

SAMPLE BALLOT



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

Kathy A. 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.

SELECTMEN	
over 8 (3 Years)	Vote for not more than two
RUSS HODGKINS 1306	<input type="radio"/>
PAMELA D. COUGHLIN 1644	<input type="radio"/>
JOHN D'ANGELO 1538	<input type="radio"/>
LEN GERZON 1183	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1773	<input type="radio"/>
22	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

MODERATOR	
(1 Year)	Vote for not more than one
MARK D. VINCENT 2655	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1054	<input type="radio"/>
29	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

CEMETERY TRUSTEE	
(3 Years)	Vote for not more than one
TEDD LANDON 2669	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1051	<input type="radio"/>
17	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND	
(3 Years)	Vote for not more than one
ROBERT GRUNBECK 2522	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1199	<input type="radio"/>
19	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS	
(3 Years)	Vote for not more than one
DANIELLE PRAY 2585	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1150	<input type="radio"/>
23	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS	
(3 Years)	Vote for not more than two
LISA HAAGEN 2302	<input type="radio"/>
R. GORDON LEEDY JR 2060	<input type="radio"/>
Under 3084	<input type="radio"/>
28	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
(3 Years)	Vote for not more than three
GRETCHEN PYLES 1977	<input type="radio"/>
DAVID HALLENBECK 1411	<input type="radio"/>
ELISABETH LARSON 2063	<input type="radio"/>
JAMES MCGINNESS 1215	<input type="radio"/>
Under 4519	<input type="radio"/>
13	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
over 3	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	
over 4 (5 Years)	Vote for not more than one
SYDNEY IRVING 1598	<input type="radio"/>
JAMES MCGINNESS 1099	<input type="radio"/>
Under 1025	<input type="radio"/>
11	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22: Purchase Fire Department Aerial Truck – Long Term Bond
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000 for purchasing an Aerial Truck for the Fire Department, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,900,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and 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 notes; to authorize the Selectboard 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. And additionally, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the first-year debt service payment. Said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance. (Tax Impact: \$0.00) (3/5 vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

2214
YES ☐
NO ☐
1025

Under 498

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ARTICLE 23: 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 \$18,298,510. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$17,523,180 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 =\$4.84) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2178
YES
NO
1416

ARTICLE 24: 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 \$150,000 to go into the fund. Said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance and no new 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)

(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 6-0-0.)

und 157

2730
YES
NO
849

ARTICLE 25: Baboosic Lake Septic Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,100, 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 \$103,600, 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)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2761
YES
NO
845

ARTICLE 26: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund

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

(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 6-0-0.)

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2427
YES
NO
1142

ARTICLE 27: Computer Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Computer Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2441
YES
NO
1138

ARTICLE 28: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2108
YES
NO
1426

ARTICLE 29: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Bridge Repair & Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.12) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2632
YES
NO
967

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,000 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)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2452
YES
NO
1163

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ARTICLE 31: DPW Vehicle/Equipment Acquisition & Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$130,000** to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.05) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2211
YES ☐
NO ☐
1376

ARTICLE 32: DPW Equipment – Trackless - Purchase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of **\$230,000** for the purchase of a Trackless Tractor. Said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance and no new amount to be raised from taxation. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2393
YES ☐
NO ☐
1188

ARTICLE 33: DPW Fuel Pump Replacement - Purchase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of **\$500,000**, for the replacement of the Town's Fuel Pumps, used by all Town departments. Said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance and no new amount to be raised from taxation. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2736
YES ☐
NO ☐
849

ARTICLE 34: Fireworks

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,500** for the purpose of a fireworks display for the Fourth of July in 2026. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2148
YES ☐
NO ☐
1459

ARTICLE 35: Baboosic Greenway Rail Trail Project – Grants 80% Town Match 20%

To see if the town will vote to approve the Baboosic Greenway Rail Trail Project at a cost not to exceed \$3,448,072; of this total, \$3,299,773 will be offset by 80% grant funds of \$2,639,818 and payable over a term of five years. The total appropriation of **\$808,250** is comprised of the 20% Town match of \$659,950 plus \$148,300 of administrative costs; and further to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$183,150** for the first year's payment, per RSA 32:7-a. The amounts to be raised and appropriated over the next five years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost
FY 2026	\$183,150
FY 2027	\$183,150
FY 2028	\$183,150
FY 2029	\$183,150
FY 2030	\$ 75,650

The sums listed above represent the Town's required 20% matching funds for the two grants, plus administrative costs, with the balance of 80% being paid for by the grants. These grants are for the Rail Trail Project known as the Baboosic Greenway Trail, funding a portion of the Trail along the north side of Amherst St.(NH 122) and then from Baboosic Lake Road to Walnut Hill Road. (Tax Impact: Year 1 \$0.07; Yr 2 \$0.07; Yr 3 \$0.07; Yr 4 \$0.07; Yr 5 \$0.03) (3/5 vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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2505
YES ☐
NO ☐
1170

ARTICLE 36: Elderly Exemption Income Requirement

Shall the Town vote, in accordance with RSA 72:39-a, to modify the previously established Elderly Exemption maximum annual income amount required to qualify for the elderly exemption from property tax, to be as follows: a net income of not more than \$57,600 (formerly \$54,300) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$77,700 (formerly \$73,325). (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

(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 6-0-0.)

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3028
YES ☐
NO ☐
600

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ARTICLE 37: Disabled Exemption Income Requirement 2916
Shall the Town vote, in accordance with RSA 72:37-b, to modify the previously established Disabled Exemption maximum annual income amount required to qualify for the disabled exemption from property tax, to be as follows: a net income of not more than \$57,600 (formerly \$54,300) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$77,700 (formerly \$73,325). (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required) YES ☐
NO ☐
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.) und 208
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.) 611

ARTICLE 38: Pig Farm Road – Reclassify 2506
Shall the Town vote to reclassify a portion of the Class VI roadway known as Pig Farm Road, from a Class VI Road to a Class B Trail in accordance with RSA 231-A:2, said portion commencing at its intersection with Merrimack Road thence running northerly approximately 1,900 feet to the southeasterly corner of the parcel of land identified as Map 3 Lot 54 on Town Tax Maps. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required) YES ☐
NO ☐
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.) und 306
923

ARTICLE 39: Authority to Sell Property Acquired by Tax Deed 2451
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell properties acquired by tax deed “as justice may require” as described by RSA 80:80, III & VI. This power would be in addition to sale by sealed bid or public auction. In selling properties acquired by tax deed, the Board shall also follow the process for sales of property set forth in RSA 41:14-a. This authority is granted indefinitely, until rescinded by Town Meeting. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required) YES ☐
NO ☐
und 365
918
(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)

ZONING ARTICLES

Article 40: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #2
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article III, General Zoning Provisions, to add Section 3.21 on Residential Driveways; amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, to clarify Section 4.3 Residential/Rural Zone (RR) and Section 4.5 Northern Rural Zone (NR) regarding the road providing access for the driveway; and, to amend Article IX, Definitions, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words, to amend the definition of Driveway and Private Road, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2025 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board. 2448
YES ☐
NO ☐
und 435
852
EXPLANATION:
This proposal would add a general section on residential driveways, clarify the area and frontage requirements regarding the road providing access for the driveway in the Residential/Rural (RR) and Northern Rural (NR) Zones, and modify the definitions of driveway and private road.
(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

Article 41: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #3
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article III, General Zoning Provisions, Section 3.4 Signs, to allow the placement of temporary banners in the General Sign District; and, to specify time limits and requirements for temporary signage to be placed on Huntington Common, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2025 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board. 2642
YES ☐
NO ☐
over 1 und 392
700
EXPLANATION:
This proposal would include language regarding temporary signage on Huntington Common which was inadvertently not included in the 2023 update to the Sign Ordinance and which would bring it into conformity with the requirements on the other listed Town properties. It would also allow temporary banners with time limits for display for special events or activities in the General Sign District which are currently not permitted.
(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

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Article 42: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article IX, Definitions, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words, to update the definition of Abutter, as follows:

~~Abutter. Abutter shall be as defined in RSA 672:3, as amended. Any person or persons holding legal title to land which adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from land under consideration.~~
(3-12-63, 3-9-82)

EXPLANATION:

This proposal amends the definition of abutter to refer to the statutory definition, as amended. This will eliminate the need to update the Zoning Ordinance if the definition is changed again by the legislature at some point in the future.

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

2696

YES ☐
NO ☐

und 353

687

Article 43: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article III, General Zoning Provisions, Section 3.5 Accessory Dwelling Units, to add a detached accessory building to the definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit; and to amend Paragraph C. 6.

B. DEFINITION. An accessory dwelling unit is a second dwelling unit **either** (a) incorporated within **or attached to** an existing or proposed single family home which is structurally integrated with the existing principal dwelling, **or (b) located in an accessory building detached from a single family home.**

C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

6. **One detached** accessory dwelling unit ~~may be~~ **is** permitted

a. **on lots of five or more acres or**

b. **on lots of less than five acres** as a Conditional Use in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.18.

1829

YES ☐
NO ☐

und 336

Pursuant to RSA 675:4, III, the Amherst Planning Board states its recommendation: that it **opposes** the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed (5-1-0).

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT