



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2014**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

*Nancy A Demers*  
TOWN CLERK

**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.

<p align="center"><b>SELECTMAN</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>THOMAS GRELLA</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>NANCY A. DEMERS</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>MARIE T. GRELLA</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>SELECTMAN</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (1 Year) more than one</p> <p><b>MICHAEL AKILLIAN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>KENNETH R. SHELDON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p><b>NANCY J. HEAD</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>KIMBERLY AYERS</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (2 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>STEPHEN COUGHLAN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>JAMES M. RAMSAY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p align="right">Vote for not (6 Years) more than one</p> <p><b>JEANNE LUDT</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>CAROL HOLDEN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">(Write-in)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 22: 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 **\$11,774,356**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$11,532,439** 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)

**YES**   
**NO**

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 23: Contingency Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year, in accordance with NH RSA Section 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)

**YES**   
**NO**

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 24: Police Union Contract

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items in a three (3) year collective bargaining agreement (beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3657 (Police Union) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand seventy-five dollars (**\$36,075**) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent expired collective bargaining agreement paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

Year Two (2) FY 16 \$46,929  
Year Three (3) FY 17 \$28,577

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 25: Authorization for Special Meeting on Collective Bargaining Agreement Warrant Article Rejected or Amended at Annual Meeting

Shall the Town, if Article 24 – Police Union Contract is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 24 – Operating Budget cost items only? (Majority vote)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 26: Non-Lapsing Recreation Playing Field Expansion

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) for the purpose of purchasing a portion of the land located on the 47.85 acre parcel that includes land known as Cemetery Fields. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until purchase has been made or by June 30, 2016, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-1 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 6-1-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 27: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (**\$250,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 28: 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)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 29: 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)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 30: Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund

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

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 31: Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (**\$40,000**) 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)

YES

NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

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**ARTICLE 32: Highway Equipment and Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 (as amended) for the purpose of establishing a Highway Equipment and Vehicle Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (**\$300,000**) to be placed into said fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 33: Replacement Scale Purchase**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (**\$70,000**) for the purchase of an above ground commercial scale and enclosure located at the Landfill Division of the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 34: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)  
(The Ways and Means Committee voted 7-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 35: Withdrawn by Selectmen**

This warrant article has been withdrawn by the Selectmen. This article number has been retained so as not to disturb the numeric sequence of the remaining articles.

**ARTICLE 36: Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Enact Town Ordinances**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-b (as amended) to grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to establish, and amend town ordinances and codes after they hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 21 days apart on the establishment or amendment of the ordinance or code. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the establishment and amendment of a zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance, or building code under the provisions of RSA 675. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 37: Grater Road Reclassification of 709 Feet from Class VI to Class V**

Shall the Town vote to reclassify a 709 foot segment of Grater Road from Class VI to Class V in accordance with RSA 231:22-a (as amended), from the point at which the Class VI portion of Grater Road currently begins to a point 709 feet south on Grater Road. The Class V portion of Grater Road, if this article passes, would continue from Grater Road's intersection with Baboosic Lake Road, south to the Amherst Conservation Commission Grater Woods parking area. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 38: Old Joppa Hill Road from Class VI to Class B Trail**

Shall the Town vote to reclassify the Class VI roadway, known as Old Joppa Hill Road, commencing at its intersection with Horace Greeley Road, thence northeasterly approximately 2,600 +/- lineal feet to the Amherst & Bedford town line from a Class VI road to a Class B Trail in accordance with RSA 231-A:3 (as amended). (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support this article.)*

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 39: Amherst Conservation Commission 100% of LUCT Funds

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25, II, to change the amount of revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (as amended) Current Use Taxation that will be placed in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III (as amended) from 50%, which is the current level, to 100% which shall take effect on April 1, 2014. (Majority vote)

YES   
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen voted 3-2-0 to support this article.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee opposed this article with a vote of 0-7-0)*

### ARTICLE 40: (By Petition)

YES   
NO

Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen?

### ARTICLE 41: (By Petition) New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

Shall the town of **Amherst, New Hampshire** urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 local municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authorities to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

YES

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

NO

That record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to the Amherst's congressional delegation, and to Amherst's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

## ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

### ARTICLE 42: Wetland & Watershed Conservation District

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

To delete Section 4.11 Wetlands Conservation District and Section 4.12 Watershed Protection District, and replace them with the new Section 4.11 Wetlands & Watershed Conservation District created to combine the two districts into one single district, removing overlap, and updating with current best management practices?

YES   
NO

*(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 43: Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District

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

To delete Section 4.13 Aquifer Conservation and replace it with the new Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District created to reduce redundancy with other water resource ordinances, update wellhead protection, and include current best management practices?

YES   
NO

*(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 44: Purpose and Authority of Zoning

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

To delete the second sentence of Article I, Section 1.1 which conflicts with state law (RSA 674:54), specifying governmental uses are exempt from Town Ordinances and Regulations as long as the use being conducted is governmental in nature?

YES   
NO

*(The Planning Board voted 5-1-0 to support this article.)*

### ARTICLE 45: Structure Height

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

To add a definition of "Structure Height" to Article IX, Section 9.1, to specify how structure height is to be measured, and to increase the allowed structure height from 35' to 40' in Article IV, Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9, to ensure structures can be built into the existing topography and allow for walk-out basements?

YES   
NO

*(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)*

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**ARTICLE 46: Building Codes to Align with State Codes**

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance and Building Code as follows:

**YES**

To remove all references to old building codes in Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance, and update the Building Code to reflect State adopted ICC building codes, as amended, and include the State Life Safety Codes?

**NO**

*(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 47: Affordable Housing**

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

**YES**

To update Article IV, Section 4.14 Affordable Housing, to clarify that abutters and proposed occupants should be protected from nuisances; to reduce the allowed density from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre to 1.5 acres for detached single family units, and from 2 units per acre to 1 unit per acre for multi-family housing; and to add an automatic amendment clause to the definitions of Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing to align with state and federal laws as updated?

**NO**

*(The Planning Board voted 5-1-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 48: (By Petition)**

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 as proposed by Petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend article IV- section 4.3.A.8 of the zoning ordinance to: delete the term "non-commercial sports and recreation uses" and replace with the term "sports and recreation uses"; to repeal Article IV- sub-section 4.3.A.8.F. (i) through 4.3.A.8.F(vii) in their entirety, and to amend Article IV section 4c3.A.8.g to reduce the minimum required horizontal distance between site lighting fixtures and abutting lot lines from 500 to 250 feet?

**YES**

**NO**

*(The Planning Board voted 4-3-0 to support this article.)*

**ARTICLE 49: (By Petition)**

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 8 as proposed by Petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To change the zoning on Map 4 Lot 29, Map 4 Lot 30, Map 3 Lot 25 (Amherst Country Club), Map 4 Lot 65-1 (Acorn Playing Fields) Map 2 lot 98-33 (Buck Meadow) and create a new zone which would be called the "Commercial Sports/Recreation/Function zone" aka "CSRF" zone as specified in the petition?

**YES**

**NO**

*(The Planning Board opposed this article with a vote of 0-6-1.)*

**ARTICLE 50: (By Petition)**

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 9 as proposed by Petition for the Town Zoning ordinance as follows and, if both this article and Article 48 pass, this article shall be controlling and shall take precedence over Article 48 [Amendment 7]:

**YES**

Amend Article IV Section 4.3.A (Residential Rural Zone) to delete subsection 4.3.A.8 and replace it with a new subsection 4.3.A.8 as described in the petition, and add definitions of "Non-commercial", "Recreation" and "Sports" also described in the petition?

**NO**

*(The Planning Board opposed this article with a vote of 0-7-0.)*

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**