

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Kathy A. Spencer*  
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 style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTMEN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p>JOHN D'ANGELO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CYNTHIA J. DOKMO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DANIELLE PRAY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p>RICHARD SPENCER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p>TONI DINKEL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NANCY BAKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (2 Years) more than one</p> <p>PETER MOUSTAKIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p>TONY ORTIZ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (6 Years) more than one</p> <p>MARGARET B. PAUL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one</p> <p>LISA EASTLAND <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two</p> <p>BRIAN CULLEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PAMELA COUGHLIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (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 \$17,199,780. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$16,371,990 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. (Tax Impact = \$4.37) (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

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

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

**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 unassigned 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. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

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

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

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 24: Baboosic Lake Septic Operating Budget**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,200, for operating and maintaining the Baboosic Lake Septic System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$69,040, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 25: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.02) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 26: 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. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 27: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.10) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 28: 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. (Tax Impact = \$0.11) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 29: DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.05) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 30: Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.03) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 2 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
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MARCH 12, 2024**

*Kerry A. Jones*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 31: Police Union Contract**

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items in a three (3) year collective bargaining agreement (beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3657 (Police Union) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
FY 2025	\$238,900
FY 2026	\$71,100
FY 2027	\$55,500

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of, two hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$238,900) for the First Year FY2025, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those paid at the current staffing level.

(Tax Impact: Year 1 \$0.09)

(Tax Impact: Year 2 \$0.03)

(Tax Impact: Year 3 \$0.02)

(Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 32: Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Shall the town, if Article #31 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #31 cost items only?

(This article has no tax impact.) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 33: Community Power**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Amherst Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to develop and implement Amherst Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in the Town of Amherst. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service. (No Tax impact) (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

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

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

**ARTICLE 34: Stormwater Planning Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan**

Only in the event that the Town receives 100% principal forgiveness from the State of NH, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of stormwater planning work relative to management of the municipal storm drain system in accordance with the 2017 or newer NH Small MS4 General Permit ("the Project"), and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or note; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes including but not limited to a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan. This article is contingent upon the Town receiving 100% principal forgiveness for the CWSRF loan. (No Tax impact) (3/5 majority vote required).

YES

NO

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

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

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 35: Rail Trail Referendum

To see if the Town is in favor, in the future, of raising and appropriating the total amount up to \$336,000 over three successive fiscal years (2026, 2027, and 2028) to serve as the required match for a New Hampshire Department of Transportation grant for a new rail trail two plus miles in length and extending from Walnut Hill Road to Baboosic Lake Road, with a spur to the Meeting Place Mall, with construction estimated to begin in 2027 and completion estimated in 2029. The NH DOT grant requires a 20% match from the Town; the NH DOT is offering to provide a grant in the amount of \$1.346M. If supported by the voters, the Board of Selectmen will enter into an agreement with NH DOT and will come back to the voters with a request for funding at a future town meeting, (Advisory only) (No Tax impact) (Majority vote required).

YES

NO

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

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

## ZONING ARTICLES

### Article 36: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.9 Industrial Zone, to delete the 80' height allowance for uninhabited structures and require all structures in the district to be a maximum of 50' in height, as follows:*

#### Section 4.9 Industrial Zone.

##### E. YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS.

No structure shall be constructed to a height greater than ~~forty (40)~~ fifty (50) feet, ~~excepting industrial structures south of the Boston & Maine Railroad which shall not exceed fifty (50) feet for inhabited and eighty (80) feet for uninhabited structures.~~ (3-4-75, 3-11-86, 3-12-91, 3-11-14, 3-14-23)

YES

NO

#### EXPLANATION:

This proposed amendment requires all structures in the Industrial district to be a maximum of 50' in height.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

### Article 37: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.3 D.3., Residential/Rural Zone, to add the word "either" to the first line of the last sentence, as follows:*

#### Section 4.3 Residential/Rural Zone (RR). (3-12-63, 3-11-93, 3-10-15)

##### D. YARD REQUIREMENTS.

- In the Historic District, a new dwelling, building, or structure shall be **either** at least twenty (20) feet from the side and rear property lines, or no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the principal dwelling, building, or structure on any abutting lot, whichever is greater. (3- 8-05, 3-11-08)

YES

NO

#### EXPLANATION:

Setbacks are required to provide light and air and separation between buildings. In the Historic District, where the lots are generally smaller and narrower than required in the Residential Rural District, the regular 20' setback from the side and rear property lines may not provide that actual distance between structures. The proposed amendment clarifies that the side and rear setback shall be either 20' from the lot line to the proposed new dwelling, building or structure, or 25' from the principal building on the abutting lot to the proposed new dwelling, building or structure, whichever is the greater measurement.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

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# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 3 OF 3

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MARCH 12, 2024**

*Nancy G. Jenkins*  
TOWN CLERK

**ZONING ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 38: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.10 Flood Plain Conservation District, to amend Section 4.10 C., Definitions, to add new definitions of Base Flood Elevation, and Flood Opening; to amend the definitions of Mean Sea Level, Substantial Improvement, and Water Surface Elevation; to delete the definitions of Functionally Dependent Use, and One Hundred Year Flood; to add a new Section 4.10 D., Permit Requirements and renumber the following sections; to amend Section 4.10 E.8. to specify the details of a recreational vehicle and the standards to follow for placement in the Flood Plain Conservation District; to amend Section 4.10 H., to refer to mean sea level instead of the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) and to refer to the Office of Community Development instead of the Zoning Department; to amend Section 4.10 K., to refer to the base flood elevation instead of the one hundred year flood elevation and add how to determine the base flood elevation in Zone A; to amend Section 4.10 L., to refer to the base flood elevation instead of the one hundred year flood elevation; to amend Section 4.10 N., to add Zone AE and to specify the details of a recreational vehicle and the standards to follow for placement in the Flood Plain Conservation District; to amend Section 4.10 O.3.a. to specify that the openings required are "flood openings"; and to amend Section 4.10 P.2, to include the correct statutory reference and add a new sub-section 4. requiring that variances in the Flood Plain Conservation District be maintained and reported to FEMA as required, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2024 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.*

YES   
NO

**EXPLANATION:**

These amendments are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program regulations.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

**Article 39: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #4**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*Amend Article IX, Definitions, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words, Wetland(s), to update the citations to reference documents, Vernal Pool, Vernal Pool -- Primary Vernal Pool Indicators, and Vernal Pool -- Secondary Vernal Pool Indicators to reference the correct NH Administrative Rules; and Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.11 Wetland and Watershed Conservation District, to amend Section 4.11 F., District Boundaries, to include language moved from the definition of Wetland(s) describing the Town's wetland classifications and the method for classification of wetlands that extend over property lines, to include language moved from the definition of Vernal Pool Tiers describing how to identify Tier One and Tier Two vernal pools, and to refer to the definitions section, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2024 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.*

YES   
NO

**EXPLANATION:**

This proposed amendment would amend outdated citations to reference documents, and move the classification of wetlands and the vernal pool tiers from the definition section to the main body of the Wetland and Watershed Conservation District ordinance where it is more readily available to readers and users of the Zoning Ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

**Article 40: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #5**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*This housekeeping amendment would amend Article IV Zoning Regulations, Section 4.4 Northern Transitional Zone, Section 4.4 B.9. Permitted Uses to delete #9 Other Development and renumber existing #10 as #9; and to change all references from Accessory Apartments to Accessory Dwelling Units in Sections 3.5 Accessory Apartments, Section 4.3 Residential/Rural Zone, 4.3 A.10., Section 4.4 Northern Transitional Zone, newly numbered, 4.4 B.9., Section 4.5 Northern Rural Zone, 4.5 B.9., Section 4.7 Commercial Zone, 4.7 A.9., Section 4.8 Limited Commercial Zone, 4.8 A.12., Section 4.14 Workforce Housing, 4.14 E.2 b., and Article IX Definitions, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2024 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.*

YES   
NO

**EXPLANATION:**

This proposed housekeeping amendment would remove a reference to "Other development" that is no longer needed from Section 4.4 and to refer to Accessory Dwelling Units as they are described in the enabling statute.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024

*Elizabeth J. Kuzama*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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### FOR SCHOOL BOARD

	Vote for NOT	
for 3 Years	MORE THAN ONE	
JOHN GLOVER		<input type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in)	

### ARTICLES

#### Article 2

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District 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 therein, totaling twenty million six hundred seventeen thousand fifty nine dollars (\$20,617,059)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty million three hundred sixty thousand seven hundred seventy three dollars (\$20,360,773), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative School District 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? **Majority vote required.**

YES   
NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)  
Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.26 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.69 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.17 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.57 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

\*NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.

#### Article 3

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to approve the cost items included in the agreement between the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and the professional and support staff of Souhegan High School which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$439,838
2025-2026	\$432,555
2026-2027	\$439,305

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$439,838 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be payable at current staffing levels? **Majority vote required.**

YES   
NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)  
Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.15 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.21 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 4

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to three hundred sixty five thousand dollars (**\$365,000**) to be added to the Souhegan School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2005? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.13 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.18 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

### Article 5

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy thousand dollars (**\$70,000**) to be added to the Souhegan Recreation Revolving Fund previously established in March 2016? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.02 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.03 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

### Article 6

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2023? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.02 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.02 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

### Article 7

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District establish a Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles, replacing existing vehicles, and for vehicle repairs and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Souhegan Cooperative School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.01 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**  
**AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 12, 2024**

*Tony Ortiz*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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### FOR SCHOOL BOARD

(For 3 Years) Vote for not  
more than ONE

**TIMOTHY THEBERGE**

**GREG FRITZ**

(Write-in)

### ARTICLES

#### Article 12

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty nine million nine hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred fourteen dollars (**\$49,997,214**) (gross budget) to finance the major addition, reconstruction and renovation project for the Wilkins Elementary School building, located at 80 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH and to authorize the issuance of not more than forty nine million nine hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred fourteen dollars (**\$49,997,214**) of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of one million two hundred forty nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (**\$1,249,930**) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. **3/5 ballot vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: **\$0.52 per thousand.**

#### Article 13

Shall the Amherst School District 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 therein, totaling thirty four million fifty five thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (**\$34,055,985**)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty three million one hundred sixteen thousand five hundred nine dollars (**\$33,116,509**) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Amherst School District 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? **Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: **\$0.56 per thousand.**

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: **\$0.17 per thousand.**

*\*NOTE: Warrant Article 13 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.*

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**



# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 14

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to six hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$675,000) to be added to the Amherst School District Capital Facilities Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund, previously established in March 2003? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES   
NO

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**

**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.28 per thousand.**

### Article 15

Shall the Amherst School District establish a Technology Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing, updating, maintaining, and replacing hardware, software, services, and technology infrastructure, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Amherst School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES   
NO

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**

**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.03 per thousand.**

### Article 16

Shall the Amherst School District establish a Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles, replacing existing vehicles, and for vehicle repairs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Amherst School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

YES   
NO

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**

**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.01 per thousand.**

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT