



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### SELECT BOARD

### AGENDA

March 18, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall - Hybrid Meeting

101 Main Street, Ashland MA 01721

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85454763821?pwd=gjoX1sHgyRTyPHpNpd3XT1bGH3Jm8U.1>

Call the March 18, 2026 Select Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM; This meeting is being recorded and broadcast live by WACA TV and livestreamed on YouTube. Remote participation is available using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform. Any disruption with the Video Conferencing Platform will result in the platform being shut down. In the event of a disruption, broadcasting will continue on WACA TV and livestreamed on YouTube.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Citizen's Participation**

**3. Scheduled Appearances**

- a. 7:10 pm Update from Senate President Karen Spilka and Representative Jack Lewis.

**4. Old/New Business (60 minutes)**

- a. FY27 Budget Update Including an Operational Override.
- b. Discussion of the General Stabilization Fund.
- c. Discuss, Review and Vote on the Housing Production Plan.
- d. Discuss and Vote on the Proposed In-Person Early Voting for the May 19, 2026, Annual Town Election, to be held Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and During Regular Business Hours From May 11, 2026, to May 14, 2026.
- e. Discussion and Potential Vote on Override Ballot Language.
- f. Discuss Evaluation Form and Timeline of Town Manager's Evaluation.
- g. Vote to Authorize Michael Herbert, Town Manager, to sign the FY26-FY30 Intermunicipal Agreement for Participation in The Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition.
- h. Review the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles.
- i. Update on 40b Projects.
- j. Discuss April 1st Scheduled Select Board Meeting and Potential Alternative Meeting Date.
- k. Liaison Updates
  - o Conservation Commission
  - o Council on Aging
  - o Historical Commission
  - o Town Forest Committee
  - o Zoning Board of Appeals



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### 5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Accept the recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Group to award NY Pizza located at 1 West Union \$5,500.00 in rental assistance and \$5,000.00 for equipment.
- b. Appoint Elham Arabi to the Cultural Council with an expiration date of 8/31/26.
- c. Accept the request from TJ's Fine Food and Spirits to extend the outdoor liquor license for Marathon Day on Monday April 20, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### 6. **Town Manager Report (30 minutes)**

- a. Community Center Improvement Project Update.
- b. Warren Barn Project Update.

### 7. **Board Reports (20 minutes)**

### 8. **Next Select Board Meeting** – April 15, 2026.

### 9. **Adjournment**

*This agenda is subject to change and includes those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all agenda items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*