as well as all of the following conditions:

1. The centerline intersection with the street centerline shall not be less than 45 degrees;
2. A minimum cleared width of 12 feet shall be maintained over its entire length of the common driveway;
3. Proposed documents shall be submitted to the Planning Board demonstrating that, through easements, restrictive covenants, or other appropriate legal devices, the maintenance, repair, snow removal, and liability for the common driveway shall remain perpetually the responsibility of the private parties, or their successors-in-interest.

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 21: Amend Town of Ashland Code

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend 282 (Zoning) of the Town of Ashland Code by deleting the following sections as follows:

"3.2.1. Home Occupations. Home occupations are permitted if no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the floor area of the residence is used for the occupation, not more than one (1) person not a member of the household is employed on the premises in the occupation, there is no exterior display or storage or other variation from the residential character of the premises, traffic generated does not exceed that normally expected in a residential neighborhood and all parking required to service the occupation is provided off-street, other than within a required front yard."

and substituting in lieu thereof the following;

"3.2.1 Home Occupation; As of Right. A home occupation may be allowed as of right, provided that it:

1. is conducted solely within a dwelling and solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence;
2. is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the premises for residential purposes;
3. does not produce offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, lighting, electrical interference, radioactive emission or environmental pollution;
4. does not utilize exterior storage of material or equipment;
5. does not exhibit any exterior indication, including signs, of its presence or any variation from residential appearance;
6. does not produce any customer, pupil, or client trips to the occupation site and has only one nonresident employee;

7. is registered as a business with the Town Clerk.

3.2.2 Home Occupation; By Special Permit. A home occupation may be allowed by special permit issued by the Board of Appeals, provided that it:

1. fully complies with Sections 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3, 3.2.1.4, and 3.2.1.7, above.
2. is conducted within a dwelling solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence and, in addition to the residents of the premises, by not more than two additional employees;
3. does not exhibit any exterior indication of its presence, or any variation from residential appearance, except for a sign or name plate in compliance with this By-Law;
4. a special permit for such use is granted by the Board of Appeals, subject to conditions including, but not limited to, restriction of hours of operation, maximum floor area, off-street parking, and maximum number of daily customer vehicle trips. Such special permit shall be limited to five years, or the transfer of the property, whichever first occurs."

or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 22: Street Acceptances

Sponsor: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways under the provision of MGL Chapter 82, as amended, Pennock Road, Hardwick Road and Sterling Way, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on plans entitled, "Plan of Land Street Acceptance, Pennock Road (Sta. -01+21 to Sta. 09+53.04), Ashland, MA," Plan of Land Street Acceptance, Hardwick Road (Sta. 00+00 to Sta. 32+59.97), and Sterling Way (Sta. 00+25.39 to end), Ashland, MA," dated May 2, 2008, revised October 1, 2008, prepared by GLM Engineering Consultants, scale 1" = 40.' As-built Plan, Pennock Road (Sta -1+21 to Sta 9+53.04), Ashland, MA, dated May 1, 2008; As-built Plan, Hardwick Road (Sta.00+00 to Sta. 32+59.97), Ashland, MA," As-built Plan, Sterling Way (Sta.00+25.39 to end, Ashland, MA," dated May 1, 2008, revised October 1, 2008, which plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and to accept such easements as are shown on said plans, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: defers its recommendation to Town Meeting.

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

		FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
01122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
	Salary & Wages	308,928	303,412	310,034	0.4%
	Expenses	19,800	19,800	19,800	0.0%
	sub-total	328,728	323,212	329,834	0.3%
01138	CENTRAL PURCHASING				
	Expenses	78,500	78,500	78,500	0.0%
	sub-total	78,500	78,500	78,500	0.0%
01139	TELECOMMUNICATIONS				
	Expenses	66,200	66,200	66,200	0.0%
	sub-total	66,200	66,200	66,200	0.0%
01151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	Expenses	125,000	125,000	125,000	0.0%
	sub-total	125,000	125,000	125,000	0.0%
01155	DATA PROCESSING				
	Salary & Wages	85,272	85,272	87,798	3.0%
	Expenses	76,250	82,250	82,250	7.9%
	sub-total	161,522	167,522	170,048	5.3%
01161	TOWN CLERK				
	Salary & Wages	112,687	111,487	116,026	3.0%
	Expenses	7,767	7,767	7,767	0.0%
	sub-total	120,454	119,254	123,793	2.8%
01162	ELECTIONS/TOWN MEETING				
	Salary & Wages	19,150	19,150	19,150	0.0%
	Expenses	5,950	5,950	5,950	0.0%
	sub-total	25,100	25,100	25,100	0.0%
01163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
	Salary & Wages	0	0	0	
	Expenses	7,450	7,450	7,450	0.0%
	sub-total	7,450	7,450	7,450	0.0%
01195	TOWN REPORTS				
	Expenses	500	0	0	-100.0%
	sub-total	500	0	0	-100.0%
01199	PUBLIC BUILDINGS				
	Salary & Wages	99,000	99,000	102,582	3.6%
	Expenses	295,800	325,800	325,800	10.1%
	sub-total	394,800	424,800	428,382	8.5%
01914	PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICES				
	Expenses	6,000	5,000	5,000	-16.7%
	sub-total	6,000	5,000	5,000	-16.7%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

		FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
01950	AUDIT TOWN ACCOUNTS				
	Expenses	44,000	30,000	30,000	-31.8%
	sub-total	44,000	30,000	30,000	-31.8%
01960	NON-UNION COLA INCREASE				
	Expenses	0	72,000	0	
	sub-total	0	72,000	0	
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	1,358,254	1,444,038	1,389,307	2.3%
	<u>BENEFITS AND INSURANCE</u>				
01911	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT				
	Expenses	1,639,431	1,796,537	1,796,537	9.6%
	sub-total	1,639,431	1,796,537	1,796,537	9.6%
01912	WORKERS' COMPENSATION				
	Expenses	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
	sub-total	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
01913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION				
	Expenses	75,000	75,000	75,000	0.0%
	sub-total	75,000	75,000	75,000	0.0%
01915	GROUP HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE				
	Expenses	4,384,000	4,724,000	4,724,000	7.8%
	sub-total	4,384,000	4,724,000	4,724,000	7.8%
01945	CASUALTY INSURANCE				
	Expenses	423,945	447,945	447,945	5.7%
	sub-total	423,945	447,945	447,945	5.7%
	TOTAL BENEFITS AND INSURANCE	6,622,376	7,143,482	7,143,482	7.9%
	<u>FINANCIAL SERVICES</u>				
01131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	50	0	0	-100.0%
	sub-total	50	0	0	-100.0%
01132	FINANCE RESERVE FUND				
	Expenses	400,000	400,000	400,000	0.0%
	sub-total	400,000	400,000	400,000	0.0%
01135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Salary & Wages	115,923	115,923	118,053	1.8%
	Expenses	700	700	700	0.0%
	sub-total	116,623	116,623	118,753	1.8%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

		FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
01145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR				
	Salary & Wages	218,357	222,385	228,890	4.8%
	Expenses	7,960	7,960	7,960	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>226,317</u>	<u>230,345</u>	<u>236,850</u>	4.7%
01149	INTEREST ON REFUNDS				
	Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	0.0%
01158	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE				
	Expenses	28,500	25,500	25,500	-10.5%
	sub-total	<u>28,500</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>25,500</u>	-10.5%
01141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	Salary & Wages	142,345	142,345	146,478	2.9%
	Expenses	11,550	11,550	11,550	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>153,895</u>	<u>153,895</u>	<u>158,028</u>	2.7%
	TOTAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	926,885	927,863	940,631	1.5%
	<u>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u>				
01171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	Salary & Wages	46,215	46,215	50,574	9.4%
	Expenses	1,020	1,020	1,020	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>47,235</u>	<u>47,235</u>	<u>51,594</u>	9.2%
01175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Salary & Wages	100,196	100,271	103,179	3.0%
	Expenses	2,835	2,835	2,835	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>103,031</u>	<u>103,106</u>	<u>106,014</u>	2.9%
01176	BOARD OF APPEALS				
	Salary & Wages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
	Expenses	0	0	0	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	0.0%
01186	OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE				
	Expenses	450	450	450	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	0.0%
01241	INSPECTION SERVICES DEPT				
	Salary & Wages	225,979	194,579	196,734	-12.9%
	Expenses	2,570	2,570	2,570	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>228,549</u>	<u>197,149</u>	<u>199,304</u>	-12.8%
	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	382,265	350,940	360,362	-5.7%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

		FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
01410	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - ADMIN				
	Salary & Wages	59,818	59,818	62,213	4.0%
	Expenses	450	450	450	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>60,268</u>	<u>60,268</u>	<u>62,663</u>	4.0%
01422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINT.				
	Salary & Wages	230,456	244,808	244,808	6.2%
	Expenses	81,800	101,800	101,800	24.4%
	sub-total	<u>312,256</u>	<u>346,608</u>	<u>346,608</u>	11.0%
01423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
	Salary & Wages	29,200	29,200	29,200	0.0%
	Expenses	156,000	156,000	156,000	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>185,200</u>	<u>185,200</u>	<u>185,200</u>	0.0%
01424	STREET LIGHTING				
	Expenses	68,000	68,000	68,000	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>68,000</u>	<u>68,000</u>	<u>68,000</u>	0.0%
01491	CEMETERY, PARKS & TREES				
	Salary & Wages	150,284	152,957	152,957	1.8%
	Expenses	22,750	22,750	22,750	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>173,034</u>	<u>175,707</u>	<u>175,707</u>	1.5%
01511	RUBBISH COLLECTION				
	Expenses - Hazardous Waste	17,000	17,000	17,000	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	0.0%
01429	HWY COMBINED FUEL ACCT				
	Expenses	131,000	131,000	131,000	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>131,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>	0.0%
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	946,758	983,783	986,178	4.2%
<u>HUMAN SERVICES/CULTURE & RECREATION</u>					
01510	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	Salary & Wages	124,651	124,751	128,176	2.8%
	Expenses	14,158	14,158	14,158	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>138,809</u>	<u>138,909</u>	<u>142,334</u>	2.5%
01541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Salary & Wages	102,589	106,043	114,156	11.3%
	Expenses	8,850	8,850	8,850	0.0%
	sub-total	<u>111,439</u>	<u>114,893</u>	<u>123,006</u>	10.4%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

	FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
01542 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES				
Salary & Wages	39,405	39,405	40,587	3.0%
Expenses	480	480	480	0.0%
sub-total	<u>39,885</u>	<u>39,885</u>	<u>41,067</u>	3.0%
01543 VETERANS' SERVICES				
Salary & Wages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Expenses	15,210	15,210	15,210	0.0%
sub-total	<u>18,210</u>	<u>18,210</u>	<u>18,210</u>	0.0%
01610 LIBRARY				
Salary & Wages	221,429	222,641	226,800	2.4%
Expenses	50,513	50,513	50,513	0.0%
sub-total	<u>271,942</u>	<u>273,154</u>	<u>277,313</u>	2.0%
01630 RECREATION COMMISSION				
Salary & Wages	74,099	77,703	79,953	7.9%
Expenses	1,405	1,405	1,405	0.0%
sub-total	<u>75,504</u>	<u>79,108</u>	<u>81,358</u>	7.8%
01692 MEMORIAL DAY				
Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
sub-total	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	0.0%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES/CULTURE AND RECREATION	658,289	666,659	685,788	4.2%
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Salary & Wages	2,426,398	2,495,510	2,514,574	3.6%
Expenses	72,050	72,050	72,050	0.0%
sub-total	<u>2,498,448</u>	<u>2,567,560</u>	<u>2,586,624</u>	3.5%
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL				
Salary & Wages	57,079	52,079	55,023	-3.6%
Expenses	6,300	6,300	6,300	0.0%
sub-total	<u>63,379</u>	<u>58,379</u>	<u>61,323</u>	-3.2%
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Salary & Wages	1,934,505	1,964,941	1,971,950	1.9%
Expenses	185,950	185,950	185,950	0.0%
sub-total	<u>2,120,455</u>	<u>2,150,891</u>	<u>2,157,900</u>	1.8%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	4,682,282	4,776,830	4,805,847	2.6%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

	FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09	
<u>DEBT SERVICE & CAPITAL/EQUIPMENT</u>					
01710	DEBT RETIREMENT				
	Expense Non-Excluded Principal	469,520	415,265	415,265	-11.6%
	Expense Non-Excluded Interest	201,827	334,008	334,008	65.5%
	Expense Excluded Principal	2,050,205	2,071,760	2,071,760	1.1%
	Expense Excluded Interest	1,589,982	1,313,463	1,313,463	-17.4%
	sub-total	4,311,534	4,134,496	4,134,496	-4.1%
01930	CAPITAL/EQUIPMENT/PROJECTS				
	Police	129,000	129,000	129,000	0.0%
	Fire	29,000	29,000	29,000	0.0%
	Public Works	185,000	185,000	185,000	0.0%
	Other	316,536	488,869	488,869	54.4%
	sub-total	659,536	831,869	831,869	26.1%
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE & CAPITAL/EQUIPMENT	4,971,070	4,966,365	4,966,365	-0.1%
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
01300	LOCAL EDUCATION				
	Salary & Wages	17,518,320	17,765,104	17,765,104	1.4%
	Expenses	3,939,342	4,447,461	4,447,461	12.9%
	sub-total	21,457,662	22,212,565	22,212,565	3.5%
01302	KEEFE TECH ASSESSMENT				
	Expenses	710,537	842,000	842,000	18.5%
	sub-total	710,537	842,000	842,000	18.5%
	TOTAL EDUCATION	22,168,199	23,054,565	23,054,565	4.0%
<u>FUND TRANSFERS</u>					
01998	STABILIZATION FUND				
		203,540	0	0	-100.0%
	TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	203,540	0	0	-100.0%
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	42,919,918	44,314,525	44,332,525	3.3%
06050	<u>WATER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>				
	Salary & Wages	342,367	351,899	351,899	2.8%
	Expenses	927,512	929,012	929,012	0.2%
	Debt	859,391	695,121	695,121	-19.1%
	Capital	164,250	529,250	529,250	222.2%
	Emergency Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
	sub-total	2,393,520	2,605,282	2,605,282	8.8%
	Indirect costs appropriated to General Fund	221,487	240,208	240,208	8.5%
	sub-total	2,615,007	2,845,490	2,845,490	8.8%

TOWN OF ASHLAND OMNIBUS BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2010

	FY2008 FINAL	FY2009 ATM	FY2009 FINAL	% +/- 08-09
06051 <u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>				
Salary & Wages	301,170	297,267	297,267	-1.3%
Expenses	789,465	959,465	959,465	21.5%
MWRA Assessment	1,693,449	1,727,153	1,727,153	2.0%
Debt	1,392,669	1,354,943	1,354,943	-2.7%
Emergency Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Capital	285,250	350,250	350,250	22.8%
sub-total	<u>4,562,003</u>	<u>4,789,078</u>	<u>4,789,078</u>	5.0%
Indirect costs appropriated to General Fund	221,487	240,208	240,208	8.5%
sub-total	<u>4,783,490</u>	<u>5,029,286</u>	<u>5,029,286</u>	5.1%
62511 <u>SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND</u>				
Other Salaries	12,140	12,903	12,903	6.3%
Rubbish Removal	1,090,000	1,090,000	1,090,000	0.0%
sub-total	<u>1,102,140</u>	<u>1,102,903</u>	<u>1,102,903</u>	0.1%
Indirect costs appropriated to General Fund	0	0	0	
sub-total	<u>1,102,140</u>	<u>1,102,903</u>	<u>1,102,903</u>	0.1%
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	8,500,637	8,977,679	8,977,679	5.6%
GRAND TOTALS	<u><u>51,420,555</u></u>	<u><u>53,292,204</u></u>	<u><u>53,310,204</u></u>	3.7%

Fire	Replace Engine #3				350,000				
Fire	Replace Ambulance A-2					200,000			
Public Works - Highway	Pick-Up with Plow						40,000		
Public Works - Highway	Small 6-Wheel Dump Truck w/Plow				60,000	60,000			
Public Works - Highway	Large 6-Wheel Dump Truck w/Plow				150,000				150,000
Public Works - Highway	Basin Cleaner Truck						120,000		
Public Works - Highway	BobCat				70,000				
Public Works - Highway	Front-End Loader	140,000	140,000						
Public Works - Highway	Bucket Truck					100,000			
Public Works - Highway	Sidewalk Plow					100,000			
Public Works - Highway	Flail Mower	15,000	15,000						
Public Works - Highway	Sweeper							125,000	
Public Works - Highway	4X4 Backhoe w/Power Reverse Plow						85,000		
Public Works - CPT	Mini-Excavator							60,000	
Public Works - CPT	Mower	10,000	10,000			10,000		10,000	10,000
Public Works - CPT	Small 6-Wheel Dump Truck w/Plow					60,000			
Public Works-Water/Sewer	1-Ton Utility Truck					45,000		50,000	50,000
Public Works-Water/Sewer	Large 10-Wheel Dump Truck	160,000	80,000	80,000	Enterprise				
Sub-Total		500,000	420,000	80,000		1,073,000	475,000	537,000	210,000

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works - Highway	Comprehensive StormWater Mngmnt Plan	0	0			0	0	0	0
Public Works - Highway	Screeners	30,000	30,000						30,000
Public Works - Highway	Road Reconstruction - Engineering								
Public Works - Highway	Road Reconstruction	20,000	10,000			100,000	110,000	100,000	610,000
Public Works - CPT	Concrete for Lot Rows								
Sub-Total		150,000	75,000	0		100,000	110,000	100,000	640,000

TOTAL 2,754,000 832,000 105,000 1,213,000 14,620,000 720,000 1,280,000

BOND PROJECTS

Public Works - Highway	Frankland Road Intersection			320,000	Bond				
Public Works - Highway	Leah Estate - Drainage								
Public Works - Water	AC Pipe Replacement					200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Public Works - Water	Future Water Supply	???	???			???	???		
Public Works - Sewer	Hebert St.								
Public Works - Sewer	Brackett Rd. Pipe Replacement	210,000							
Public Works - Sewer	Chestnut St./Cold Spring Brook Pipe								
Public Works - Sewer	W.Union Sewer Main	130,000		130,000	Gift				
Public Works - Sewer	Sewer Stations Rehab	50,000					50,000		25,000
Sub-Total		710,000	0			200,000	250,000	200,000	225,000

TOWN OF ASHLAND
BONDED DEBT SCHEDULE

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Excluded Debt					
Town	\$ 908,124	\$ 889,288	\$ 863,876	\$ 843,144	\$ 821,946
School	\$ 2,477,200	\$ 2,386,047	\$ 2,353,042	\$ 2,316,549	\$ 2,261,840
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,385,324	\$ 3,275,335	\$ 3,216,918	\$ 3,159,693	\$ 3,083,786
Non-Excluded Debt					
Town	\$ 618,137	\$ 469,507	\$ 347,413	\$ 356,652	\$ 346,856
SUBTOTAL	\$ 618,137	\$ 469,507	\$ 347,413	\$ 356,652	\$ 346,856
Enterprise Operations:					
Water	\$ 657,466	\$ 645,074	\$ 603,844	\$ 577,322	\$ 561,664
Sewer	\$ 1,443,087	\$ 1,408,455	\$ 1,376,817	\$ 1,341,606	\$ 1,310,068
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,100,553	\$ 2,053,529	\$ 1,980,661	\$ 1,918,928	\$ 1,871,732
TOTAL	\$ 6,104,014	\$ 5,798,371	\$ 5,544,992	\$ 5,435,273	\$ 5,302,374

A TOWN MEETING VOCABULARY

Cherry Sheet	An annual statement from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated reimbursements to the Town. Its name derives from the fact that it was once written on cherry colored paper. In this manner the Town receives its share of various state funds and aid accounts, and is charged its share of running state and county government. Although the Cherry Sheet is required to be distributed by the first of March of each year, in actuality it is sent after the Legislature has passed the budget, which may not occur until June or July. A town cannot set its tax rate until it has received its Cherry Sheet and knows its estimated revenues and charges.
Citizens' Petitions	10 citizens for an Annual Town Meeting or 100 citizens for a Special Town Meeting may submit a petition requesting that a specific article be included in the next Town Meeting warrant for consideration. 200 citizens may submit a petition calling the Board of Selectmen to set a Town Meeting within 45 days.
Debt Exclusion	A vote by a community at an election to exclude debt service payments for a particular capital project from the levy limit. The amount necessary to cover each year's principal & interest is added to the levy limit for the life of the debts.
Fiscal Year	The Fiscal Year 2009 runs from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The number of the fiscal year is that of the calendar year in which it ends.
Free Cash	Money appropriated in the Omnibus Budget but not spent plus income that is higher than anticipated, less any unpaid back taxes and other encumbrances. This amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and thereafter is available for appropriation by a Town Meeting.
Levy Limit	The amount of property taxes that can be raised in accordance with Proposition 2½ formulas. The levy may be raised by 2½% plus new construction.
Local Receipts	Income derived by the Town from Motor Vehicle excise taxes, fees, licenses and permits, penalties & interest on taxes, etc.
New Construction	New growth and increases to property independent of market inflation are added to the levy limit in addition to the 2½% inflation increase allowed under Proposition 2½.
Omnibus Budget	For convenience, all recommended appropriations for operating expenses of the various Town departments and boards are gathered together in one article called the Omnibus Budget. The period covered by the Omnibus Budget is the upcoming Fiscal Year, and money not spent during this period reverts to Free Cash. No department or board can overspend its budget.
Override	A vote by a community at an election to permanently increase the levy limit. An override question on the election ballot must state a purpose for the override and the dollar amount.
Raise and Appropriate	A type of funding for Town expenditures voted at Town Meetings. The funds are raised through taxes, local receipts, and state reimbursements. Funds raised and appropriated in warrant articles are available until a time set by the article or until voted out by a subsequent Town Meeting.
Reserve Fund	A fund, established by each Town Meeting, for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses in the upcoming fiscal year. The Finance Committee alone may transfer money from this fund, thus eliminating the need for frequent Special Town Meetings. The fund may not exceed 5% of the preceding year's tax levy.
Stabilization Fund	A fund designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes, although it may be appropriated for any lawful purpose. It retains its own investment income. A two-thirds vote is required on any vote relative to this Fund.