

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of New Ashford
May 19, 2026, at 6:00PM
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Covering the fiscal year 2027
Berkshire County:



To: Any of the constables of the town of New Ashford.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the town of New Ashford who are qualified to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the New Ashford Church, 199 Mallery Road, in said New Ashford, on Tuesday the Nineteenth day of May 2026 at 6:00PM, and transact the following business:

Article I: To elect a moderator for the following year. (Majority)

Article II: To see if the town will vote that there be levied on real estate and personal property of the town, or transferred from available funds, a sum sufficient to meet the appropriation of said meeting. (Majority)

Article III: To see if the town will vote to authorize the select board to retain counsel when necessary. (Majority)

Article IV: To see if the town will vote to close portions of Bauer Rd, Ingraham Rd, Roys Rd, Greylock Rd, Old Rte. Seven, and any other roads, that at certain times of the year the road commissioner and the select board deem necessary. (Majority)

Article V: To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the select board, to borrow money, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2026, and to issue notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with chapter 44, section 17 of the Massachusetts general laws. (Majority)

Article VI: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and thirty-eight thousand, four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$738,413) or any other sum, to defray the charges and expenses of the town of New Ashford, including any debts and interest and to compensate certain officers of the town of New Ashford. (See attached sheet for individual line items) (Majority)

Article VII: Enterprise fund budget - to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand, three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$90,325.00) through user's fees and fund eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) to the general fund to reimburse shared officer and appointees' stipends, electricity, licenses, and propane cost. (See attached sheet for individual line items) (Majority)

Article VIII: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the cash stabilization account, the sum in the amount two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500), to supplement the town's share of grant money from the FY 2027 budget for emergency management grant. If the article is passed but the grant is not approved, the money will revert to the cash stabilization account. (2/3 majority.)

Article IX: To see if the town will vote to transfer from MLP Enterprise fund Free Cash the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to the broadband stabilization fund or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3 majority.)

Article X: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to the old schoolhouse repair stabilization fund or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3 majority.)

Article XI: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to the stabilization fund or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3 majority.)

Article XII: To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000 to reduce the tax rate for FY27 or take any action relative thereto. (2/3 majority.)

Article XIII: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to supplement the town’s share of grant money for the fire fighters’ safety grant for FY 2027. If the article is passed but the grant is not approved or all funds not spent, the money will revert to the Free Cash. (Majority)

*The grant is 100% reimbursable and funds go directly back to the town.

Article XIV: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the from Stabilization, the sum in the amount five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to repair the basement wall. (2/3 majority.)

Article XV: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the installation of a community gathering area. (Majority)

Article XVI: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the from MLP Free Cash, the sum in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$15,000), for unforeseen repairs during FY27. (Majority)

Article XVII

To see if the town will vote to set fiscal year 2027 spending limits for revolving funds as follows:

Revolving Fund	Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	\$1,200.00
Electrical/Wiring Inspection Services	\$1,200.00
Planning Board Expenses	\$1,200.00
Plumbing & Gas Inspection Services	\$3,459.86
Trench Safety Inspector Services	\$1,200.00
Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses	\$3,459.86
Board of Health – Licensing Fees	\$1,200.00
Fire Department	\$2,000.00
Select Board Expenses	\$1,200.00
All Other Board Expenses	\$1,200.00
Building Inspector	\$3,459.86
Total of All Revolving Funds	\$20,779.58

Article XVIII: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500), to supplement the town's share of Municipal Vulnerability Grant money from the FY2027 budget for the construction of 1 -2 Dry Hydrants for Fire protection. If the article is passed but the grant is not approved, the money will revert to the cash stabilization account. (2/3 majority.)

Article XIX: To act thereon and conduct any business legally brought before said meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting three (3) attested copies thereof in public places in the town of New Ashford, at least seven days before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make do your returns of doing to the town clerk at the time and place of the meeting afore said.

Constable:	Select board:
Stephen Demyer, constable	Jason Jayko, chairman
Date and time posted	Kenneth McInerney
True and attested Susan Supranowicz Clerk, town of New Ashford	Mark Phelps