SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

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.

SELECTMAN

(3 Years) Vote for not more than one

- THOMAS GRELLA ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

TOWN CLERK

(3 Years) Vote for not more than one

- NANCY DEMERS ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

(3 Years) Vote for not more than one

- MARIE GRELLA ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(3 Years) Vote for not more than two

- STEPHEN MANTIUS ○
- NANCY HEAD ○
- ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

(3 Years) Vote for not more than two

- THOMAS QUINN ○
- ARNIE ROSENBLATT ○
- JASON SORENS ○
- ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

(1 Year) Vote for not more than one

- CYNTHIA J. DOKMO ○
- PETER HANSEN ○
- TIMOTHY KACHMAR ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

(3 Years) Vote for not more than one

- MICHAEL PARISI ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS

(3 Years) Vote for not more than two

- CHARLES VARS ○
- JAMES M. RAMSAY ○
- ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in)

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ARTICLES

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 **$15,889,910**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **$15,650,729** 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)

(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.)

YES ○
NO ○

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)

(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)

YES ○
NO ○

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 24: **Baboosic Lake Septic Operating Budget**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$69,040**, 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 **$69,080** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

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)

(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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

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)

(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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 27: **Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars **($200,000)** to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement 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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 28: **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)

(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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 29: **DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars **($120,000)** to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement 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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 30: **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. (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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 31: **Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund**
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars **($30,000)** 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.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 32: **Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits**
Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an annual Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of $500, as well as to readopt provision of RSA 72:28-b, previously adopted, for an annual All Veterans Tax Credit in the amount of $500. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Majority vote required)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0.)

YES ◯
NO ◯

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ARTICLE 33: Elderly and Disabled Exemption
Shall the Town vote to modify the maximum annual income amount to qualify for the elderly and disabled exemption from property tax, previously established, to be as follows: a net income of not more than $54,300 (formerly $49,960) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of less than $73,325 (formerly $67,640) in accordance with RSA 72:39-a.) (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 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 34: Budget Preparation
Shall the Town vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body. (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 7-0-0.)

ARTICLE 35: Appointment of a Town Treasurer
Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote. (Majority vote required)

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

ARTICLE 36: Tax Cap – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE
Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 100%? (3/5 Majority vote required)

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Board of Selectmen does not support this article by a vote of 0-5-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee does not support this article by a vote of 0-6-0.)

ARTICLE 37: Regulation of Noise Ordinance – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE
Shall the Selectmen review and study the implementation of a noise ordinance? (Majority vote required)

YES ◯
NO ◯

ARTICLE 38: Scenic Setback Road – Christian Hill Road – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE
Shall the Town vote to maintain Christian Hill Road as a Scenic Setback Road, from the corner of Davis Lane/Foundry Street to Route 13. (Majority vote required)

YES ◯
NO ◯

2023 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 39: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #1

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 III, General Zoning Provisions, Section 3.4 Signs, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and replacing it with language that provides a purpose for the ordinance, that specifies that sign content is not regulated by the ordinance, that provides for no discrimination against non-commercial signs or speech, that includes definitions, that details which signs are subject to the ordinance, and that includes sub-sections on severability, how to file for sign permits, when signs may be removed by the Town, how appeals are dealt with, what is considered a violation and the penalties therefor, existing non-conforming signs, signs that are prohibited, signs that require no permits, temporary signs, permanent signs, the standards for construction, and Sign Master Plans, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Planning Board voted 3-0-0 to support this article.)

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2023 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 40: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #2

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 III, General Provisions, Section 3.9 Reduced Frontage Lots, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and replacing it with language that provides an explanation of the Reduced Frontage Lot requirements, that specifies the number of reduced frontage lots allowed as part of a subdivision, that specifies the required minimum lot size in the different residential zoning districts, that includes a requirement for 50' of frontage, that includes requirements for the design and placement of driveways for access, that includes setback requirements, and that specifies that any required Conditional Use Permits be applied for at the time of subdivision; AND, to amend Article IV, Sections 4.3 C.2, Residential Rural, 4.4 C.2. & 3. Northern Transitional, and 4.5 D.2. Northern Rural, to delete reference to the previous reduced frontage requirements; AND, to amend Article IX, Definitions, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words, to amend the definition of Reduced Frontage Lots to refer to the revisions to Section 3.9, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Planning Board voted 4-0-0 to support this article.)

Article 41: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #3

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 III, General Provisions, Section 3.11 Scenic Setbacks, to add language to add minimum lot frontage requirements for scenic roads, and to add language to the purpose statement regarding preservation of natural vegetation and wildlife, to increase the setback from 100' to 125', to encourage establishment of a 50' buffer within the 125' setback, and to require the frontage of lots on scenic roads to be 300', as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Planning Board voted 3-2-0 to support this article.)

