



Amherst Town Newsletter

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August News

Amherst celebrated another wonderful, patriotic Fourth of July celebration. It goes without saying that the tremendous hours of work by dedicated volunteers to accomplish this grand feat makes this event one of Amherst's most memorable. Thank you to the Fourth of July Committee and to the dozens of volunteers for your hard work!

The newly formed Village Streets Study Committee met for the first time recently and elected Tracie Adams of the Planning Board as Chair. They will meet regularly throughout the next several months. See the calendar for dates.

The Town of Amherst is seeking a short-term volunteer to serve on the Capital Improvement Plan Committee (CIP). This is a vital role that serves as the citizen representative to analyze the town's public capital assets needs as well as school needs. Visit the town website at this link for more information.

<https://www.amherstnh.gov/home/news/short-term-volunteer-needed-capital-improvement-plan-committee-cip>. See information later in this newsletter for an open position on the Fourth of July Steering Committee as well.

August 30 will mark the end of an era in Amherst. Police Chief Mark Reams will retire from the Amherst PD after 30 years of service (10 years as police chief) to the town! We cannot thank him enough for his dedicated time and service to the residents of Amherst and his tremendous accomplishments and contributions. We wish you all the best!

Happenings in Town

Don't miss "**Amherst Night at the Fisher Cats**"!

Join fellow citizens of Amherst at North East Delta Dental Stadium for a fun night with the Fisher Cats. Amherst will have our very own section and other Amherst oriented activities throughout the night including the throwing of the first pitch by a very special Amherst resident.

(\$4 from each ticket purchase will go towards the Amherst Recreation Baseball programs.)

When: August 24, 2023

Time: 7:05 PM first pitch

Cost: \$12 per ticket

Click here to purchase tickets: <https://fevogn.com/event/Amherstnight>

*THE TOWN OF AMHERST IS SEEKING TO FILL ONE OPEN POSITION ON THE
FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE. THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 1 AND APPOINTED AT THE AUGUST 28 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING.*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTEREST IS AUGUST 22.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.AMHERSTNH.GOV/HOME/NEWS/FOURTH-JULY-COMMITTEE-MEMBER-SOUGHT](https://www.amherstnh.gov/home/news/fourth-july-committee-member-sought)


IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meeting dates (Subject to change)

Town boards and committee meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

August 1	Village Streets Study Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
August 1	Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 PM Public Hearing: Land Purchase
August 1	Concert on the Green, 6:30 PM “Brass Quintet”
August 1	Lunch in the Park (Buckmeadow) Ages 60+
August 2	Trustees of the Trust Fund PM Meeting, 6 PM
August 2	Heritage Commission Meeting, 7 PM
August 2	Planning Board Meeting, 7 PM
August 3	Energy Committee Meeting (NEW), 7 PM
August 8	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 7 PM
August 8	Concert on the Green, 6:30 PM “Glitter & CAMO” (Amherst connections!) Fourth of July Committee – ICE CREAM SOCIAL
August 9	Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 PM
August 10	Heritage Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM
August 11	Library sponsored – “End of Summer Ice Cream Social”, 2:30 PM
August 14	Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 pm
August 15	Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, 7 PM
August 15	Concert on the Green, 6:30 PM “Amherst Town Band” – Final concert of the season!
August 15	Lunch in the Park (Buckmeadow)
August 16	Planning Board Meeting, 7 PM

August 17	Historic District Commission Meeting, 7 PM
August 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 PM (Library)
August 22	Village Streets Study Committee Meeting, 5:30PM
August 23	Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 PM
August 24	“Amherst Night at the Fisher Cats”, 7:05 PM
August 28	Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 PM
August 29	Lunch in the Park (Buckmeadow)



“Ice Cream Social” in the Village

*The Amherst Fourth of July Committee and
Bangor Savings Bank*

Invite you to an

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30

During the “Concert on the Green”

Ice Cream will be provided as
a thank you to the community

Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights

July 10:

- A public hearing was held on the revised Impact Fee Schedule; no public comment.
- Tim Greene, of the accounting firm Roberts & Greene, presented the FY22 audit report to the BOS. The town was given a clean opinion with a couple of recommendations. They will be back later this month to begin the FY23 audit.
- The ACC presented a revision to the Herbicides Use Policy. This was a collaborative effort with research conducted and input sought from the state Division of Pesticides. New notification standards to properties that will be treated will be in place.
- The BOS approved resolutions necessary to complete the issuance of the note for the purchase of Lot 6-9 of the Curran property for conservation purposes.
- The BOS discussed the lease/purchase of storage tanks and contract for magnesium chloride for winter treatment of roads. Item was postponed in order to receive updated documents and information.

July 24:

- Members for the new Energy Committee were selected; 9 town residents volunteered to join this committee! It was a very difficult task to appoint just 5 among the qualified group members. Thank you all.
- Liz Overholt, Town Treasurer provided an update of town bank balances. She also submitted her resignation but will stay on to assist the new Treasurer with the duties.
- A draft meeting room audio/visual RFP was presented but requires further modification
- The BOS 2024 calendar was approved
- The BOS agreed to move forward one year the Bertha Rogers Trust Fund committee
- The Board accepted the FY24 Highway Safety Grant
- The BOS awarded the annual FY24 heating oil contract to Haffner's Energy North for a fixed price of \$2.89/gal and the annual FY24 propane contract to Bot-L-Gas for a fixed price of \$1.375/gal. Both vendors were the low bidders.
- The FY24 tree work/maintenance bid was awarded to John Brown & Sons, Inc.
- The BOS approved the hire of Bruce Bowler as the Road Foreman (vacant since May)
- "Goldens on the Green" was given approval to hold their event on October 15
- An issue with the engine availability for the Tyne Pumper that is currently on order was presented to the BOS. The BOS approved the change in engine if there is no availability for the ordered engine.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Amherst has several employment openings. Please take a look and pass along to anyone who may be interested in working for the town.

Assistant Clerk, PT
Town Clerk's Office

Town Planner, FT
Office of Community Development

Saturday PT Solid Waste Position
Department of Public Works

Library Assistant II
Amherst Town Library

For more information and to locate the town employment application, click here:
<https://www.amherstnh.gov/human-resources/files/employment-opportunities>

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

The Amherst Police Department, a progressive law enforcement agency, is seeking motivated, hardworking applicants for the position of full-time police officer. Applicants will be required to pass a written test, physical agility test, oral board interviews, polygraph examination, psychological testing, and medical examination with drug testing. Current starting base pay, dependent upon experience, is between \$54,288 and \$61,381 along with an excellent benefits package. Additional information is available on the Amherst Police Department webpage at www.amherstnh.gov. Interested parties should submit a resume via e-mail to:

mreams@amherstnh.gov, or via mail to:

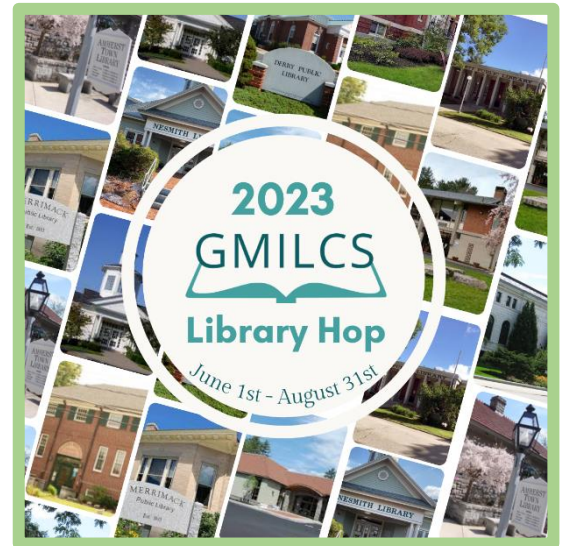
Amherst Police Department, 175 Amherst Street, Amherst, NH 03031

Have you heard about the “Library Hop” that began on June 1? Here are the details.

From **June 1st - August 31st**, visit each participating library, complete a unique challenge and earn prizes along the way. To get started, stop by at the ATL to pick up your passport book and set off on your journey.

Inside your passport book, you'll find each library's information and challenge. After you complete a challenge, show it to a staff member to receive a stamp or sticker in your passport book and a prize.

Once you complete all eleven challenges, present your completed passport book at the ATL to be entered into a Grand Prize raffle for a \$100 gift card to the [Bookery](#) in Manchester, NH!



Amherst Recreation continues another exciting year of Concerts on the Green (and Lake)! Bring your friends and family to the Town Common and enjoy the remaining concerts of 2023!



The Amherst
Library Summer
Reading
Program runs
from June 12 thru
August 11
(Ending soon!)

For adults 60+, the lunches at
BuckMeadow Park continue
throughout the month of August.

RSVP to bbogart@hcmow.org

August dates:

August 15

August 29

Inviting all adults 60 and older to join us for a delicious & healthy meal!

Buck Meadow Conservation Area
Tuesday, August 15
32 NH-101A, Amherst
Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available

11:30a: Shepherd's Pie from The Village Eatery
12:30p: Strawberry Spinach Salad with Grilled Chicken from White Birch Eatery

RSVP by Thursday 8/10
Visit our website to reserve your lunch
<https://www.hcmow.org/buck-meadow-rsvp> | 603-424-9967

This FREE lunch is sponsored by:
NH Wellpoint Foundation

MEALS on WHEELS HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Suggested Donation
\$3 per meal