



**AMHERST TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026**

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 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls, is on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 23: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

- 1 Selectmen for 3 Years
- 1 Town Clerk for 3 Years
- 1 Town Moderator for 3 Years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years
- 2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members for 3 Years
- 2 Library Trustees for 3 Years
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years

ARTICLE 24: Open Space Acquisition Bond

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000)** to purchase land and easements or other property interests within the Town of Amherst for conservation purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes not more than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) under and compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); to authorize the Selectmen 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 take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds or notes, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend 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 Selectmen to acquire said property exercising their authority under RSA 41:14-a, and additionally to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the first year interest and costs. Land or property interests to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town as conservation land to be managed by the Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 36-A:4,

(Tax Impact: Year 1 \$0.10; Yr 2 \$0.37; Yr 3 \$0.36; Yr 4 \$0.35; Yr 5 \$0.35) (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

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

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

ARTICLE 25: 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 **\$18,906,185**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$18,290,925**, 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 = \$4.90) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 26: 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-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** 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. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 27: Baboosic Lake Septic Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty-Three Thousand Four-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$83,450)**, 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 **\$83,450**, 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 0-0-0.)

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

ARTICLE 28: 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)

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

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

ARTICLE 29: Computer System Capital Reserve Fund

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

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

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

ARTICLE 30: 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)

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

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

ARTICLE 31: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

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

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

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

ARTICLE 32: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be added to the Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.16) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 33: DPW Vehicle/Equipment Acquisition & Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.06) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 34: 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)

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

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

ARTICLE 35: Establish Town Facilities Repair and Replacement CRF

Shall the Town vote to establish a Town Facilities Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of anticipated and unanticipated repair and maintenance of Town facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Tax Impact = \$0.04) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 36: Fire and EMS Department PFAS-Free Personal Protective Equipment – Purchase \$185,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000)** for the purpose of purchasing PFAS-free personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Fire and EMS Department, including turnout gear and related safety equipment. This appropriation will replace aging gear and reduce firefighter exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). (Tax Impact = \$0.07) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 37: DPW Transfer Station Deck Replacement – Purchase \$125,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000)** for the purpose of replacement and reconstruction of the existing Public Works Transfer Station deck. (Tax Impact = \$0.05) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 38: Modify the Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability

Shall the Town vote to increase the amount of the Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability pursuant to RSA 72:35, as amended by HB 99, from \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00, effective for the April 1, 2026, tax year. (Tax Impact = \$0.00)

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

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

ARTICLE 39: American Tower Company Ground Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 41:11-a, II(b), to negotiate, enter into, and execute a lease and any related agreements with American Tower Company, or its successors or assigns, for the lease of a portion of Town-owned property located at Amherst Tax Map 6 Lot 94, for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, and removing a wireless communications tower and related facilities, including access and utility easements; said lease to be for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years, including any renewal options, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town; the tower to be a monopole or similar structure not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) feet in height; all subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and approvals. Said lease shall require the removal of the tower and all associated improvements and the restoration of the site upon termination or abandonment of the lease. No Town funds shall be appropriated by this article. The Board of Selectmen is further authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry out this purpose. (Tax Impact = \$0.00)

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

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

ARTICLE 40: Christian Hill Road Scenic Road Designation PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

“Enclosed is the resubmission of a petition signed by registered voters to make Christian Hill Road a scenic road. Also enclosed is the abutter list with mailing addresses for Christian Hill Road as required for notification purposes. The purpose of this is to designate Christian Hill Road from the corner of Davis Lane/Foundry Street to Route 13 as scenic road per RSA 231:157 and RSA 231:158.” (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

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

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

ARTICLE 41: Baboosic Lake Alum Treatment PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

“Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to assist the Baboosic lake Association in paying for the alum treatment proposed at Baboosic Lake in the spring of 2026 to reduce consistent cyanobacteria blooms each summer formed by deep water ‘internal loading’ of phosphorus.” (Tax impact=\$0.04) (Majority vote required)

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

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

Given under our hands and seal this Xth day of January 2026

Danielle Pray, Chairman

Pamela Coughlin, Clerk

John D'Angelo, Selectman

Cynthia Dokmo, Vice Chairman

Thomas Grella, Selectman

