

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JANUARY 23, 2021
10:00 AM
Ashland High School

Article 1: Authorize Funding to Construct Public Safety Building
Sponsor: Board of Selectmen/

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Selectboard for the purpose of paying costs of the project management, site preparation, construction, equipping and furnishing a new Public Safety building located at 12-16 Union Street, including the payment of all incidental and related costs and authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount and further provided that said appropriation shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2: Authorize Funding to Complete Design and Construct New Mindess School Building
Sponsor: Board of Selectmen/School Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Mindess School Building Committee for the purpose of paying costs of the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new replacement facility for the existing David Mindess Elementary School located at 90 Concord Street, including the payment of all incidental and related costs, including but not limited to building demolition and site preparation, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty-five and fifty-seven one hundredths percent (55.57%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. Further to authorize use of the construction management at risk delivery method pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.149A, §§1-13, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 20 of the General

Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount and further provided that said appropriation shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), or take any other action relative thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.