

## Town Meeting Warrant

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY of HANCOCK

September 10, 2010

To Dennis E. Honey, Jr. 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.S. 2010, at 1 o'clock p.m., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: [Ballot Counters – Pamela Mace and Marilyn Peterson](#)

#### Articles

1. To fix compensation and to choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.  
(2010: \$10.00 per hour) Recommend \$10.00 per hour.  
[M&S \\$10.00 per hour Unan. Nominations: Lou Tonerio M&S Lou Tonerio](#)  
[13 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
2. To fix compensation of the Town Clerk.  
(2010: \$350)  
[M&S \\$350.00 12 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
3. To elect a Town clerk.  
[M&S Cheryl A. Tonerio Unan. town person cast 1 vote](#)
4. To fix compensation for the Tax Collector  
(2010: 3% of tax collected) Recommend 3% of tax collected  
[M&S as 3% 13 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
5. To fix interest on past due property taxes  
(2010 8% State Maximum) Recommend State Maximum  
[M&S 8% 12 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
6. To fix compensation of the Selectmen.  
(2010: \$4500/\$1750/\$1750) Recommend \$4500/\$1750/\$1750  
[M&S as recommended 11 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
7. To elect a First Selectman for three years.  
(Term expires: Denny Honey)  
[M&S Dennis Honey M&S for Town Clerk to cast 1 yes vote unan.](#)
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2011 budget in fiscal year 2012 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)  
[M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed](#)
9. To fix compensation of the School Committee.  
(2010: \$15 per meeting) [M&S \\$15.00 per Mtg. 13 Yes 0 Oppose](#)

10. To elect one School Committee Member, to serve 3 years.  
(Term Expires: Floyd Lawrence)  
M&S for Selectmen to Appt to fill as no nominations 13 Yes 0 Opposed
11. To elect one School Trustee Member to serve three years.  
(Term Expires: Ted Knadler)  
M&S Pam Mace 11 Yes 0 Opposed  
M&S on striking above ( Pam on School Trustee) M&S Greg Palman  
13 Yes 0 Opposed
12. To elect one Planning and Zoning Board Member to serve three years.  
(Term Expires: Mike Pomeroy)  
M&S Mike Pomroy 13 Yes 0 Opposed
13. To elect one Zoning Board of Appeals Member to serve three years.  
(Term Expires: Sandy Jordan)  
M&S Bret Achorn 12 Yes 0 Opposed
14. To elect a Town Tax Collector for 3 years.  
(Term Expires: Pam Mace)  
M&S Pam Mace M&S Town Clerk cast 1 Yes vote
15. To fix compensation of the Town Treasurer.  
(2010: \$2,000) Recommend \$2,000  
M&S as recommended 11 Yes 0 Opposed
16. To fix compensation of the Fire Warden.  
(2010: \$150) Recommend \$150  
M&S as recommended 11 Yes 0 Opposed
17. To elect a Fire Warden.  
M&S Walter Jordan 14 Yes 0 Opposed
18. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Cemeteries.  
(2010: \$2,000) Recommend \$2,000  
M&S to take article out of order and go to Article 42 10 Yes 0 Opposed  
Above article – M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed
19. To elect a Sexton.  
Nominations M&S Ed Foster M&S Bob Boran Nominations cease  
Ed Foster 13 Bob Boran 2 2 not eligible Ed Foster Elected
20. To fix compensation for the Planning Board.  
(2010: Chair \$250, Members \$15 per meeting attended) Recommend Chair  
\$250 and Members \$15 per meeting attended.  
M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed
21. To fix compensation for the Planning Board of Appeals.  
(2010: \$15 per meeting attended) Recommend \$15 per meeting attended  
M&S as recommended 11 Yes 0 Opposed
22. To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer.  
(2010 \$250 plus mileage) Recommend \$250 plus mileage  
M&S as recommended 14 Yes 0 Opposed
23. To elect an Animal Control Officer.  
M&S Phil Deckers 13 Yes 0 Opposed
24. To see of the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay the amount of  
\$800.00

tax abatements granted during the fiscal year 2011. (Recommended)

**M&S Article 24 as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen 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 2011 Recommended

**M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

26. To vote on what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the maintenance and repair of Town highway and bridges.

(2010: \$6,700) Recommend \$2,500 Denny – Still money in account

**M&S to raise \$2,500 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

27. To see what sum the Town will raise for compensation of Town Officials.

(2010: \$21,500) Recommend \$21,500

**M&S as recommended 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

28. To see what sum the Town will authorize to appropriate from surplus for General Assistance. (2010: 0) Recommend 0

balance in Fund to cover coming year, \$2,000 in acct State Matched

**M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

29. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for snow removal.

(2010: \$25,500) Recommend \$24,000 Taxation \$1,500 Designated Fund

**M&S as recommended 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

30. To vote on what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for trash removal

and recycling. (2010: \$30,000 taxation) Recommend \$30,000 taxation

discussion on why not raising yet - due to rebates will have to increase at some point. **M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

31. To vote on what sum the Town will raise/appropriate for Town Charges.

(2010: \$18,000) Recommend \$18,000

**M&S to raise \$18,000 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

32. To vote on what sum the Town will raise/appropriate for the upkeep of the Town Hall. (2010: \$2,300 Surplus) Recommend \$2,300 Surplus

**M&S as recommended 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

33. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for the Town's required share of Municipal official's social security and Medicare payments.

(2010: \$2,300) Recommended \$2,300

**M&S as recommended 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

34. To vote on what sum the Town will raise to join the Maine Municipal Assoc. and raise dues for the same. (2010: \$1,250) Recommended \$1,250

**M&S as recommended 13 Yes 1 Opposed**

35. To see if the Town will raise \$9,377.03 to pay the County Tax (2010: \$9,051.13)

**M&S as written 13 Yes 0 Opposed**

36. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for Fire Protection.

(2010: \$10,000) \$10,000 Requested (Recommended \$10,000)

**M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

37. To see if the Town will appropriate from surplus the sum of \$2,200 to pay for

updated Officials Manuals and computer programs for the Town office.  
(Recommended) Discussion on programs and need of new manuals (some of towns manuals over 10 years old M&S as written 13 Yes 0 Opposed

38. 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.  
(Recommended)

M&S as written 13 Yes 0 Opposed

39. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$214,602 to pay for the School Appropriation. (2010: \$192,337)

M&S to raise \$214,602 9 Yes 0 Opposed

40. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the Airline Community Library. (\$100 requested) Bret Achorn – to ask for support from towns to help with Books etc. M&S requested 13 Yes 0 Opposed

41. To vote what sum the Town will raise for Eastern Area Agency on Aging (\$50 requested)

M&S as requested 12 Yes 0 Opposed

42. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the Ellsworth Public Library. (2010: \$240) \$306 Requested Motion to hear Speaker first before voting M&S question why extra amt Rep – 18 Card holders @ \$17 per card holder Increase over prev years of \$2.00 first time for an increase in over 10 years M&S as requested 12 Yes 0 Opposed

43. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the Downeast Aids Network. (2010: \$120) \$150 Requested

M&S as requested 12 Yes 0 Opposed

44. To vote what sum the Town will raise for Downeast Health Services WIC (2010: \$120) Requested \$120

M&S to raise \$120 13 Yes 0 Opposed

45. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the Community Health and Counseling Services. (2010: \$561) Requested \$270

M&S as requested 13 Yes 1 Opposed

46. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the Hospice of Hancock County (2010: \$200) \$200 Suggested

M&S as suggested 13 Yes 0 Opposed

47. To vote what sum the Town will raise for the support of the Grand Auditorium of Hancock County. (2010: 250) \$250 Requested

M&S as requested 12 Yes 0 Opposed

48. To vote on what sum the Town will raise for support of the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club. (State of Maine Snowmobile Registration Fees Requested) Requested by Frances Janusz purposed – for grooming trails etc.

M&S to make a donation of \$75.00 14 Yes 0 Opposed

49. 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. (Recommended)

**M&S as recommended 12 Yes 0 Opposed**

**50. To adjourn.**

**Discussion of Grant applied for didn't get working for next year condition of Road (Tannery Loop Rd) committee members needed**

**M&S to adjourn unan. 2:26 PM**

*Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2010*

*Selectmen of Amherst*

*Denny Honey, Philip Deckers, Greg Palman*

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