Article 42: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #4

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 III, General Provisions by adding a new section, Section 3.20 Outdoor Lighting and Glare that includes a purpose statement and general requirements, requires lighting to be shielded to avoid glare, provides measurements for the amount of light trespass that is allowed, that specifies the allowable height of light fixtures, that specifies the kind of lighting permitted, that includes hours of operation for lighting, that includes wiring requirements and requirements for site plans and subdivisions, that lists exempt types of lighting, and includes definitions, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Planning Board voted 4-0-0 to support this article.)

Article 43: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #5

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 4.9 Industrial Zone, to add a new use to the prohibited uses, to require buffers and noise attenuation between lots in the industrial district that border residential zones or uses, to refer to the former B&M railroad right-of-way correctly, to delete the 80' height allowance for uninhabited structures, and to add requirements for vehicle idling, parking and restroom requirements, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

(The Planning Board voted 3-1-0 to support this article.)

Article 44: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #6

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 Fees, Sub-Section N, Off-site Improvements, to update the definition of off-site improvement, to detail a procedure for determining the need for off-site improvement exactions, and to discuss the determination of proportionate share as part of subdivision and site plan review applications, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

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2023 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 45: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #7

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 VI, Administration, Section 6.3 Board of Adjustment, to amend the deadline for Zoning Board of Adjustment action on an application and to allow a denial without prejudice of an application for which insufficient information has been submitted for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to render a decision, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

Article 46: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #8

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board?

Delete Article VII, Performance and Site Maintenance, Section 7.3 Temporary Facilities.

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

Article 47: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #9

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article XVI, Building Code, Section 16.1 Building Code by deleting the list of itemized codes currently contained therein, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Building Code as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

Article 48: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #10

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article XVI, Building Code, Section 16.1 Building Code, by adding requirements for water quality and quantity testing, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2023 Amendments to the Amherst Building Code as proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ◯
NO ◯

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

Article 49 - PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Town of Amherst NH Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words by adding the following definition:

Warehouse: A facility, or part of a facility, used primarily for storing goods, wares, commodities and merchandise, whether for the owner thereof or for others, and whether it is a public or private warehouse operation, or act in relation thereto. Warehouse shall include shipping and/or delivery to retailers and businesses (business to business and wholesalers). Warehouse shall exclude Distribution Center as defined in Section 9.1.

YES ◯
NO ◯

Pursuant to RSA 675:4, III, the Amherst Planning Board states its recommendation: that it **is in favor** of the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed (3-1-0).

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2023 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 50 - PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Town of Amherst NH Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Section 9.1 Meaning of Certain Words by adding the following definition:

Distribution Center: A facility, or part of a facility, where goods or products are stored on-site temporarily for the primary purpose of shipping and/or delivery to a consumer. Such facilities may include automated systems, office space, and a pick and pack area to be used by employees for sorting and packaging goods and products for shipping and/or delivery from available on-site inventory. Distribution Center includes fulfillment by third parties for the above stated purposes. Distribution Center excludes shipping and/or delivery to retailers and businesses (business to business and wholesalers). Distribution Center is not defined as Warehouse, as defined in Section 9.1. Distribution Center is not defined as a Retail use that may have an accessory Delivery component.

YES ◯
NO ◯

Pursuant to RSA 675:4, III, the Amherst Planning Board states its recommendation: that it **is in favor** of the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed (3-1-0).

Article 51 - PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Town of Amherst NH Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section 4.9 Industrial Zone, A. PERMITTED USES by including the following replacement use:

6. Warehouses, Distribution Centers no greater than 200,000 square feet, service industries and parcel delivery.

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 (3-2-0).

Article 52 - PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Town of Amherst NH Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 3.11 Scenic Setbacks and Minimum Lot Frontage on Scenic Roads.

A. PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to preserve and enhance the rural, open character of the Town as viewed from the main roads leading through the Town and scenic roads within the Town and to prevent unsightly development along these routes. ***This purpose can be complemented by encouraging natural vegetation and wildlife habitats in the setback to increase the rural experience of viewing beautiful natural surroundings while traveling on scenic roads and Town roads with scenic setbacks. Further preservation of rural character and open space can be accomplished through establishment of scenic road minimum lot frontage requirements which additionally benefits highly rated wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors on scenic roads in Amherst. (3-14-23)***

B. REGULATIONS. To accomplish the purpose of this section, a setback requirement for all structures of one hundred (100) feet from the highway right-of-way is established on the following roads, and said setbacks shall apply notwithstanding any other setback requirements which may be applicable as a result of other zone regulations: (3-2-76, 3-14-23)

RSA 231:158 states that as part of a scenic road designation or as an amendment to such a designation adopted in the same manner, a town may impose provisions with respect to such a road which are different from or in addition to those set forth in this section. Relative to RSA 231:158 this additional provision encourages best practices for preservation of existing trees, natural vegetation, and stone walls along scenic roads.

Each new lot on a scenic road shall have a minimum frontage of three hundred (300) feet on a publicly maintained road, unless frontage has been approved and recorded as a reduced frontage lot. Corner lots on scenic roads shall have the minimum required frontage on each side of the lot that abuts a street or road.

Lots created on or after the effective date of approval of this section (3-14-23) shall comply with its provisions. (3-14-23)

YES ◯
NO ◯

Pursuant to RSA 675:4, III, the Amherst Planning Board states its recommendation: that it **is in favor** of the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed (3-2-0).

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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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.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than TWO

- TERRI BEHM ◯
- MARK CHENEY ◯
- GREG FRITZ ◯
- SHANNON GASCOYNE ◯
- MOZAMMEL HUSAINY ◯
- ◯
- (Write-in) ◯
- (Write-in)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than ONE

- MARK VINCENT ◯
- ELLEN GRUDZIEN ◯
- ◯
- (Write-in)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than ONE

- TONY ORTIZ ◯
- ◯
- (Write-in)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than ONE

- MARGARET BENNETT ◯
- ◯
- (Write-in)

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ARTICLES

Article 12

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty four million two hundred and fifty thousand one hundred seventy nine dollars **($54,250,179)** (gross budget) to finance the major addition, reconstruction and renovation project for the Clark /Wilkins Elementary School, located at 14 Foundry Street, Amherst, NH and 80 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH and to authorize the issuance of not more than **$54,250,179** 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 fifty six thousand two hundred fifty five dollars **($1,356,255)** for the first year's interest payment on the bond. **3/5 ballot vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Not Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (1-6)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: $0.57 per thousand.

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 two million three hundred ninety nine thousand four hundred eighty six dollars **($32,399,486)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty one million nine hundred ninety six thousand six hundred thirty three dollars **($31,996,633)** 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)
Not Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (0-7)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: $0.37 per thousand.
Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: $0.20 per thousand.

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

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Article 14

Shall the Amherst School District approve all cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Amherst School Board and Amherst Education Association (AEA) which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	$691,834
2025	$648,309
2026	$640,399

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $691,834 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? **Majority vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Not Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (3-4)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: $0.29 per thousand.

Article 15

Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only? **Majority vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (4-3)

Article 16

Shall the Amherst School District approve all cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Amherst School Board and the Amherst Support Staff Association (ASSA) which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	$108,214
2025	$ 68,769
2026	$ 68,879

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $108,214 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? **Majority vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (7-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: $0.05 per thousand.

Article 17.

Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 16 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 16 cost items only? **Majority vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Not Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (2-5)

Article 18.

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to six hundred and five thousand dollars ($605,000) to be added to the Amherst School District Capital Facilities Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund for repairing, maintaining, and improving capital facilities, previously established in March 2003? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 year-end unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2023. 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 Committee (7-0)

Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: $0.00 per thousand.
Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -$0.26 per thousand.

Article 19.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 100% (one hundred percent)? **3/5 Majority vote required.**

YES ◯
NO ◯

Not Recommended by the Amherst School Board (0-4)
Not Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (1-5)

SAMPLE

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

for 3 Years — Vote for NOT MORE THAN TWO

- CHRISTINE PETERS
- STEPHANIE GRUND
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

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 million three hundred sixty eight thousand six hundred ninety one dollars **($20,368,691)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be nineteen million nine hundred thirty two thousand three hundred fifty one dollars **($19,932,351)**, 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.**

Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0)
Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0)

YES
NO

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: $0.37 per thousand for Amherst and $0.22 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: $0.22 per thousand for Amherst and $0.01 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

***NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.**

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SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3.
Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to two hundred twenty thousand dollars ($220,000) to be added to the Souhegan School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2005? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

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: -$0.08 per thousand for Amherst and -$0.10 per thousand for Mont Vernon.

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 4.
Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy thousand dollars ($70,000.00) to be added to the Souhegan Recreation Revolving Fund previously established in March 2016? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

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.

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 5.
Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District establish a Technology Fund Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchasing, updating, maintaining, and replacing technology infrastructure and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Souhegan Cooperative School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required**.

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.

YES ◯
NO ◯

Article 6.
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 100% (one hundred percent)? **3/5 Majority vote required.**

Not Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (0-7)
Not Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (0-5)

YES ◯
NO ◯

SAMPLE

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