



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Nancy J. 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="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>REED PANASITI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MIKE AKILLIAN <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">TOWN TREASURER</p> <p align="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>ELIZABETH OVERHOLT <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="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>LISA EASTLAND <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD MEMBER</p> <p align="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>DOUGLAS H. KIRKWOOD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KEVIN SHEA <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">TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>LORI MIX <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">(2 Years) Vote for not 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">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">(3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>NANCY T. BAKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KARL (TED) KRANTZ <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">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">(6 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>MARGARET B. PAUL <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 **\$13,894,881**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$13,511,243**, 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.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0.)

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 the sum of one hundred-twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**) 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.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0.)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 24: Amherst Conservation Commission 100% of LUCT Funds

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25, II, to change the amount of revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A, Current Use Taxation, to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III from **50%**, which is the current level, to **100%**. If adopted this article shall take effect on April 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future town meeting. (Majority vote)

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 25: Appropriation of Previously Collected Land Use Change Tax Funds

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (**\$43,500**), 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 Conservation Fund to be used for a trail grant match, update the town forest management plan and control of invasive species. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote)

YES
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0.)*

ARTICLE 26: Police Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of renovating the Police Station and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (**\$200,000**) to be placed into said fund and to further name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend. (Majority vote)

YES
NO

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0.)*

ARTICLE 27: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred-fifteen thousand (**\$115,000**) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote)

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 28: 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
NO

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

ARTICLE 29: 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
NO

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

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 30: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred-fifty seven thousand dollars (**\$257,000**) to be added to the Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

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

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0.)

ARTICLE 31: Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:3, to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, with said fund including accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the town's unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote)

NAME	DATE ESTABLISHED	AMOUNT
Rescue Squad Fund	1975	\$14.40
Fire Station Renovation Fund	2015	\$156.38
Structural Repair Fund	2013	\$ - 0 -
Forest View Design Fund	2006	\$ - 0 -

YES

NO

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

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0.)

ARTICLE 32: Dissolve Cemetery Lots Fund

Shall the Town vote, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, (II), to discontinue the Cemetery Lots Fund, previously established by town meeting in 1987, and transfer the balance in the amount of \$79,381.13 and accumulated interest, to the Town Treasurer. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 33. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

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

ARTICLE 33: Establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund and Deposit Funds to Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, and to authorize the expenditure of income and principal for the maintenance, capital improvements, and construction of all cemeteries and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,381.13 and accumulated interest, and deposit same into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund and further to designate the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. Said funds shall come from the monies available as a result of the passage of the preceding Article (32) and no part of this appropriation shall be raised through taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 32. (Majority vote)

YES

NO

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

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT