



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Nancy A. Demers
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>SELECTMEN (3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>THOMAS GRELLA 2226 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>49 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>ZONING BOARD (3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>JAMES RAMSAY 1908 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHARLES A. VARS 1849 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>22 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST (6 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>DONELLA "DONNI" HODGKINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2058 8 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>MODERATOR (2 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>STEPHEN W. COUGHLAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2188 15 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>MICHAEL PARISI 2056 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>6 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE (3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>FRANCIS "FRANK" BEAUDOIN 689 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARIE GRELLA 1651 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TOWN CLERK (3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>NANCY A. DEMERS 2549 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>6 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>LUCIENNE FOULKES 1929 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NANCY J. HEAD 2047 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	

ARTICLES

<p>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 \$14,616,376. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$14,081,314, 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)</p> <p>(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.)</p>	<p>1753</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1038</p>
<p>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. (Majority vote required)</p> <p>(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.)</p>	<p>2020</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>771</p>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED	
ARTICLE 24: <u>Police Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund</u> Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Police Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 5-0-1.)</i>	1637 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 1179
ARTICLE 25: <u>Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund</u> 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) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	1871 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 917
ARTICLE 26: <u>Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</u> 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) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	1601 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 1154
ARTICLE 27: <u>Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit</u> Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$3,200 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property. (Majority vote required) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	2235 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 518
ARTICLE 28: <u>Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service</u> Shall the Town vote to adopt the Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service under the provisions of RSA 72:28-c in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident who engaged at any point during the taxable period in combat service as a member of the New Hampshire national guard or a reserve component of the United States armed forces, called to active duty. A tax credit for combat service shall be in lieu of, and not in addition to, the optional veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 or the all veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28-b. The service member shall be eligible for the credit in each tax year in which the combat service occurs, but the credit may be prorated in the second tax year based on the duration of combat service. (Majority vote required) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	2326 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 479
ARTICLE 29: <u>Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund</u> Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i>	1951 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 845
ARTICLE 30: <u>Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund</u> 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) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	2081 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 733
ARTICLE 31: <u>Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund</u> 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) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)</i>	1852 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 966
ARTICLE 32: <u>Amherst Street Side Path</u> Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$287,500) for the purpose of constructing a pedestrian/bicycle side path as part of the reconstruction of Amherst Street from Courthouse Road to the Milford town line. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2023. (Majority vote required) <i>(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i> <i>(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)</i>	1534 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 1350
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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 33: Police Union Contract

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items in a four (4) year collective bargaining agreement (beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3657 (Police Union) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand, two hundred and twenty-one dollars (\$46,221) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels. (Majority vote)

2119

YES ☐

NO ☐

694

Year Two	(2) FY 22	\$ 44,864
Year Three	(3) FY 23	\$ 40,481
Year Four	(4) FY 24	\$ 36,027

TOTAL		\$167,593
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(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 5-0-0.)

ARTICLE 34: Special Meeting if Collective Bargaining Agreement is defeated

2108

Shall the Town, if Article 33 – Police Union Contract is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 33 – cost items only. (Majority vote)

YES ☐

NO ☐

659

(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 5-0-0.)

ARTICLE 35: Discontinue Peabody Mills Environmental Center Revolving Account

2282

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) Revolving Fund established by vote at Town Meeting in March of 2001 pursuant to RSA 31:95-d, with said fund including accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the town's unassigned fund balance.

YES ☐

NO ☐

491

(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: Deposit to Recreation Department Revolving Account

2168

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,000 to be placed in the Recreation Department Revolving Account established at Town Meeting in March of 2001. The funds shall come from the unassigned fund balance and represent the monies available as a result of the passage of the preceding article (35) and no part of this appropriation shall be raised through taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 35.

YES ☐

NO ☐

600

(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 37: Election of Planning Board Members (By Petition)

1998

Shall the Town vote to change the selection of Planning Board members from an appointment by the Board of Selectmen to an elected board consisting of seven members, as currently constituted, to include one ex-officio member, two members elected for a one-year term, two members for a two-year term and two members for a three-year term, thereafter the term of planning board members shall be for three years to be filled at the next regular town election pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:2, II (b)(1)

YES ☐

NO ☐

784

2020 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 38 Impact Fee Establishment Procedure

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 4.19 Impact Fee Ordinance, Sub-section G. Impact Fee Establishment Procedure, by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and deleting the word "then" from the current second sentence; amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.19 Impact Fee Ordinance, Sub-section G. 1. Impact Fee Establishment Procedure, by deleting the sentence in its entirety; and amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.19 Impact Fee Ordinance, Sub-section O. 1. Applicability of Impact Fees, by replacing the words "who is not vested" with the words "which is not covered under an exemption".

2027

YES ☐

NO ☐

556

(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)

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Article 39 Time Limits of Special Exceptions and Variances

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? 2147

Amend Article VI, Administration, Section 6.3 Board of Adjustment, Sub-section G. Time Limits of Special Exceptions and Variances, to add a sub-section entitled Scheduled Termination of Special Exceptions and Variances, that would provide for the termination of all special exceptions and variances that were authorized before August 19, 2013, and that have not been exercised.

YES NO

473

(The Planning Board voted 6-0-0 to support this article.)

Article 40 Innovative Housing Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows: 1385

To amend the Amherst Zoning Ordinance by deleting Section 4.16 Integrated Innovative Housing Ordinance (IIHO).

YES NO

Pursuant to RSA 675:4,III, the Amherst Planning Board states its recommendation: that it is not in favor of the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed. 1279

(The Planning Board voted 0-6-0 to support this article.)

Article 41 Zoning Ordinance Section A, Article IV, Section 4.16 (E) Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows: 1649

To amend the Amherst Zoning Ordinance by modifying Section A, Article IV, Section 4.16 (E) as follows: total bonus densities granted, including all categories of unit restrictions and proposed amenities, may not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of total baseline density of the development. The benefit to the Town must be significant with respect to each such bonus for the Planning Board to approve the requested bonus.

YES NO

1041

(The Planning Board voted 1-5-0 to support this article.)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT