



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2015

BALLOT 1 OF 2

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

Grid for selecting candidates: SELECTMAN, CHECKLIST SUPERVISOR, LIBRARY TRUSTEE, TOWN TREASURER, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS, CEMETERY TRUSTEE.

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22: Bridge Replacement Bond

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three million, three hundred twenty four thousand, one hundred eight dollars (\$3,324,108) (gross budget) to reconstruct two (2) bridges, specifically Bridge #112/071 (Mont Vernon Road over Caesars Brook) and Bridge #145/106 (Thornton Ferry Road 1 over Beaver Brook) and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes therefore of not more than three million, three hundred twenty four thousand, one hundred eight dollars (\$3,324,108) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and other conditions of the bonds or notes in their judgment. Presently these projects qualify for 80% reimbursement under the terms of Municipally-Managed State Aid Projects. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. (3/5 vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 23: Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$12,427,814. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$12,064,726 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other Warrant Article. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 24: Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year, in accordance with NH RSA 31:98-a, for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to go into the fund. Said sum shall come from the undesignated fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 25: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 26: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 27: Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of renovating the Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be placed into said fund. This sum to come from the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Fund collected and to further name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 28: Fire Truck Refurbish Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Refurbish Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 29: Federal Transportation Alternative Program Sidewalk Construction Project

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate three hundred twenty eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$328,100), gross budget for the purpose of constructing five thousand two hundred fifteen linear feet (5,215 lf) of residential sidewalk (detailed below).

The project will construct sidewalks covering the following roads: Jones Road (2,200'), a portion of Mack Hill Road (1,580'), a portion of Manchester Road (600'), a portion of New Boston Road (485') and a portion of Boston Post Road (350').

(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 6-0-1.)

ARTICLE 30: Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand dollars (\$36,000) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program. This program is designed to monitor and help prevent the presence of mosquito borne vector diseases in accordance with the state of New Hampshire Arboviral Surveillance, Prevention and Control Guidelines. (Majority vote)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 31: Authorize Process Contained in RSA 289:2-a (cemetery lot sales proceeds to town general fund)

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 289:2-a which authorizes the Town to treat the sale of cemetery lots as sales of town property and deposit any funds received therefrom into the general fund. If adopted, this practice will continue until such time as the Town rescinds this provision.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 32: Grant Amherst Board of Selectmen Pipeline Intervener Status

Shall the Town authorize the Amherst Board of Selectmen to file with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as an intervener, either by itself or in a coalition with other impacted communities regarding the matter of the proposed Kinder Morgan / Tennessee Pipeline project, in order to present the claims of Amherst residents and property owners and protect their rights?

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 33: Elderly Housing

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Sections 4.3.A, 4.3.B.3 and 4.20 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow elderly housing as a permitted use subject to a Conditional Use Permit in zones where it is currently permitted and to eliminate the special exception for elderly housing.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

ARTICLE 34: Net Tract Area Definition

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide a consistent definition of net tract area as the total area of the parcel less wetland, floodplain and steep slopes over 20 percent.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

ARTICLE 35: Expiration of ZBA Approvals

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance in compliance with a 2013 RSA change that requires Zoning Board approvals be valid for a period of two years.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

ARTICLE 36: Structure Definition

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance and Building Ordinance to define a structure as having a minimum area of 32 square feet and to exempt structures smaller than 32 square feet and temporary structures from requiring a building permit.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 37: Workforce Housing

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To delete the existing Section 4.14, Affordable Housing in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 4.14, Workforce Housing which allows Workforce Housing in zones where Affordable Housing is currently allowed and allows the Planning Board to grant waivers in dimensional requirements and density if it is demonstrated that such waivers are required for the economic viability of the project in accordance with RSA 674:58-61.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

ARTICLE 38: Integrated Innovative Housing Ordinance

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To delete the existing Section 4.16 Open Space Plan and replace it with a new section 4.16, Integrated Innovative Housing Ordinance which allows for implementation of Workforce Housing, Planned Residential Housing and Elderly Housing Ordinances by Conditional Use Permit and associated insertions and deletions throughout the ordinance for consistency.

(The Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support this article)

ARTICLE 39: By Petition

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Amherst Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of the property identified as Tax Map 2, Lot 12-2 from the Residential/Rural Zoning District to the Industrial District.

(The Planning Board voted 3-2-1 to support this article)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING