

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 3

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

*Nancy G. Deane*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not<br/>(1 Year) more than one</p> <p>MARK D. VINCENT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>   |  |   |

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

### 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)

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 6-0-0.)*

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TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**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)

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 6-0-0.)*

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 37: **Disabled Exemption Income Requirement**

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.)*

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

### ARTICLE 38: **Pig Farm Road – Reclassify**

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.)*

### ARTICLE 39: **Authority to Sell Property Acquired by Tax Deed**

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

*(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.*

YES

NO

#### **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.*

YES

NO

#### **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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*Nancy A. Deane*  
TOWN CLERK

## ZONING ARTICLES CONTINUED

### 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)

YES   
NO

#### 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)

**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

YES   
NO

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).

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**  
**AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 11, 2025**

*Tony Ortiz*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

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**FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than TWO

- JASON WHITE
- MICHAEL ALMEIDA
- BRIAN GOULD
- AARON KAPLAN
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

**FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR**

(For 1 Year) Vote for not more than ONE

- MATTHEW COMSTOCK
- SHARON CORR
- (Write-in)

**ARTICLES**

**Article 12**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty two million nine hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred twenty eight dollars (**\$52,921,828**) (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 fifty two million nine hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred twenty eight dollars (**\$52,921,828**) 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 three hundred twenty three thousand forty five dollars (**\$1,323,045**) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. **3/5 ballot vote required.**

YES   
NO

The **estimated** tax impact for the first 3 years of a 20 year bond with 3.84% interest rate and 2024 assessed valuation is as follows:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Cost | Estimated Tax Impact |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| FY 26       | \$1,323,045    | \$0.55               |
| FY 27       | \$3,804,335    | \$1.57               |
| FY 28       | \$3,801,816    | \$1.57               |

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (4-1)  
Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### 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 five million one hundred forty one thousand eight hundred and eight dollars **(\$35,141,808)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty five million five hundred and one dollars **(\$35,000,501)** 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: \$0.59 per thousand.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.53 per thousand.

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

### Article 14

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars **(\$400,000)** 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 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 tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.17 per thousand.

### Article 15

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, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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 tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.

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

### Article 16

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy five thousand dollars **(\$75,000)** to be added to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2024? This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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 tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.

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

### Article 17

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty thousand dollars **(\$30,000)** to be added to the Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2024? This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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 tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.

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

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# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 11, 2025**

*Elizabeth J. Kuzama*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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| FOR SCHOOL BOARD  | FOR MODERATOR   |
|---|---|
| Vote for NOT<br>for 3 Years <u>      </u> MORE THAN TWO | Vote for NOT<br>for 3 Years <u>      </u> MORE THAN ONE |
| JAMES MANNING <input type="radio"/>                     | GEORGE BOWER <input type="radio"/>                      |
| RAJI GUPTA <input type="radio"/>                        | <input type="radio"/>                                   |
| XINDI HENNESSEY <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/>                                   |
| ROBERT HINZ <input type="radio"/>                       | (Write-in)  |
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### 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 one million six hundred twenty two thousand seven hundred four dollars (\$21,622,704)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty one million four hundred forty two thousand eight hundred eighty three dollars (\$21,442,883), 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: \$0.24 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.32 per thousand for Mont Vernon.  
Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.18 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.26 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 raise and appropriate the sum of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the Souhegan School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2005? This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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 tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.00 per thousand for Mont Vernon.  
Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.10 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.09 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**



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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 4

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be added to the Souhegan Recreation Revolving Fund previously established in March 2016? This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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: -\$0.03 per thousand for Amherst and -\$0.03 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

### Article 5

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, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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 -\$0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

### Article 6

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2024? This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2025. 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