



Amherst Town Newsletter

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July News

July is an exciting month in Amherst. Town boards, committees and commissions continue to meet, and the Library and Recreation Departments offer a vast array of programming for all ages and interests (see some of these later in the newsletter). The highlights of July, of course, are the festivities and events surrounding the Fourth of July. The Fourth Committee has been hard at work to make this year another special event in Amherst. So, don your patriotic gear and join your fellow residents for lots of excitement on July 3 and July 4. See you there!

Monday, July 3 events at Souhegan High School

Face Painting	5:30-7:30 PM
Hot Air Balloon Rides	6 – 8:00 PM
Food available (Pizza, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Ice Cream)	6- 9:00 PM
Juggler	6:30 – 7:15 PM
Band Concerts: “Shoebox Rock”	7:15 – 8:00 PM
“Amherst Town Band”	8:15 - Dusk
Fireworks!	9:15 at Dusk

Tuesday, July 4 on the Town Green

Activities on the Green (Booths, Clowns, Food, etc)	9 – 1:00 PM
Puppy Contest	9:30 AM
Reading of the Declaration of Independence	10:00 AM
Children’s Bicycle Parade	10:00 AM
Parade!	10:00 AM stepoff
Antique Auto Show	11:00 AM
Awards and Citizen of the Year Announcement	Following Parade

Recent Events/Happenings in Town



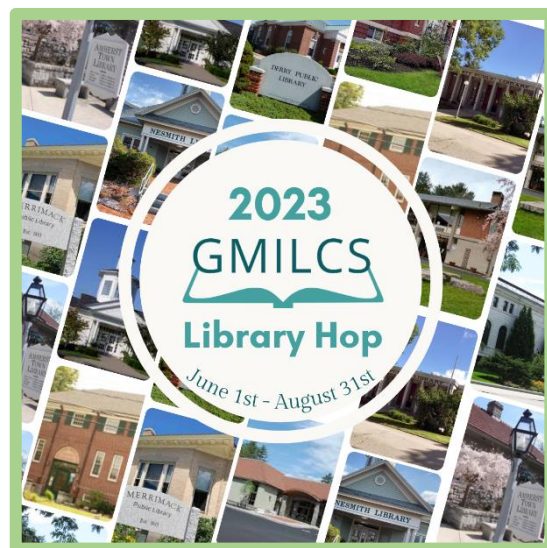
Amherst's longtime, dedicated Town Moderator, Stephen Coughlan, has made the decision to retire from the office. The three Supervisors of the Checklist unanimously appointed Peter Moustakis to the position until the next election. Peter is a familiar face at town and state elections as he has served as Assistant Moderator for several years.

Congratulations to Peter!

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!



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.

July 3	Amherst Fourth Festivities Souhegan High School 5:30 PM until Fireworks at Dusk
July 4	Amherst's Fourth of July Events and Parade Events begin at 9 AM until 1 PM (Town Green) Parade steps off at 10 AM
July 5	Planning Board Meeting, 7 PM
July 10	Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 PM Public Hearing – Revised Impact Fee Schedule
July 11	Concerts on the Green – Robert Allwarden and Friends
July 11	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Cmte, 6:30 PM
July 12	Conservation Commission, 7 PM
July 13	Heritage Commission, 6:30 PM
July 18	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
July 18	Concerts on the Green – Stone Hill Station
July 19	Planning Board, 7PM Public Hearing – Scenic Road
July 20	Souhegan Regional Landfill District, 6 PM (Mont Vernon)
July 20	Historic District Commission, 7 PM
July 25	Concerts on the Green at Baboosic Lake – Bat Magoon Band
July 24	Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 PM
July 26	Conservation Commission, 7 PM
July 27	Fourth of July Committee, 6:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights

June 12:

