

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**JUNE 8, 2021**

*Nancy G. Levesque*  
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.

<b>SELECTMEN</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>RAYMOND N. KONG</b> 889 <input type="radio"/> <b>DANIELLE PRAY</b> 1340 <input type="radio"/> <b>JOHN D'ANGELO</b> 1226 <input type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>ZONING BOARD MEMBERS</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>DOUGLAS H. KIRKWOOD</b> 1018 <input type="radio"/> <b>TRACY LEE McINNIS</b> 888 <input type="radio"/> <b>TIMOTHY KACHMAR</b> 770 <input type="radio"/> 11 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b> <small>(2 Years)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>PETER HANSEN</b> 592 <input type="radio"/> <b>ROBERT KULA</b> 160 <input type="radio"/> <b>THOMAS QUINN</b> 1025 <input type="radio"/> <b>ARNOLD ROSENBLATT</b> 900 <input type="radio"/> <b>THOMAS SILVIA</b> 620 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>ELIZABETH OVERHOLT</b> 1670 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>LORI MIX</b> 1532 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b> <small>(1 Year)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>EUGENE C. ANCTIL</b> 400 <input type="radio"/> <b>CHRISTY C. HOUPIS</b> 1121 <input type="radio"/> <b>TRACIE ADAMS</b> 1254 <input type="radio"/> 9 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>LISA EASTLAND</b> 1711 <input type="radio"/> 10 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>CRAIG URQUHART</b> 387 <input type="radio"/> <b>CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" YATES</b> 1135 <input type="radio"/> <b>WILLIAM R. "BILL" STOUGHTON</b> 1211 <input type="radio"/> 11 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b> <small>(3 Years)</small> Vote for not more than two <b>NANCY T. BAKER</b> 1589 <input type="radio"/> <b>MICHAEL ENRIQUEZ</b> 1374 <input type="radio"/> 7 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 22: Open Space Acquisition Bond**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) 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 up to six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of bonds or notes in any one fiscal year; to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and 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, however, no such bonds or notes shall be issued with a term of maturity of less than ten (10) years or more than twenty (20) years, furthermore, 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 One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) for the first year interest and costs. Land or property interests to be purchased with bond proceeds shall total not more than 800 acres and 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, to protect and limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas. The authorization to borrow provided hereunder shall not lapse until June 30, 2026. (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 4-3-0.)

1437  
YES ☐  
NO ☐  
623

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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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 \$14,877,676. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$14,630,503, 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. (Majority vote required)

1276

YES ☐

NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0.)

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

872

### 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 one hundred-twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) 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. (Majority vote required)

1525

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.)

612

### ARTICLE 25: Communications Center 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 Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

1439

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.)

681

### 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. (Majority vote required)

1267

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.)

846

### ARTICLE 27: Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to increase the optional tax credit for Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property occupied by a service-connected totally disabled person or their surviving spouse from \$3,200 to \$4,000 as permitted by RSA 72:35 I-a. (Majority vote required)

1749

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.)

384

### ARTICLE 28: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

1602

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.)

537

### ARTICLE 29: 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. (Majority vote required)

1414

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.)

730

### ARTICLE 30: Establish DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement CRF

Shall the Town vote to establish a DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquisition and replacement of DPW vehicles and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

1135

YES ☐

NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0.)

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 5-2-0.)

985

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT 2 OF 2

*Nancy A. Jones*  
TOWN CLERK

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 31: Police Station Renovation Completion**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of completing the 3rd floor of the Police Station renovation. 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. (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 7-0-0.)

1498

YES ☐

NO ☐

731

**ARTICLE 32: Establish and fund CRF for Amherst Multimodal Facilities**

Shall the Town vote to establish an Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of design and construction of projects and provide matching funds for grants for such projects, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (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 7-0-0.)

1290

YES ☐

NO ☐

921

**ARTICLE 33: Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction CRF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (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 7-0-0.)

1364

YES ☐

NO ☐

867

**ARTICLE 34: New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting (By Petition)**

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Amherst to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the town of Amherst to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Amherst to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives, ensuring that the State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Amherst's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

1613

YES ☐

NO ☐

543

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT