



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Nancy A. Jensen
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">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p>PETER A. LYON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DWIGHT BREW <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN D'ANGELO <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p>JEFFREY S. TOWNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT H. ROWE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than three</p> <p>GRETCHEN PYLES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ELISABETH LARSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN G. MANTIUS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (2 Years) more than one</p> <p>STEPHEN W. COUGHLAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p>ROBERT M. GRUNBECK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SCOTT COURTEMANCHE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (6 Years) more than one</p> <p>JEANNE G. LUDT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DONELLA "DONNI" HODGKINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (1 Year) more than one</p> <p>CHARLES A. VARS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="right">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p>CYNTHIA J. DOKMO <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></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 **\$12,896,109**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$12,596,564** 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 supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

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 supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 24: 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

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 25: Communications Center 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 Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

YES

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0.)

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 26: Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (**\$65,000**) to be added to the Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote)

YES

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 27: Appropriation of Previously Collected Land Use Change Tax Funds and Deposit to the Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), said sum to come from the amount collected and deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Fund (LUCT) in the preceding fiscal year, and to transfer said amount into the Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote)

YES

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 28: Fire Truck Refurbish and Purchase 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 and Purchase Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote)

YES

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 29: Change of Purpose, Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to change the purpose of the existing Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:16, to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required)

YES

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 30: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. In the event Article 29 does not pass, this amount will be added to the existing Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

YES

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

NO

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 31: Open Space Land, Conservation Commission

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the gross sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of which four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) is to be raised by taxation, to be placed into the conservation fund of the Amherst Conservation Commission for the purchase of land only for open space purposes to meet conservation needs on the following conditions as more particularly set forth in Warrant Article 31:

- A. No more than \$450,000 is to be raised by direct taxation. The balance to be raised by available public or private gifts which the Selectmen are authorized to apply for and expend, and/or, payment for the conveyance by the Selectmen to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy of a conservation easement to perpetually restrict use of the property to conservation purposes and the Selectmen are authorized to grant such easement;
- B. The funds shall only be used for the purchase of all or part of the parcels of land known as Map 6, Lot 102, Map 4, Lot 119, and Map 4, Lot 121.
- C. The completion of purchase agreement regarding those properties no later than May 3, 2016, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen and Conservation Commission providing for a final closing no later than March 31, 2017.

ARTICLE 31 CONTINUED ON NEXT BALLOT

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D. Any expenditure from the conservation fund shall be compliant with public hearing requirements and approved by the Selectmen.

YES
NO

This appropriation and authorization shall be null and void if the conditions set forth above do not occur as required. All as more particularly set forth in amended Article 31 set forth in the Town Warrant.

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

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

ARTICLE 32: Maintenance Garage Construction Project

Shall the town vote to establish a Maintenance Garage Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a town vehicle maintenance garage and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in said fund and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote)

YES
NO

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0.)

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0)

ARTICLE 33: Old Mail Road from Class VI to Class B Trail

Shall the Town vote to reclassify segments of the Class VI roadway know as Old Mail Road, commencing at its intersection with Winterberry Drive thence northerly approximately 3,220± feet to the southeasterly corner of the parcel of land identified as Lot 10-61-1 on the Tax Maps of the Town; and commencing at the intersection of New South Road thence northerly approximately 1,400± feet to the intersection with Horace Greeley Road from a Class VI Road to a Class B trail in accordance with RSA 231-A:3. (Majority vote)

YES
NO

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

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 34: Mobile Homes & Trailers

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

YES
NO

To amend Section 3.6 of the Zoning Ordinance, Mobile Homes & Trailers, clarifying that unoccupied recreational vehicles may be stored in all zones, allowing temporary occupancy of a recreational vehicle by a person for whom a residence is being built on the property, and allowing limited temporary occupancy of a recreational vehicle on a property for non-paying guests of the property owner.

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

ARTICLE 35: Proposed Text Amendment Changes for Consistency with 2015 Amendments

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

YES
NO

To amend Sections 4.3.A.7, 4.5.B.7 and 4.16.E of the Zoning Ordinance for text amendments and reference updates consistent with Zoning Amendments approved by the Town in 2015.

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

ARTICLE 36: Personal Wireless Service Facilities

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

YES
NO

To amend Section 3.16.E of the Zoning Ordinance, Personal Wireless Service Facilities, to eliminate the requirement for site plan review for co-location of antennas on an existing telecommunications tower. This change is proposed to bring the ordinance into compliance with RSA 12K:10.

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

ARTICLE 37: Elderly Housing Density

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

YES
NO

To amend Section 4.20A of the Zoning Ordinance, Elderly Housing to delete the minimum next tract area for elderly housing developments.

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

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ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 38: Board of Adjustment

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

To amend Section 6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Board of Adjustment, to eliminate the requirement that a member of the Zoning Board shall hold no other elected municipal office, to formalize the authority of the Zoning Board to appoint up to five alternates as provided in RSA 673:6 II-a and to make the conditions for granting a variance consistent with State statute.

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 39: Administration

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

To amend Section 6.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, Administration, to correct formatting errors and update the organization of this section.

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 40: Recreational Uses

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Sections 4.3.A.8, 4.4.B.7, 4.5.B.8, 4.6.B.4, 4.7.A.7, 4.8.A.10, 4.9.A.17, Section 4.7.B.1, Section 4.9.A.14 to permit non-commercial sports and recreation uses in all zones in the Town, subject to site plan review by the Planning Board. And to amend Section 9.1, Definitions, to insert definitions for non-commercial and commercial recreational uses.

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 41: Temporary Sign Standards

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 3.4.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, Temporary Signage by deleting the current language and replacing it with new temporary language that provides consistency in the temporary sign allowance for businesses, community organizations and individuals.

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 42: WITHDRAWN

ARTICLE 43: Accessory Apartments

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7 and 4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to add accessory apartments as a permitted use in the zones where they are currently permitted by special exception.

YES
NO

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

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING