



Amherst Town Newsletter

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May Message

The Town is very excited to announce that the bridge on Thornton Ferry I has re-opened! This is a temporary bridge and will remain in place until the permanent bridge is constructed. Thank you all for your patience while we worked to put a temporary solution in place.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDYNNE, AMHERST'S NEWEST
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND TO TYLER SWENSON ON HIS NEW
APPOINTMENT AS AN AMHERST POLICE OFFICER!**

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.

May 3	Planning Board Meeting, 7 PM
May 4	Souhegan Regional Landfill District, 6 PM (Fire Station)
May 6	Town-wide Clean-Up
May 8	Board of Selection Meeting, 6:30 PM; Open Space Bond/Conservation Land Purchase Public Hearing #2
May 9	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 7 PM
May 10	Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 PM
May 11	Heritage Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM
May 15	Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, 6:30 PM; Results of Public Input to Village Study/Road Project
May 16	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
May 17	Planning Board Meeting, 7 PM
May 18	Historic District Commission Meeting, 7 PM
May 22	Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 PM
May 24	Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 PM
May 25	Fourth of July Committee, 6:30 PM
May 26	Memorial Day Parade, 5:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights

April 3:

- The Board approved the LED Streetlight Conversion contract to Affinity LED; LED streetlights are expected to result in annual cost savings of approximately \$14,400.
- Fire Chief Conley presented his request for the purchase of a new ambulance; no decision made at this time
- Forest Warden and Deputy Warden Appointments were approved
- The Amherst Soccer Club was given approval for a Vendors permit for sales at the Memorial Day Tournament at Souhegan High School
- The 2nd Annual Amherst German Christmas Market was approved use of the Common in December

April 17:

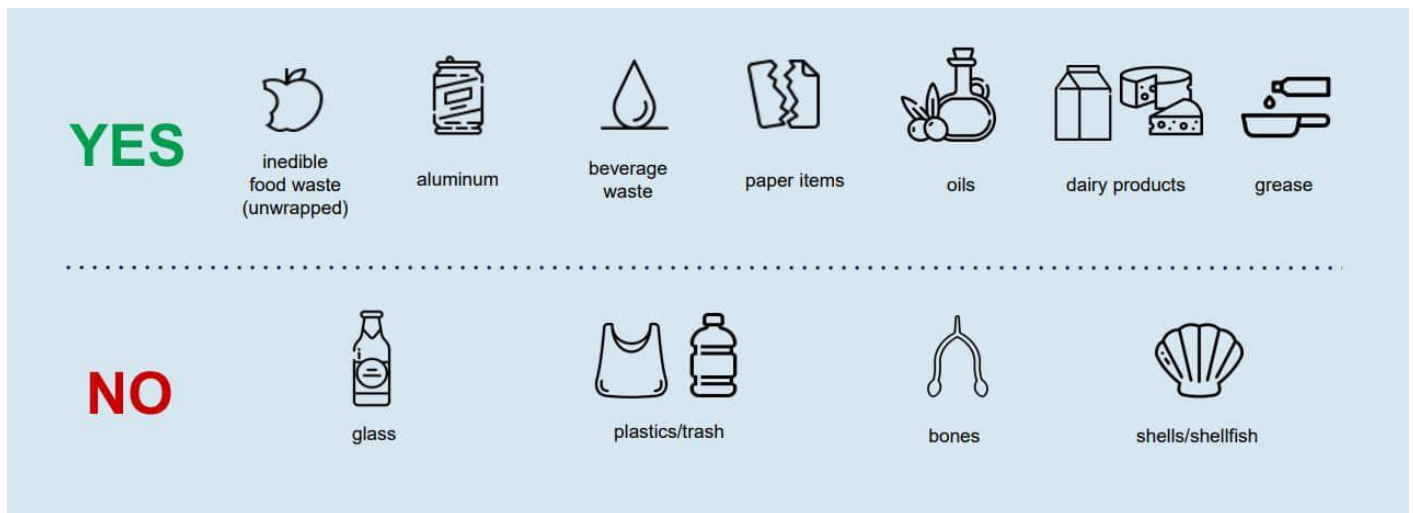
- Several appointments and re-appointments were made to town boards and commissions.
- Healthtrust renewal for town employees was approved covering the period 7/1/2023-6/30/2024.
- Jordynne Walker was hired as a full-time Communications Specialist at the Police Dept.
- Tyler Swenson was hired as an Amherst Police Officer
- Negotiated bids were reviewed for the Spring St. culvert repair work and a contract was approved for \$118,700 to Neil H. Daniels (all bids came in higher than initially estimated)
- The Board approved the expenditure of additional funds to complete the work begun last year on Horace Greeley Rd and Roberge Dr (includes installing the final course of asphalt, graveling shoulder, tying in driveways and roadway milling)
- The Board approved the purchase of a new ambulance and will research the appropriateness of using impact fees to help offset the cost; discussion of possibly keeping the replaced ambulance as a 3rd ambulance is ongoing.
- The Board approved the lending of a fire truck to the Town of Bow for a period of not more than two weeks.

Amherst Public Works

Food Waste Diversion/Composting Program

Amherst continues its popular food waste diversion program which is having a positive effect on the town's cost to dispose of waste.

Our new food waste vendor requirements are outlined below. Bones and shellfish/shells can no longer be accepted. Thank you, Amherst residents, for making this an ongoing successful program!



Community Corner

The annual **Memorial Day** parade will be held on Friday, **May 26** commencing at 5:30 PM. Amherst residents and friends are invited to walk along with local officials and invited guests on a path that recognizes our veterans. Wreath laying will occur at several locations in town. The parade begins and ends on the Town Green. All are invited to participate.

Village Streets Study – BOS Presentation

Your comments, recommendations and input have been received and compiled into several roadway scenarios and suggestions for improvements to safety in the Village. Join the Board of Selectmen on **Monday, May 15 at 6:30 PM** to hear about and comment on the results that our vendor, Mobycon, will be presenting.

Firefighter recruitment

Want to serve your community in one of the most important ways? Become a volunteer firefighter! Give the Fire/Rescue department a call today at 673-1545 to ask questions or learn about this community opportunity.

Or click on the link below to find out more:

<https://www.amherstnh.gov/fire-rescue/pages/become-firefighter>



Fourth of July Theme Announced

The committee has met, bands have been invited, and enthusiasm is running high for this year's Fourth of July Celebration! The theme this year will be

“An Old Fashioned Fourth.”

The Fourth of July Committee is urging organizations, businesses, neighborhoods, families, and individuals to be part of the celebration by having a float or marchers in the parade. The floats and marchers are what make the parade a uniquely Amherst celebration!

Floats can take many forms and are basically anything that expresses the theme of the parade. Some ideas are traditional flatbed floats, decorated wagons or strollers, walking “floats” or even groups marching together in a way that reflects the parade theme. All of these entries are entertaining for the spectators, fun for the float creators, and a way to contribute to the community.

If making a float sounds interesting but a little bewildering, prospective participants can contact the committee float chairman, Jim Jansen (jjanson@gmail.com) who will be happy to answer any questions or help brainstorm ideas.



Marching groups representing local organizations are also encouraged to join the parade even if they do not qualify as a float. Groups wearing special organizational clothing or patriotic colors while carrying an identifying banner are a welcome addition and help to put the Amherst stamp on the parade.

We hope to see you all on the Fourth and can't wait to see your creative rendition for our “Old Fashioned Fourth” theme!