

Town Meeting Warrant

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

September 28, 2019

To Westley R. Ellington resident of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hancock.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Amherst, Maine, in the said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Amherst Town Hall, in said town, on Saturday, the 28th day of September, A.D. 2019, at 1 o'clock p.m., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Counters: Crystal Shorey and Vanessa Ellington

Articles

1. **To Elect a moderator to preside over said meeting and fix the compensation of \$11.00 per hour.**
M&S \$11.00 per hour 17 Yes 0 No; M&S Stan Kosinski Nom ceased WB 2 Yes 0 Opp
2. **To elect a Town Clerk.**
M&S Jennifer Jelliff-Russell Nom ceased WB 7 Yes 0 Opp
3. **To Elect a Tax Collector for a term of 3 years.**
M&S Wanda Libbey Nom Ceased WB 3 Yes 0 Opp
4. **To elect a Town Treasurer.**
M&S Karen Bridges Nom ceased WB 3 Yes 0 Opp
5. **To elect a First Selectmen for 3 Years.**
M&S Wes Ellington Nom ceased WB 5 Yes 0 Opp
6. **To elect two School Committee Representatives for 3 years.**
M&S Louise Commeau Nom ceased WB 17 Yes 0 Opp
M&S Brian Athorp Nom ceased WB 18 Yes 0 Opp
7. **Article 7 stricken due to redundancy (To elect two School Trustee Members to serve 3 years).**
8. **To elect two Planning and Zoning Board members to serve 3 years.**
M&S Brian Athorp Nom ceased WB 18 Yes 0 Opp
M&S Stan Kosinski Nom ceased WB 17 Yes 0 Opp
9. **To elect one Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve 3 years.**
M&S David Butterfield Nom ceased WB 16 Yes 0 Opp
10. **To elect a Fire Warden.**
M&S Crystal Shorey Nom ceased WB 17 Yes 0 Opp
11. **To elect a Sexton.**
M&S Frank Chicks Nom ceased WB 18 Yes 0 Opp
12. **To elect an Animal Control Officer.**

- M&S Phil Deckers Nom ceased WB 17 Yes 0 Opp
13. **To fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at \$350 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. (2019: \$350) Recommend \$350**
M&S \$350 16 Yes 0 Opp
14. **To fix the compensation for the Tax Collector at 3% of the tax collected for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: 3% of tax collected) Recommend 3% of tax collected
M&S 3% of tax collected 18 Yes 0 Opp
15. **To fix the interest on past due property taxes at 7% which is the State Maximum.**
(2019: 7% State Maximum) Recommend State Maximum
M&S State Maximum 17 Yes 0 Opp
16. **To fix the compensation of the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: 2,000) Recommend \$2,000
M&S Recommended as written 17 Yes 0 Opp
17. **To fix the compensation of the Selectboard at \$4,000 for the First Selectman, \$2,000 for the Second Selectman, and \$2,000 for the Third Selectman (totaling \$8,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: \$4,000/\$2,000/\$2,000 for total of \$8,000) Recommend \$4,000/\$2,000/\$2,000 for total of \$8,000
M&S Recommended as Written 18 Yes 0 Opp
18. **To fix the compensation of the School Committee at \$15 per meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: \$15 per meeting) Recommended
M&S Recommended as Written 16 Yes 0 Opp
19. **To fix the compensation of the Planning Board at \$250 for the Chair and \$15 per meeting attended for members during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019**
(2019: \$250 Chair/\$15 per meeting attended) Recommended
M&S Recommended as Written 16 Yes 0 Opp
20. **To fix the compensation of the Planning Board of Appeals at \$15 per meeting attended for members during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: \$15 per meeting attended) Recommended
M&S Recommended as Written 16 Yes 0 Opp
21. **To fix the compensation of the Fire Warden at \$150 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: \$150) Recommend \$150
M&S Recommended as Written 16 Yes 0 Opp
22. **To fix the compensation of the Animal Control Officer at \$250 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
(2019: \$250) Recommend \$250
M&S Recommended as Written 15 Yes 0 Opp
23. **To see what sum the Town will raise for compensation for Town Officials.**
(2019: \$26,700) Recommend \$26,700
M&S Recommended as Written 14 Yes 0 Opp
24. **To vote on the sum the Town will raise for the Town's required share of the Municipal Official's Social Security and Medicare Payments.**
(2019: \$2,300) Recommend \$2,300
M&S Recommended as Written 15 Yes 0 Opp

25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overly the amount of \$800.00 Tax abatements granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
(2019: \$800.00) Recommend \$800.00
M&S Recommended as Written 14 Yes 0 Opp
26. To vote on the sum the Town will raise for the maintenance and repair of Town highways and bridges.
(2019: \$2,500) Recommend \$2,500
M&S Recommended as Written 15 Yes 0 Opp
27. To vote on the sum the Town will raise for Cemeteries.
(2019: \$2,000) Recommend \$2,000
M&S Recommended as Written 14 Yes 0 Opp
28. To see what sum the Town will authorize to appropriate from surplus for General Assistance.
(2019: \$500) Recommend \$500
M&S Recommended as Written 12 Yes 0 Opp
29. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for snow removal.
(2019: \$25,500) Recommend \$25,500
M&S Recommended as Written 12 Yes 0 Opp
30. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for trash removal.
(2019: \$37,800 total) Recommend raising \$33,800 and allocating \$4,000 from Municipal Surplus for a total of \$37,800
M&S Recommended as Written 13 Yes 0 Opp
31. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to pay for Town Charges.
(2019: \$20,800) Recommend raising \$19,800 and allocating \$1,000 from Municipal Surplus for a total of \$20,800)
M&S Recommended as Written 16 Yes 0 Opp
32. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the upkeep of the Town Hall.
(2019: \$2,500) Recommend \$2,500
M&S Recommended as Written 15 Yes 0 Opp
33. To vote on the sum the Town will raise to join the Maine Municipal Association and raise dues for the same.
(2019: \$2,300) Recommend \$2,300
M&S Recommended as Written 14 Yes 0 Opp
34. To see if the Town will raise \$10,364.31 to pay the County Tax.
(2019: \$10,364.31)
M&S Recommended as Written 15 Yes 0 Opp
35. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Fire Protection.
(2019: \$15,728) Recommend \$15,728
M&S Recommended as Written 13 Yes 0 Opp
36. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$269,751.34 to pay for the School Appropriation.
(2019: \$269,751.34)
M&S Recommended as Written 13 Yes 0 Opp
37. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Charitable Donations.
- a. Ellsworth Public Library
(2019: \$135) \$165 Requested
M&S \$135 11 Yes 0 Opp
 - b. Community Health and Counseling Services
(2019: \$100) \$100 Requested

- M&S \$100 8 Yes 0 Opp
- c. **Lifeflight Foundation**
(2019: \$265) \$265 Requested
M&S \$265 8 Yes 0 Opp
- d. **American Red Cross**
(2019: \$100) \$375 Requested
M&S \$100 10 Yes 0 Opp
- e. **Eastern Area Agency on Aging**
(2019: \$100) \$552 Requested
M&S \$100 13 Yes 0 Opp
- f. **Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County**
(2019: \$250) \$500 Requested
M&S \$250 10 Yes 0 Opp
- g. **The Emmaus Homeless Shelter**
(2019: \$50) \$300 Requested
M&S \$50 9 Yes 0 Opp
- h. **Downeast Community Partners**
(2019: \$0) \$1,320 Requested
M&S to not fund 10 Yes 0 Opp
- i. **Yesterday's Children**
(2019: \$100) \$300 Requested
M&S \$100 12 Yes 0 Opp
- j. **Families First Community Center**
(2019: \$0) \$1,000 Requested
M&S to not fund 13 Yes 0 Opp
- k. **Open Door Recovery Center**
(2019: \$0) \$1,000
M&S to not fund 12 Yes 0 Opp
- i. **Airline Riders Snowmobile Club**
(2019: \$0) Open Request
M&S to not fund 13 Yes 0 Opp
38. **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectman to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$3,000 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**
M&S Recommended as Written 13 Yes 0 Opp
39. **To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts.**
M&S Recommended as Written 13 Yes 0 Opp
40. **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2021 budget in fiscal year 2021 prior to the Town Meeting.**
M&S Recommended as Written 10 Yes 0 Opp
41. **To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Amherst by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.**
M&S Recommended as Written 11 Yes 0 Opp

42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner which the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest of the town while also complying with practices prescribed by existing law.

M&S Recommended as Written 14 Yes 0 Opp

43. To see if the Town agrees with the request made by the surrounding land owner to change the name of Dutton Pond to Beshere's Pond.

M&S Not to change the name to Beshere's Pond 18 Yes 0 Opp

44. To vote to adjourn.

M&S to adjourn 10 Yes 0 Opp

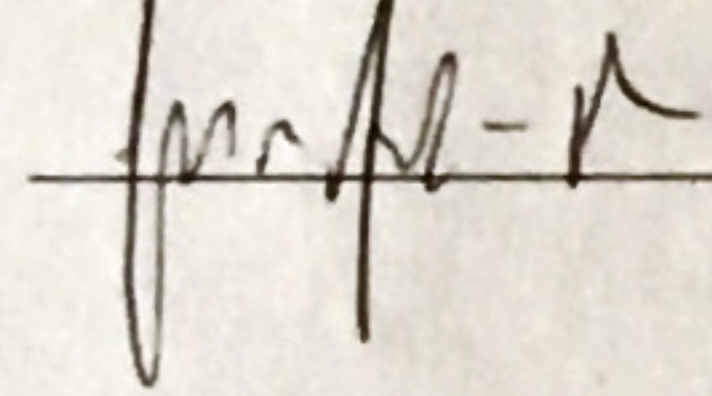
Given under our hands this 29th day of September, A.D. 2018

Selectmen of Amherst

Phil Deckers, Greg Palman, Wes Ellington

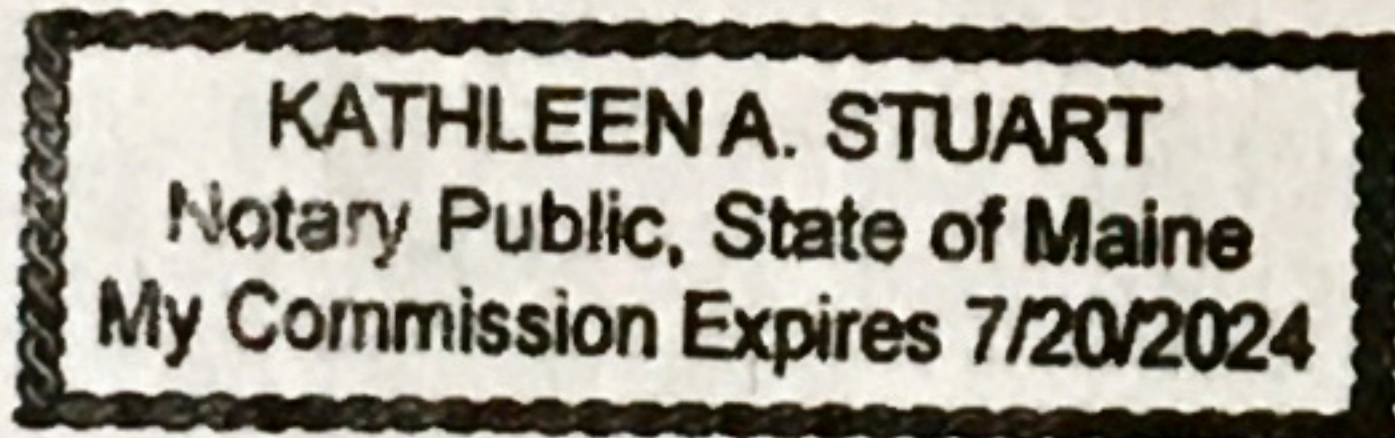
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require any kind of assistance to fully participate in this meeting, please notify the Board of Selectmen at 207-584-5725, or P.O. Box 40, Aurora, ME 04408.

Jennifer Jelliff-Russell, Town Clerk



Date

10-9-19



Kathleen A. Stuart