- The first public hearing of the proposed speed ordinance on BPR was held
- Matt Goddard was appointed to the Recreation Committee
- Peter Moustakis has been appointed Town Moderator Pro Tem upon the retirement of Steve Coughlan; as his final act, Steve swore in the new Moderator and handed him the gavel that was passed down to him. The BOS thanked Mr. Coughlan for his many years of service to the town.
- The Board approved a request from the Amherst School Board to use \$135,000 in impact fees that have been collected by the town for engineering and architecture costs for future capital school projects.
- The forming of a Village Streets subcommittee was approved and will be comprised of two citizens and one representative from the Heritage Commission, Planning Board, Historic District Commission and the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee.
- The Impact Fee schedule has been updated by the town's consultant; it requires review by the Planning Board and a public hearing before being implemented
- The Board approved the changes to the town employees' sick leave policy
- The Board approved the purchase of a mower to replace a 2009 unit for the Recreation Department
- The Board approved the purchase of a Kubota tractor with snowblower attachment from Chappell Tractor in accordance with the DPW equipment replacement plan
- A crack sealing bid was awarded to H.W. Dow
- A line striping bid was awarded to Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc.
- A bid was awarded to K5 Corporation for stop bars, crosswalks and yield markings
- Funds were encumbered for FY24 for \$33,815 for body worn cameras (Police) and for \$172,359 for line striping, crack sealing and paving Old Mont Vernon Rd (DPW)

June 26:

- a new Energy Committee was approved to look into cooperative electricity providers and other areas of concern in Amherst; up to 5 volunteer citizens will be invited to join
- two citizens were appointed to the Village Streets Study Committee, Kyle Coffey and Rolf Biggers; the committee will begin to meet in early July
- a revised Unassigned Fund Balance Policy was discussed; further revision required

- the Board approved a supplemental site investigation for the PFAS project at the fire station, estimate is \$59,000; required by NHDES
- the first phase of the conservation land purchase is finalized; the BOS approved the exercise of option 1 of the contract to purchase the 2nd lot
- the Board approved the replacement purchase of Fire/EMS command vehicle #2 (per the vehicle replacement schedule) in the amount of \$41,968 to be paid through the capital reserve fund; the purchase of a poly tank was approved for \$13,857 out of budgeted funds; the purchase of mobile radios for the new F450 Medix ambulance were approved for \$9,123.
- Funds for road reconstruction (DPW) were encumbered into FY24 in the amount of \$618,374
- Approval was granted to accept a grant from the Junior Women's Club in the amount of \$2300 to purchase audio visual equipment at the Buckmeadow Clubhouse [Thank you AJWC!]
- The 2023 Dog Warrant was approved



Energy Committee seeks new members

The Board of Selectmen is seeking up to five residents to serve on the town Energy Committee. The priority task for the committee is investigating whether and how the town should establish a community power organization to obtain optional lower electricity rates for town residents. Neighboring towns and cities including Nashua, Milford and Wilton have created community power organizations and have made or will soon make electricity available to their residents at rates lower than Eversource's default rate.

Additional energy-related tasks may be proposed to the BOS as potential committee study items. Suggestions for additional topics have included working with Eversource to understand and potentially improve electric service reliability and restoration in storm situations, and the advisability of solar panel installation on some town-owned facilities to reduce energy costs.

For all the details click here: <https://www.amherstnh.gov/energy-committee>

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.

Finance Director, FT

Road Foreman, FT
Department of Public Works

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

The Amherst Recreation Department presents another exciting year of Concerts on the Green (and Lake)! Bring your friends and family to the Town Common and enjoy this wonderful 2023 line-up.



Amherst Parks and Recreation Presents:

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

SCHEDULE:

All shows start at 6:30pm.

- 6/27 - Amherst Town Band
- 7/11 - Robert Allwarden & Friends
- 7/18 - Stone Hill Station
- 7/25 - The Bat Magoon Band (@baboosic Lake Town Beach) \$5 cover for non-residents
- 8/1 - Brass Quintet
- 8/8 - Fitz Murphy's
- 8/15 - Amherst Town Band



The Amherst
Library Summer
Reading
Program runs
from June 12 thru
August 11

For adults 60+, here is another great
offering available in Amherst this
summer.

Next Date: JULY 18

11:30 – 12:30 PM

RSVP to bbogart@hcmow.org

August dates:

August 1

August 15

August 29

LUNCH IN THE PARK

Inviting all adults 60+ to join us
for a delicious & healthy meal

Buck Meadow Park
Tuesday, June 6th
32 NH-101A, Amherst
Lunch at 12:30pm

Outdoor Seating, Games, & Trails!

RSVP to reserve your lunch. Email or Call Brittany:
bbogart@hcmow.org | 603-424-9967 x500

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