



**AMHERST TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Amherst will be held, in accordance with NH RSA 40:13. The first session, to transact all business other than voting, is on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium (Snow Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7 PM at Souhegan High School). The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls, is on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 21: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

2 Selectmen for 3 Years

1 Town Moderator for 2 Years

1 Town Treasurer for 3 Years

1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years

2 Library Trustees for 3 Years

1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years

1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years

2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 Years

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)

(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)

(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 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)

(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 Account 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)

(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)

(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)

*(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)

*(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)

*(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 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)

*((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 -

*(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)

(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

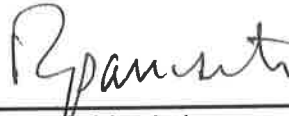
Shall the Town vote to establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, and to authorize the expenditure of income and principal for the maintenance, capital improvements, and construction of all cemeteries and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 79,381.13 and accumulated interest, 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)

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

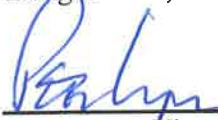
Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of January 2018



Dwight Brew, Chairman



Reed Parasiti, Clerk



Peter Lyon, Vice Chairman



Thomas Grella



Michael Akillian