



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Amherst Voters:

2,068

Nancy G. Senner
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.

SELECTMAN	LIBRARY TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
(3 Years) Vote for not more than two	(3 Years) Vote for not more than three	(3 Years) Vote for not more than one
MARILYN PETERMAN 617 <input type="radio"/>	KATHY E. BRUNDAGE 1,246 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	PETER BERGIN 1,501 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
DWIGHT BREW 1,232 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	WILLIAM M. CASSIDY 1,226 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>
JOHN D'ANGELO 1,117 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	ROBIN K. JULIAN 1,205 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
REED PANASITI 621 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE
7 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(3 Years) Vote for not more than one
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	RICHARD LEFEBVRE 685 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PETER BERGIN 886 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	4 <input type="radio"/>
	(3 Years) Vote for not more than one	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	ROBERT H. ROWE 887 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
	ALLEN MERRIMAN 648 <input type="radio"/>	
	3 <input type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22: <u>Operating Budget</u>	974
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 <u>\$11,414,625</u> . Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be <u>\$11,269,800</u> 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. (The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.) (Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1051 Failed
ARTICLE 23: <u>Town Hall Structural Repair CRF Establishment And Initial Funding</u>	1,401
Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of repairing the truss roof structure system and any other structural deficiencies of the Town Hall, said fund to be called the Town Hall Structural Repair Fund, also, to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be placed in this fund, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.) (Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article) This Special Article is in accordance with RSA 32.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 621 Passed
ARTICLE 24: <u>Appropriation Of Previously Collected Land Use Change Tax Funds And Deposit To Town Hall Structural Repair Fund</u>	1,387
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty seven thousand dollars (\$87,000), said sum to be the amount collected in the preceding fiscal year and paid into the Land Use Change Tax Fund, and pay said amount into the Town Hall Structural Repair Fund, previously established, so that the same will be used for the purposes identified in said Fund. The passage of this article shall be contingent on the successful passage of the preceding warrant article creating said CRF, it being the intention that if the CRF has not been established that the balance in the LUCT Fund shall revert to the general fund for the coming fiscal year. (The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.) (Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article) This Special Article is in accordance with RSA 32.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 623 Passed

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 25: Police Union Contract - Single Year Contract

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3757 (Police Union) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand, three hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$17,379) 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 in accordance with the most recent expired collective bargaining agreement paid in the prior fiscal year. Upon approval of this article, this increase will be set forth in the general operating budget of the Police Department in future years.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,436
YES ☒
NO ☐
516
Passed

ARTICLE 26: Special Meeting

Shall the Town, if Article 25 is defeated, vote to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting pursuant to RSA 31:5, (III), at its option, to address Article 25 cost items only.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,408
YES ☒
NO ☐
579
Passed

ARTICLE 27: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,206
YES ☒
NO ☐
704
Passed

ARTICLE 28: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,256
YES ☒
NO ☐
666
Passed

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.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,260
YES ☒
NO ☐
666
Passed

ARTICLE 30: Forestview Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Forestview Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 5-1-1 in support of this article)*

926
YES ☐
NO ☒
978
Failed

ARTICLE 31: Replacement of Fire Engine

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$410,000) for the purchase and purpose of acquiring a replacement Fire Engine for the Fire Department, said sum to be raised as follows: One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, relative to which the Selectmen have been appointed agents to expend, and the balance of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) to be raised through taxation.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

889
YES ☐
NO ☒
1,060
Failed

ARTICLE 32: Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

In the event that the Town fails to approve Article #31 above, (Purchase of Replacement Fire Engine), shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be placed into the existing Fire Apparatus Fund Capital Reserve Account. This article shall be void if Article 31 is adopted.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,272
YES ☒
NO ☐
681
Passed

ARTICLE 33: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established and, further, to appoint the Selectmen, henceforth, as agents to expend from this fund in accordance with RSA 35:15 (II).

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,323
YES ☒
NO ☐
626
Passed

ARTICLE 34: Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to continue to fund a Public Health Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program. This program is designed to monitor and help prevent the presence of mosquito borne vector diseases in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Arboviral Surveillance, Prevention and Control Guidelines.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)
(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)*

1,433
YES ☒
NO ☐
536
Passed

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 35: Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds

1,617

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:3, to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

YES ☒

NO ☐

282

Passed

NAME	DATE ESTABLISHED	AMOUNT
Highway Vehicle Fund	Unknown	\$ 218.93
Zoning Vehicle Fund	Unknown	\$2,608.87
Recreation Fund	Unknown	\$1,970.12
Salt Barn Fund	1994	\$5,503.54
Fire Sprinkler Fund	1998	\$1,487. 01
Radio Conversion Fund	Unknown	\$ 63.02
Master Plan Fund	2006	\$1,131.50
Anniversary Celebration Fund	2007	\$1,184.27
Steeple Expendable Trust Fund	1998	\$ - 0 -
Total		\$12,167.26

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)

(Ways & Means voted 7-0 in support of this article)

ARTICLE 36: Discontinuance Of Smith Lane (By Petition)

1,516

YES ☒

NO ☐

351

Passed

Shall the Town vote to discontinue Smith Lane, pursuant to RSA 231:43, from its commencement at NH Rte 122 to its terminus at NH Rte 101.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote.)

ARTICLE 37: Scenic Road Designation for Walnut Hill Road (By Petition)

385

Failed YES ☐

NO ☒

1,545

Shall the Town vote to designate Walnut Hill Rd as a Scenic Road per RSA 231:157.

(The Board of Selectmen opposes this article and unanimously recommends a no vote.)

ARTICLE 38: Open Space Plan setback updates

1,151

YES ☒

NO ☐

660

Passed

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to Article IV: ZONING REGULATIONS, Section 4.16 Open Space Plan, to align front, side and rear setback requirements with the underlying Zoning District as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance?

(The Planning Board supports this amendment by a vote of 5-1)

ARTICLE 39: Personal Wireless Service Facilities and FCC compliance

1,493

YES ☒

NO ☐

351

Passed

Are you in favor of deleting Article III: GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS, Section 3.16 Personal Wireless Service Facilities and adding Section 3.16 Personal Wireless Service Facilities amended to comply with rulemakings by the Federal Communications Commission as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board?

(The Planning Board supports this amendment by a vote of 6-0)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING