



Town of Amherst, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 5:00 PM

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jan 26, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Special Board of Selectmen meeting

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Town of Amherst, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN STAFF REPORT

Title: Relative to Governor's Emergency Order #83

Department: Administration

Meeting Date: January 26, 2021

Staff Contact: Dean Shankle

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town's deliberative session and voting day have been set in accordance with current law. However, on Friday, January 22, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #83. This allows towns, taking into consideration the current situation with COVID-19 to postpone both sections of town meeting (Deliberative session and Official Ballot voting).

[Emergency Order 83 can be found here](#)

BUDGET IMPACT:

(Include general ledger account numbers)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

On Friday, January 22 Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #83, which, in section 3 (a), indicates that "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for calendar year 2021, where concern exists for conducting the annual meeting and election during the COVID-19 health emergency, the governing body of a town, school district, or village district, in consultation with the moderator and the clerk, may postpone the official ballot voting day to the second Tuesday of April, May, June, or July. The governing body may also postpone the business or deliberative session of the annual meeting to one or more dates later in 2021."

After deliberations with the Town Moderator and Town Clerk, the Amherst Board of Selectmen feels that postponing the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting until Wednesday May 5, 2021 and the Official Ballot Voting Day until Tuesday, June 8, 2021 would be in the best interests of the town given the COVID-19 health emergency. We believe that by then COVID-19 will likely be less of a risk due to the increasing number of people who will be vaccinated and the fact that the warmer weather will give us options, including possibly using an outdoor venue, to make the process as safe as possible.

I move therefore, that the Amherst Board of Selectmen postpones the Deliberative Session of the 2021 Town Meeting until Wednesday, May 5, 2021 and the Office Ballot Voting Day until Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

None