

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 30th day of September, A.S. 2023, at 10 o'clock a.m., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Articles

1. To elect a moderator to preside over said meeting and fix the compensation of \$20.00 per hour.

Ron Storage Elected (3 For - 0 Against)

2. To elect a Town clerk to serve for a term of one year. (Term Expires: Mallory Wells)

Lorna Spearin Elected (11 For - 0 Against)

3. To elect a Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one year. (Term Expires: Karen Bridges)

Karen Bridges Elected (12 For - 0 Against)

4. To elect a Town Tax Collector to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Deanne Deckers)

Deanne Deckers Elected (13 For - 0 Against)

5. To elect a Third Selectman to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Crystal Butterfield)

Crystal Butterfield Elected (5 For - 0 Against)

6. To elect a School Board Member to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Matt Smith)

Matt Smith Elected (3 For - 0 Against)

7. To elect a School Trustee Member to serve for a term of one year. (Vacant)

Anthony Bellantony Elected (10 For - 0 Against)

8. To elect one Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve a term of three years. (Vacant)

Anthony Bellantony Elected (12 For - 0 Against)

9. To elect a Fire Warden to serve a term of one year. (Term Expires: Crystal Butterfield)

Crystal Butterfield Elected (14 For - 0 Against)

10. To elect a Sexton to serve a term of one year. (Term Expires: Frank Chick)

Frank Chick Elected (14 For - 0 Against)

11. To elect an Animal Control Officer to serve a term of one year. (Term Expiring: Phil Deckers)

Phil Deckers Elected (16 For - 0 Against)

12. To fix the compensation of the Town Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (16 For - 0 Against)

13. To fix the compensation for the Tax Collector for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (11 For - 0 Against)

14. To fix the compensation of the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

15. To fix the compensation of Selectboard for the fiscal year Beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

16. To fix the compensation of the School Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

17. To fix compensation for the Planning Board for the Chair for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

18. To fix compensation for the Planning Board of Appeals for members during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (11 For - 0 Against)

19. To fix the compensation of the Fire Warden for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

20. To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (11 For - 0 Against)

21. To see what sum the Town will raise for compensation of Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

22. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the Town's required share of Municipal Officials Social Security and Medicare payments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (10 For - 0 Against)

23. To vote on what sum the Town will appropriate from overlay for tax abatements granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (14 For - 0 Against)

24. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the maintenance and repair of Town highways and bridges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

25. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Cemeteries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (15 For - 0 Against)

26. To see what sum the Town will authorize to appropriate from surplus for General Assistance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (15 For - 0 Against)

27. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for snow removal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

28. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for trash removal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (15 For - 0 Against)

29. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Town Charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

30. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the upkeep of the Town Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

31. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to join the Maine Municipal Assoc. and raise dues for the same.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

32. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to pay the County Tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (8 For - 0 Against)

33. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Emergency Medical and Fire Response for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (14 For - 0 Against)

34. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$274,379.66 to pay for the School Appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (11 For - 0 Against)

35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

36. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectboard/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts.

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2025 budget in fiscal year 2025 prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Passed as Written (11 For - 0 Against)

38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend \$13,587.40 of remaining ARPA money on unexpected costs and expenses due to Covid related increases and needs during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Passed as Written (15 For - 0 Against)

39. To fix interest on past due property taxes at 8% which is the State Maximum.

Passed as Written (12 For - 0 Against)

40. 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.

Passed as Written (14 For - 0 Against)

41. 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.

Passed as Written (14 For - 0 Against)

42. To see if the Town will vote to approve an addition to the “Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Municipality of Amherst” which reads as follows. This addition is to comply with 2021 State Legislation.

“An applicant for a permit for development within the shoreland zone must provide to the municipal permitting authority pre construction photographs and, no later than 20 days after completion of the development, post construction photographs of the shoreline vegetation and development site. See 38 M.R.S. § 439-A(10).

Passed as Written (13 For - 0 Against)

43. To see if the Town will vote to open the floor to the participants of this meeting to discuss new town business.

Passed as Written (10 For - 0 Against)

44. To vote to adjourn.

Passed as Written (17 For - 0 Against)

Given under our hands this 30th day of September, A.D. 2023

***Selectmen of Amherst
Wes Ellington, Philip Deckers, Crystal Butterfield***

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