



# Amherst Town Newsletter

## June 2023

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### June

There are always lots of wonderful and exciting events happening in Amherst in the summer and the tradition continues in 2023. Both the Library and Recreation Department have exciting programs they are offering including concerts, a summer reading program, lunch offerings and activities. The Fourth of July Committee is also fundraising in June to offer even more fun at the parade and post-parade festivities.

Take a look at the Library offerings on their website:

<https://www.amherstlibrary.org/Events>.

The Recreation Department website is available here:

<https://amherstnh.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities>.

Both the Library and Rec Department offer their own monthly newsletters as well where you can find the complete list of their offerings. Sign-up on their websites.

Look for a selection of their summer events/programs in this newsletter!



## Recent Events/Happenings in Town

Memorial Day was beautifully commemorated in Amherst at the annual parade. Wreaths were placed at several sites to honor our veterans who fought for our freedom and country.

*Thank you to all who participated and to Theresa Grella for organizing another memorable event.*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANYA MERRIMAN FOR EARNING THE GOLD  
AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTS!  
MAY 22, 2023 WAS PROCLAIMED  
“GIRL SCOUT RECOGNITION DAY IN AMHERST”**

## **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.*

<b>June 1</b>	Souhegan Regional Landfill District Mtg, 6 PM (Hollis DPW)
<b>June 7</b>	Planning Board, 7 PM (Souhegan HS)
<b>June 8</b>	Heritage Commission, 6:30 PM
<b>June 12</b>	Board of Selectmen, 6:30 PM
<b>June 13</b>	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 7 PM
<b>June 14</b>	Conservation Commission, 7 PM
<b>June 15</b>	Historic District Commission, 7 PM
<b>June 20</b>	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
<b>June 21</b>	Planning Board, 7 PM
<b>June 22</b>	Library Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM
<b>June 22</b>	Fourth of July Committee, 6:30 PM
<b>June 26</b>	Board of Selectmen, 6:30 PM
<b>June 28</b>	Conservation Commission, 7 PM
<b>June 29</b>	Fourth of July Committee, 6:30 PM



## **Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights**

### **May 8:**

- A public hearing was held to receive input on the purchase of the parcels of land to be used for conservation land/open space
- The town Highway Safety Committee reported on residents' concerns about truck traffic, speeding and noise on Boston Post Road; several suggestions were discussed, and the Town will follow up on some identified issues
- The Board approved the use of the Town Common on June 3 for a college student film project titled "Street Piano"
- Results of the Protest Petitions submitted prior to the Town Meeting were presented and accepted by the BOS
- The Board approved partnering with SNHU which will offer a discount to town employees and their family members who enroll in courses.
- Discussion and review of the Town's employee Sick Leave policy
- Approval was given to award the Police Department's body worn camera contract
- Discussion re: the Fire/EMS Department retention of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ambulance; approval to retain was granted and BOS will review in 1 year
- Approval was given for the Recreation Director to apply for a Land Water Conservation Grant; if awarded, proceeds will be used to assist in building athletic fields and a pickleball court at Buckmeadow Park
- Approval was granted for the DPW to replace its work order management software; awarded to Brightly Software
- Finance Dir. Deb Bender reported on the current budget to actual; the budget is currently in good shape with approximately 16% available (as of April)
- Opportunities Network was granted approval for use of the Town Common for a 5K race on September 30
- Approval was granted for the use of the Town Common by the Congregational Church for the Annual Frederik Douglass Statewide Reading on July 1

### **May 15:**

- The Board approved the purchase of the Curran property land (3 parcels) and the financing of the Bond
- Mobycon presented the results of the Village Streets Study (if you missed it, a video recording can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/827389454>)

## May 22:

- The Board discussed and agreed to update the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance Policy
- The BOS discussed the next steps regarding the Village Streets Study; the Board agreed to form a committee to review all ideas and make recommendations. Citizen members will be invited to submit a letter of interest to join the committee. More details to follow.
- The Fourth of July Committee was given approval for use of the Town Common for July 4 from 6 AM to 2 PM

## *Community Corner*

The Souhegan Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a group of citizens who are trained to respond 24 hours a day to any of four local towns. They are available to Police and Fire Departments for traffic scene control, search and rescue, mass casualty events or other emergencies where additional personnel are needed. Examples include Halloween in the Village and the 4th of July parade and fireworks.

When not waiting for emergencies, they teach emergency preparedness, build resilience and prepare our towns for catastrophic disasters. They also conduct presentations on Long Term Electrical Outages, ransomware attacks, generator safety and "You are the Help until Help arrives".



Sponsored by the Amherst Fire Department and Emergency Management, CERT is a 501(c)(3) foundation and accepts donations and financial support.

New volunteers are always welcome and interested persons can contact Don Holden for more information ([donholden@rcn.com](mailto:donholden@rcn.com)).

## **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.

**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>

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## **News on Town Moderator**

Longtime Town Moderator Steve Coughlan recently announced his resignation after many years of service. We thank Steve for his tremendous dedication to the Town of Amherst, in many capacities. We will miss him at the 16+ hours on election day!

Per statute, the Supervisors of the Checklist appoint an Interim Town Moderator. They met on June 3 and appointed Peter Moustakis, Esq. to this position. Peter is very well known to Amherst as he has served under Steve as Deputy Town Moderator for many years. Welcome to Peter!

## **Update on Amherst Food Waste Program**

DPW Director Eric Slosek provided an update to the town's food waster diversion program. He states that the program is going very well and that in May alone, 2100 POUNDS of food waste was collected!

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.

The poster features a green border and a background with a large, semi-transparent seal of the Amherst Recreation Department. The seal contains the text 'Amherst Recreation Department', 'Park & Recreation', 'Creating community through people, parks, and play', and 'AMHERST'. Silhouettes of people are visible within the seal. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of four white squares arranged in a 2x2 grid. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo consisting of four white squares arranged in a 2x2 grid, with the top-right square missing.

**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

You can help the Fourth of July Committee to raise funds for this year's annual parade and festivities. Refill your propane tank at Ciardelli in Milford for a great price and help the Committee reach their fundraising goals!

**Amherst Fourth of July Propane Fundraiser**  
Sponsored by,  
**CIARDELLI FUEL COMPANY**

Saturday, June 17  
10:00 am until 2:00 pm  
Located at 467 Nashua Street,  
Mildford, N.H.

**\$15.00 Refills**

Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to **SHARE**



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

# 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](mailto:bbogart@hcmow.org) | 603-424-9967 x500

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