

## Town Meeting Results

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY of HANCOCK

September 24, 2022

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.S. 2022, at 1 o'clock p.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 Storace @ \$20.00/HR received 3 votes (Elected Unopposed)
2. To elect a Town clerk to serve for a term of one year. (Term Expires: Liz McKinney)
  - Mallory Wells received 4 votes (Elected Unopposed)
3. To elect a Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one year. (Term Expires: Karen Bridges)
  - Karen Bridges received 7 votes (Elected Unopposed)
4. To elect a First Selectman to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Wes Ellington)
  - Wes Ellington received 6 votes (Elected Unopposed)
5. To elect a School Board Member to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Louise Comeau - Retiring)
  - Thomas Deckers received 5 votes
  - Kristi Santo received 8 votes (Elected)
6. To elect a School Board Member to serve for a term of three years. (Term Expires: Brian Athorp - Retired)
  - Phil Wells received 4 votes
  - Thomas Deckers received 9 votes (Elected)
7. To elect a School Trustee Member to serve for a term of year. (Vacant)
  - Angela Smith received 4 votes (Elected Unopposed)
8. To elect a Planning and Zoning Board Member to serve a term of three years. (Term Expires: Brian Athorp)
  - Brain Athorp received 5 votes (Elected Unopposed)
9. To elect a Planning and Zoning Board Member to serve a term of three years. (Term Expires: Stan Kosinski)
  - Ron Storace received 5 votes (Elected Unopposed)
10. To elect a Planning and Zoning Board Member to serve a term of three years. (Term Expires: Jason Russel)
  - Jason Russel received 6 votes (Elected Unopposed)

11. To elect one Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve a term of three years. (Terms Expires: David Butterfield)
  - David Butterfield received 8 votes (Elected Unopposed)
12. To elect a Fire Warden to serve a term of one year. (Term Expires: Crystal Butterfield)
  - Crystal Butterfield received 11 votes (Elected Unopposed)
13. To elect a Sexton to serve a term of one year. (Term Expires: Frank Chick)
  - Frank Chick received 6 votes (Elected Unopposed)
14. To elect an Animal Control Officer to serve a term of one year. (Term Expiring: Phil Deckers)
  - Phil Deckers received 8 votes (Elected Unopposed)
15. To fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at \$750.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 21-0
16. To fix the compensation for the Tax Collector at \$9,000.00 plus Agent Fees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 18-0
17. To fix the compensation of the Town Treasurer at \$2,600.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 19-0
18. 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, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 21-0
19. To fix the compensation of the School Committee at \$25.00 per meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 16-0
20. 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, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 17-0
21. To fix compensation for the Planning Board of Appeals at \$25.00 per meeting attended for members during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 16-0
22. To fix the compensation of the Fire Warden \$250.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 18-0
23. To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer at \$500.00 plus mileage for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 20-0
24. To see what sum the Town will raise for compensation of Town Officials.
  - The Sum of \$27,000 Passed 17-0
25. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the Town's required share of Municipal Officials Social Security and Medicare payments.
  - The Sum of \$2,065 Passed 15-0
26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay the amount of \$800.00 Tax abatements granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 15-0
27. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the maintenance and repair of Town highways and bridges.
  - The Sum of \$7,500 Passed 17-0

28. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Cemeteries.
  - The Sum of \$2,000 Passed 17-0
29. To see what sum the Town will authorize to appropriate from surplus for General Assistance.
  - The Sum of \$500 Passed 14-0
30. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for snow removal.
  - The Sum of \$30,000 Passed 20-0
31. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for trash removal.
  - The Sum of \$45,360 Passed 16-0
32. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Town Charges.
  - The Sum of \$16,412.60 Passed 15-0
33. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the upkeep of the Town Hall.
  - The Sum of \$2,500 Passed 16-0
34. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to join the Maine Municipal Assoc. and raise dues for the same.
  - The Sum of \$2,300 Passed 13-0
35. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to pay the County Tax.
  - The Sum of \$14,400 Passed 14-0
36. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Fire Protection.
  - The Sum of 16,536 Passed 17-0
37. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$247,025.16 to pay for the School Appropriation.
  - The Sum of \$247,025.16 Passed 16-1
38. 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, 2022.
  - Passed as Written 17-0
39. 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 17-0
40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2024 budget in fiscal year 2024 prior to the Annual Town Meeting.
  - Passed as Written 18-0
41. To fix interest on past due property taxes at 4% which is the State Maximum.
  - Passed as Written 17-0
42. 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 17-0
43. 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 17-0
44. To vote to adjourn.
  - Passed as Written 13-0

*Given under our hands this 24th day of September, A.D. 2022*

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

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.