

Results of Annual Town Meeting

from Saturday
September 28, 2024
10:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Amherst Town Hall
Airline Rd. Amherst Maine

Articles

1. To elect a moderator to preside over said meeting and fix the compensation of \$20.00 per hour.
Ron Storace @ \$20.00/Hour received 5 votes (Unopposed)
2. To elect a Town clerk to serve for a term of one year.
Lorna Spearin received 8 votes (Unopposed)
3. To elect a Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.
Karen Bridges received 5 votes (Unopposed)
4. To elect a Second Selectman to serve for a term of three years.
Phil Deckers received 7 votes (Unopposed)
5. To elect a School Trustee Member to serve for a term of three years.
Louise Comeau received 14 votes (Unopposed)
6. To elect a School Trustee Member to serve for a term of three years.
Anthony Bellantony received 14 votes (Unopposed)
7. To elect a Planning and Zoning Member to serve a term of three years.
Ralph Jordan received 14 votes (Unopposed)
8. To elect a Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve a term of three years.
George Comeau received 12 votes (Unopposed)

9. To elect a Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve a term of three years.
Dennis Goudreau received 15 votes (Unopposed)
10. To elect a Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve a term of three years.
Malcolm Hunter received 15 votes (Unopposed)
11. To elect a Fire Warden to serve a term of one year.
Crystal Butterfield received 15 votes (Unopposed)
12. To elect a Sexton to serve a term of one year.
Frank Chick received 16 votes (Unopposed)
13. To elect an Animal Control Officer to serve a term of one year.
Phil Deckers received 16 votes (Unopposed)
14. To fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at \$750.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
15. To fix the compensation for the Tax Collector at \$9,000.00 plus Agent Fees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
16. To fix the compensation of the Town Treasurer at \$2,600.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
17. To fix the compensation of Selectboard at \$2,650.00 for the First Selectman, \$2,650.00 for the Second Selectman, and \$2,650.00 for the Third Selectman (totalling \$7,950.00) for the fiscal year Beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
18. To fix the compensation of the School Committee at \$25.00 per meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 17-0
19. To fix compensation for the Planning Board at \$350.00 for the Chair and \$25.00 per meeting attended for members for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
20. To fix compensation for the Planning Board of Appeals at \$25.00 per meeting attended for members during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
21. To fix the compensation of the Fire Warden \$250.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
22. To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer at \$500.00 plus mileage for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0

23. To see what sum the Town will raise for compensation of Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
24. 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, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
25. To vote on what sum the Town will appropriate from overlay for tax abatements granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
26. 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, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
27. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Cemeteries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
28. To see what sum the Town will authorize to appropriate from surplus for General Assistance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
29. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for snow removal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
30. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for trash removal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
31. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Town Charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
32. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the upkeep of the Town Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
33. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to join the Maine Municipal Assoc. and raise dues for the same.
Passed As Written: 16-0
34. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to pay the County Tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0

35. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Emergency Medical and Fire Response for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 16-0
36. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$272,986.35 to pay for the School Appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.
Passed As Written: 14-0
37. 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, 2024.
Passed As Written: 15-0
38. 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: 16-0
39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2026 budget in fiscal year 2025 prior to the Annual Town Meeting.
Passed As Written: 15-0
40. To fix interest on past due property taxes at 8.5% which is the State Maximum.
Passed As Written: 16-0
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.
Passed As Written: 14-0
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.
Passed As Written: 14-0
43. To see if the Town will vote to open the floor to the participants of this meeting to discuss new town business.
Vote to Open the Floor for Discussion Passed: 17-0
Open Discussion:
- **Bruce and Karen Bender brought up the topic of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act and encouraged the town to draft and adopt an ordinance to the topic.**
44. To vote to adjourn.
Vote to Adjourn Passed: 17-0

Given under our hands this 28th day of September, A.D. 2024

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

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