

# 2023 VOTER GUIDE



AMHERST, MASS.

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Town of Amherst's Biennial Election

# HOW TO VOTE

## Register

### REGISTER TO VOTE DEADLINE:

Friday, October 27th 5:00 p.m. in person, 11:59 p.m. online, or by mail postmarked 10/27

To check if you are already registered to vote in Amherst go to Check Registration Status Search on the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website\*

To register in person: Go to the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 4 Boltwood Ave.

To register online: Go to the Secretary of the Commonwealth Online Voter Registration System\*

To register by mail: Call (800) 463-VOTE or online\* to request mail-in registration form.

You can not vote if you are not registered to vote!

## Vote By Mail

### APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL DEADLINE:

Tuesday, October 31st

You must apply **every year** to vote by mail. You can apply by mail\*\* or online\*\*\*

### RETURN YOUR BALLOT DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 7th

- Drop it in the election drop box outside the Main Street entrance of Town Hall
- Hand deliver it to the Town Clerk's Office anytime Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Mail to Town Clerk, 4 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, MA 01002

Whatever method you use: Ballots must be received at the Town Clerk's Office by the close of polls.

## Vote in Person

VOTING DAY: Tuesday, November 7th. Polls are open 7:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.

If you are told you can not vote, first make sure you are at your correct voting location, second, you may request a provisional ballot. It will only be counted once the municipal election official determines your eligibility.

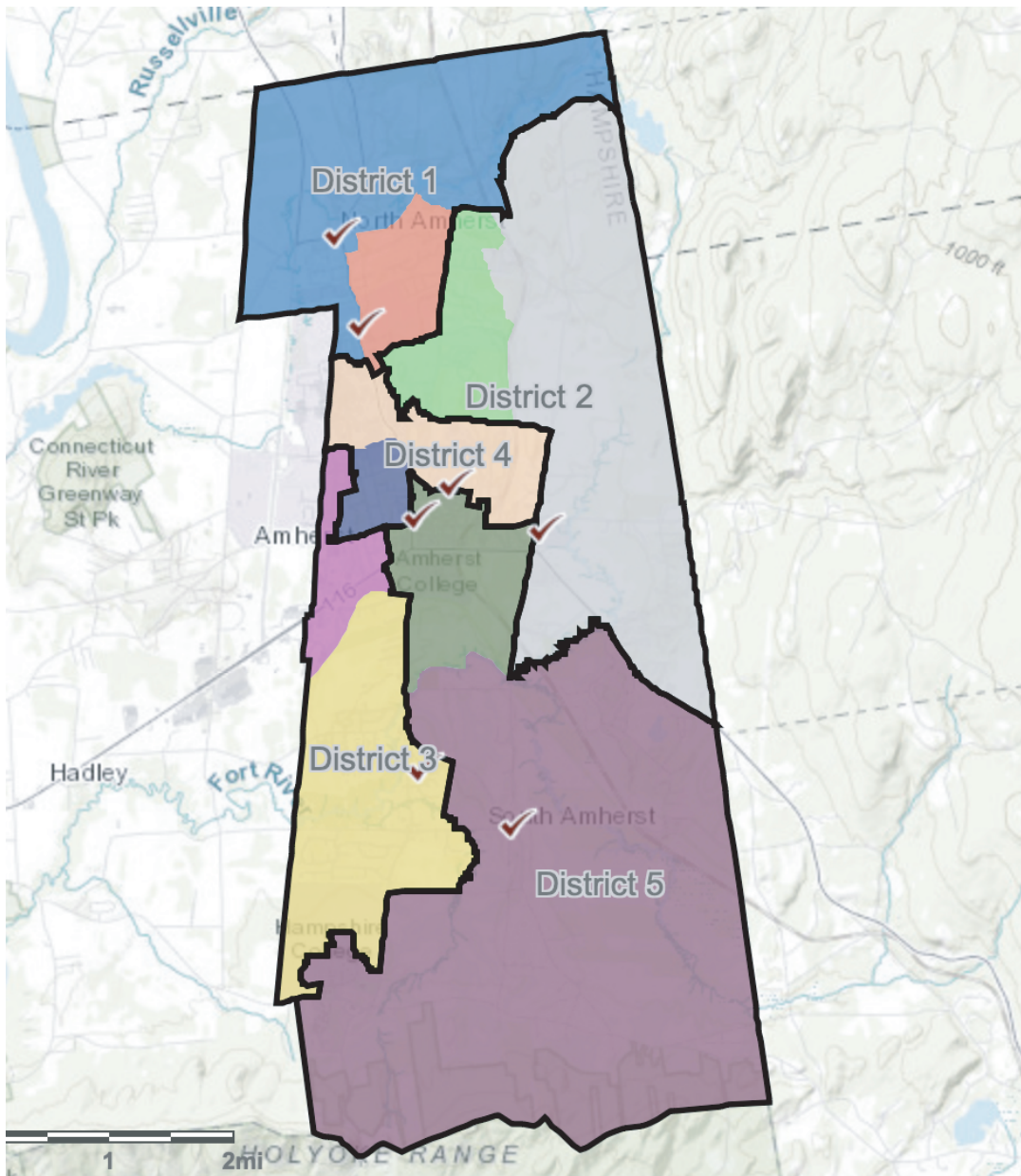
\* Massachusetts Online Voter Registration System: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

\*\* Vote by mail paper application:

<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/43617/2023-Vote-by-Mail-Application?bidId=>

\*\*\* Vote by mail online application: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/MailInRequestWeb/MailInBallot.aspx>

# WHERE TO VOTE



- District 1 Blue: Precinct 1-A; North Zion Korean Church, Church Hall, 1193 North Pleasant Street
- District 1 Orange: Precinct 1-B; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 867 North Pleasant Street
- District 2 Green: Precinct 2-A; Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street
- District 2 Grey: Precinct 2-B, Fort River School, 70 South East Street
- District 3 Purple: Precinct 3-A; Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street
- District 3 Yellow: Precinct 3-B; Crocker Farm School, 280 West Street
- District 4 Peach: Precinct 4-A; Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street
- District 4 Slate: Precinct 4-B; Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street
- District 5 Dark Green: Precinct 5-A; Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk
- District 5 Plum: Precinct 5-B; Munson Memorial Library, South Amherst Common, 1046 South East Street

# WHO'S RUNNING?

Candidate for Councilor-at-Large Vote for 3	As a Town Council member, what needs of the town do you hope to address?	What priorities will shape your vision regarding the future direction of the town's landscape, infrastructure, and character?
<p>Name: Jamie Danielle Daniels Address: 18 Salem Place Occupation: Social Worker/Psychotherapist Website: <a href="https://jamieforaunitedamherst.com/">https://jamieforaunitedamherst.com/</a></p>	<p>I will address the divide within our community, and help build a united Amherst that reflects our shared democratic values. Division hinders effective collaboration that prioritizes revenue enhancement, addresses deferred infrastructure, and formulates budgets reflecting diverse constituency input. Only through united effort can we identify and implement innovative policy solutions.</p>	<p>I believe in Amherst's potential to be a model for sustainable and inclusive growth. I will prioritize equity, increasing civic engagement, green energy solutions, affordable housing, and quality infrastructure. I'm committed to maintaining Amherst's unique qualities while supporting and enriching our diverse community, all while focusing on practical, effective solutions.</p>
<p>Name: Mandi Jo Hanneke Address: 26 Foxglove Lane Occupation: Mother Website: <a href="http://votehanneke.org">http://votehanneke.org</a></p>	<p>If re-elected, I will focus on moving the DPW and Fire Station projects forward, addressing our affordable and attainable housing crisis, reaching our climate action goals, and improving our roads and sidewalks.</p>	<p>The ideas that shape my vision include: focusing housing in areas that minimize impact on open space; creating dynamic, walkable, and attractive downtown and village centers; diversifying Amherst's housing stock; and providing amenities that residents want in a community, like playgrounds, recreation, and community centers and events.</p>
<p>Name: Matthew W. Holloway Address: 63 Maplewood Drive Occupation: Student Services Director Website: <a href="https://www.hollowayamherst.com/">https://www.hollowayamherst.com/</a></p>	<p>I see a bright future for Amherst, and believe that by working together, we can increase revenue growth, control spending, maintain excellent services, and ease the burden on our taxpayers. I hope to bring a focus on core municipal issues and a spirit of collegiality and collaboration.</p>	<p>My priority will be the long term best interests of the town, as shaped and defined by ongoing dialogue and engagement with residents. From our historic downtown to our beautiful landscape and our vibrant intellectual community, Amherst is and should remain a hub of education, culture, and civic engagement.</p>
<p>Name: Andrew J. Steinberg Address: 17 Hitching Post Road Occupation: retired Website: <a href="http://www.andyforamherst.org">http://www.andyforamherst.org</a></p>	<p>We need smart financial stewardship to support our long list of pressing needs in municipal services and infrastructure – all while meeting climate action goals, providing affordable housing, and achieving a balanced budget. With more than 20 years of financial leadership experience for Amherst, I understand how to enable these goals.</p>	<p>My most immediate priorities are the basics: Providing adequate roads, sidewalks, water and sewer services, and downtown parking. Development is also important for providing the revenue we need to fund our priorities – and it can be undertaken in a way that is consistent with our historic appearance and small-town scale.</p>
<p>Name: Elisha Walker Address: 35 Autumn Lane</p>	<p>As a Town Council member, my focus is to address the town's needs by promoting anti-racist</p>	<p>My vision for the town's future centers on creative, collaborative, community-based solutions. I will focus on</p>

<p>Occupation: Legal Program Manager  Website:  <a href="https://www.ellishaforamherst.com/">https://www.ellishaforamherst.com/</a></p>	<p>communication, resource allocation, and community engagement. I aim to boost town revenue through innovative solutions, shift to a community-centered budget model, expand housing assistance, and prioritize climate change mitigation in alignment with our CAARP plan.</p>	<p>enhancing education, infrastructure, safety, diversity, housing, and addressing climate change to shape a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable town landscape, infrastructure, and character.</p>
<p><b>Candidate for District 1 Councilor - Vote for 2</b></p>		
<p>Name: Cathy Schoen  Address: 519 Montague Road.  Occupation: Economist, Town Councilor  Website: <a href="http://cathyschoen.org">http://cathyschoen.org</a></p>	<p>Shepherd the new elementary school from design to completion, invest in roads/sidewalk repairs, and prioritize spending on pressing needs to be fiscally accountable to taxpayers. This includes supporting strong schools, addressing climate change, and securing federal, state, and college/University support of Amherst needs, including deteriorating buildings.</p>	<p>Ensure that development enhances our downtown, village centers and neighborhoods while protecting open space, farmlands, and our climate. Identify thoughtful ways to expand affordable housing, with regional action and state support. Advocate for neighborhood concerns, roads, sidewalks, safer intersections, lower speed limits, and ways to enhance our North Amherst community.</p>
<p>Name: Ndifreke Ette  Address: 125 Montague Road  Occupation: DEI Director  Website:  <a href="https://www.drfrekeforamherst.org/">https://www.drfrekeforamherst.org/</a></p>	<p>Affordable housing: Amherst benefits when a broader mix of socio-economic classes reside here. Public infrastructure: Safe roads for drivers and pedestrians, safe public spaces. Political climate: Corrosive discourse hinders public participation, generating gridlock and limiting action. Outreach: Segments of the community remain excluded and feel unwelcome.</p>	<p>Diversity of viewpoints: Let's leverage the extensive knowledge base of the community.  Collaboration: We can work together to achieve pragmatic, balanced answers to the Amherst's concerns.  Responsibility: Politics thrives on passion, but regardless of the positions I hold, I am determined to speak words that unite, not divide.</p>
<p>Name: Vincent J. O'Connor  Address: 175 Summer St, #12  Occupation: Community Organizer  Website:</p>	<p><u>year-round residents</u> – affordable housing, K-12 education, family neighborhoods, vibrant small businesses; <u>revenue</u> - % of University's annual parking fees for municipal road repair, large unrestricted annual Amherst College contributions to each school district; <u>dorms</u> on campus, not downtown; <u>South Fire Station</u>, modernized/not extravagant, Public Works, Central Fire, Jones Library facilities.</p>	<p>road repair; meaningful Council opportunity to vote for school committee budgets not obstructed by manager's budget proposal; more functional and accessible Council committees (e.g., public works, public safety, housing and human services, climate/conservation and environment – keeping finance); modernized/not extravagant, Public Works, Central Fire, Jones Library facilities, plus South Fire Station</p>

Candidate for District 2 Councilor - Vote for 2		
<p>Name: Amber Cano-Martin  Address: 318 Grantwood Drive  Occupation: Labor educator  Website:  <a href="http://amberforamherst.org">http://amberforamherst.org</a></p>	<p>Creating open, inclusive participation in town government and 2 way communication with residents; language access for non-English speakers; guiding us on a just transition to clean energy and advancing our racial justice work; family friendly Amherst (affordable housing, safe roads and schools); and prioritizing our residents' needs through participatory budgeting.</p>	<p>Investment in roads, DPW, fire stations; a just transition off of fossil fuels and building climate resilience; a racial justice lens on all town policies; public schools that attract talent through excellent working conditions and living wages; schools where children are protected; and Amherst as a model of participatory democracy.</p>
<p>Name: Charlotte Allegra Clark  Address: 189 Cherry Lane  Occupation: Social worker  Website:  <a href="http://www.allegraforamherst.org">http://www.allegraforamherst.org</a></p>	<p>I hope that in addition to infrastructure and ongoing maintenance needs, I can work with the community to address racial and climate Justice through affordable housing, equitable safety services and youth-centered opportunities beyond school.</p>	<p>I believe all our projects and departments must consider things from both a racial and climate Justice lens. The recommendations of the CSWG inform the program priorities I would support to create a more inclusive, safe community. Additionally their process which centered the voices of the most marginalized would be important to replicate in future decision making.</p>
<p>Name: Patricia DeAngelis  Address: 21 Ward Street  Occupation: Town Councilor  Website:  <a href="http://patforamherst.org">http://patforamherst.org</a></p>	<p>More affordable housing opportunities; achieve climate action goals; pass Solar Bylaw to support new solar while protecting forests; Resident Oversight Board for greater trust in policing; Youth Empowerment Center; renovated Senior Center; investment in maintaining our roads and sidewalks; and invest in our firefighters and DPW workers.</p>	<p>My priority is to see Amherst become a community that is welcoming to all, with neighborhoods of mixed family size, socioeconomic status, age, racial/ethnic and LGBTQ+ identities. All of us living and working in energy efficient buildings with intact forest and green spaces and accessible transportation knitting the town together.</p>
<p>Name: Lynn Griesemer:  Address: 83 Flat Hills Roads  Occupation: Retired Higher Education Administrator  Website:  <a href="https://lynnfordistrict2.org/">https://lynnfordistrict2.org/</a></p>	<p>We must build a new DPW and Fire/EMS station, renovate the Senior Center, and repair/replace roads/ sidewalks. We need to pass a Solar Energy bylaw that protects our forests and farm lands. We must continue to forge a safer and more just community, including a police oversight board and CRESS.</p>	<p>My priorities reflect the Council's Goals for the Town Manager; Climate Action; Community Health and Safety; Economic Vitality; Housing Affordability; Major Capital Investments; Racial Equity and Social Justice; Ensuring the Town's strong financial health; maintaining our public assets; securing PILOT payments from our higher education institutions.</p>
Candidate for District 3 Councilor - Vote for 2		
<p>Name: Patrick Drumm  Address: 64 W Pomeroy Lane  Occupation: Project Manager  Website:</p>	<p>I feel that the town lacks a moderate voice on the council that can speak for for a large cross section of our population in my district. I also want to emphasize our capital projects and what we can do to actively work</p>	<p>I believe that we should focus on improving and increasing our sidewalks and bike lanes, maintenance of our natural town resources (parks/trails), maintenance of our town facilities, and keeping the small town charm that</p>

	towards starting on the needed repairs/builds in town. I'd also like to focus on tackling the housing issues in town (student rentals and affordable/moderate housing).	brought my family back to the area while still allowing for thoughtful growth.
Name: Heather Hala A. Lord Address: 700 Riverglade Drive, Apt. F Occupation: Director of Community Wellness Website: <a href="http://www.togetherwithhala.org">http://www.togetherwithhala.org</a>	Affordable Housing, Youth Enrichment, Climate Justice and these needs and everything else I do will be through a lens and commitment to equity (accessibility and inclusion)	The people and our community are what is amazing to me about Amherst, I believe that the landscape and infrastructure need to center the people. Looking to preserve the natural beauty of our trees, lakes, and fields, while also having homes and communities that are inclusive and affordable. Finding the balance between building/development for buildings versus building and development of our community and each other.
Name: George E. Ryan Address: 18 Dana Street Occupation: Retired (teacher) Website: <a href="https://hexaflexagon-lion-dwcx.squarespace.com">https://hexaflexagon-lion-dwcx.squarespace.com</a>	I want to focus on matters of immediate concern to District 3 residents including potholes, sidewalks, pedestrian and bike safety. I want to focus on senior issues as increasingly seniors age in place. And I want to look closely at the issue of housing affordability across income levels.	We must be fiscally responsible and live within our means. We must protect our open spaces and historical core but also encourage growth and vitality in the Downtown and Village Centers, generating badly needed housing and tax revenues. And we must pay close attention to our long term capital needs.
<b>Candidate for District 4 Councilor - Vote for 2</b>		
Name: Anika M. Lopes Address: 61 Chestnut Street Occupation: Milliner and Creative Consultant, President of the Ancestral Bridges Foundation Website: <a href="http://www.anika4amherst.com">http://www.anika4amherst.com</a>	I have deep roots in Amherst, where I grew up and attended school. After a career in New York, I returned to Amherst. I carry the aspirations of generations past, and I am dedicated to shaping a brighter future through collaborative projects that advance inclusion and address infrastructure issues.	I believe in meaningful community engagement and fostering intergenerational collaboration. I want to create a more walkable/rollable town where everyone can safely navigate our community. I support affordable housing, with focus on racial and economic justice. I aim to simplify the process for entrepreneurs, creating a thriving business environment.
Name: Dillon Maxfield Address: 290 N. Pleasant Street Occupation: Home-Improvement Sales Website:	As a Town Council member, my foremost goal is to address the critical infrastructure needs of our town. Firstly, I advocate for the construction of a new Department of Public Works (DPW) building and a modern Fire Station. These facilities are essential for the efficient functioning of our town's public services.	To shape our town's future, priority lies in revamping zoning regulations to allow diverse housing options, enhancing affordability, sustainability, and inclusivity. Engaging residents is crucial to align zoning codes with our vision. Neglecting this may strain infrastructure like roads and sewer, requiring careful planning for maintenance.

<p>Name: Pamela Rooney  Address: 42 Cottage Street  Occupation: Retired Planner  Website:</p>	<p>Housing achievable by working folks, village center housing opportunities with increased commercial activity; improved streets and sidewalks especially in/near town center and village centers; traffic safety zones; retention of housing for year-round residents and UMass \$\$ for rental inspection services.</p>	<p>Design guidelines needed before more zoning changes occur! Resolution of solar field placement guidelines; increasing state \$\$ for roads and sidewalks; Lighting that improves pedestrian/bike safety; adaptive reuse of historic structures when possible; Planning Board permits that require active public street space in new construction downtown.</p>
<p>Name: Jennifer Lynn Taub  Address: 259 Lincoln Avenue  Occupation: Retired Fundraising/Development Professional  Website:  <a href="http://jennifer4district4.org">http://jennifer4district4.org</a></p>	<p>Promote a sustainable balance between year-round and student residents, reversing the trend of a declining non-student population. Expand affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities, so people who work in Amherst can live in Amherst. Prioritize road and sidewalk repair, a new DPW and fire station, and youth and senior centers.</p>	<p>So much of Amherst's identity is our history. Honoring and preserving as much of it as we can is essential to remaining a destination. Even as the town grows, maintaining a unique sense of place and quality of life -- especially in downtown and campus adjacent neighborhoods -- is essential.</p>
<p><b>Candidate for District 5 Councilor - Vote for 2</b></p>		
<p>Name: Robert E. Hegner  Address: 27 Tanglewood Road  Occupation: Retired  Website:  <a href="https://www.bobhegner.com">https://www.bobhegner.com</a></p>	<p>Having served on the Finance Committee for 4 years, use my understanding of the fiscal challenges facing the Town to prioritize spending on projects that have the greatest benefit to Amherst's diverse population; develop a plan to address major infrastructure needs; promote affordable home ownership</p>	<p>Supporting growth that preserves the unique look and spirit of Amherst and does not burden residents; Ensuring schools provide educational opportunities for all children; Addressing roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure; Ensuring regular, accessible communication between residents and the Town Council</p>
<p>Name: Ana Devlin Gauthier  Address: 883 Bay Road  Occupation: Learning and Development  Website:  <a href="http://www.amherstana.com">http://www.amherstana.com</a></p>	<p>1. Climate action 2. Racial equity and justice 3. Town infrastructure. I have written and supported policies in these areas including to allow for transfer fees on non-owner occupied and luxury homes, to protect those seeking reproductive/gender-affirming care, and to bring building codes into alignment with our climate goals.</p>	<p>Amherst has shaped my priorities since I was an ARPS student. I show up prepared, engage with our community, and elevate voices of those who have been institutionally silenced. I will continue to serve with an independent and progressive voice, utilizing a climate and anti-racist lens to move Amherst forward.</p>



Candidate for School Committee Vote for 5	How can the school committee improve relations among staff, students, and parents to encourage a respectful and cooperative environment?	What would you look for in a superintendent?
<p>Name: Martha Del Carmen Toro  Address: 49 Glendale Road  Occupation: Retired Educator  Website:  <a href="https://www.marthaforamherst.org/">https://www.marthaforamherst.org/</a></p>	<p>Be an active listener to all sides and stakeholders  Read and consider all public comments  Only make well informed decisions  Be accountable and hold others accountable  Be transparent and factual when communicating  Always keep a student centered goal  Negotiate with an open mind and understanding of cost of living</p>	<p>Be a great communicator  Put interest of students first  Listen and put communities needs before theirs  Be transparent about what needs to be fixed  Offer a plan to fix it  Listen to staff teachers are the experts  Create a great and achievable vision  Be humble and flexible under pressure</p>
<p>Name: Laura Jane Hunter  Address: 84 Blackberry Lane  Occupation: Academic Advisor, UMass  Website: <a href="http://lauraforamherst.org">http://lauraforamherst.org</a></p>	<p>Collaboration with members of the community with a wide range of viewpoints is an essential part of being an elected representative. The school committee has an opportunity to rebuild trust with the community through openness, transparency, and clear communication. We need to listen to students, to educators, and to families.</p>	<p>Self-awareness, willingness to tackle the complex issues of white supremacy and someone who can acknowledge how our systems inherently disenfranchise BIPOC, gender non-conforming, and differently abled learners. Our new superintendent should be skilled at communication, reliant on the knowledge of educators, and who is able to represent multiple perspectives.</p>
<p>Name: Bridget A. Hynes  Address: 41 Pine Grove  Occupation:  Website: Educator/ Program Administrator  <a href="http://bit.ly/Bridget4Amherst">http://bit.ly/Bridget4Amherst</a></p>	<p>Now is the time to heal, restore. Celebrate what's good. Fix what is broken — together. On School Committee, we can reset using kindness, perspective taking, and proactive problem-solving. I'll listen dynamically to voices and experiences from all in our community, then act transparently, synthesizing what I've learned into decisions.</p>	<p>A leader who builds consensus by gathering input from all those vested in the success of the schools. A strong fiscal administrator who will go to bat for school funding, locally, statewide, and from federal and foundation grants. Someone skillful at supporting educators and students —</p>
<p>Name: Sarah A. Marshall  Address: 64 Eames Avenue  Occupation: Retired environmental consultant  Website:  <a href="http://www.sarahmarshallforschoolcommittee.com">www.sarahmarshallforschoolcommittee.com</a></p>	<p>The Committee can model respectful behavior in its own meetings, both among its members, with the Superintendent, and the public. It can request that the Superintendent publicly address areas of urgent public concern</p>	<p>Deep managerial and classroom experience; commitment to our community values of respect, affirmation, equity, and progressive education; collaborative and inspirational leadership style; demonstrated support for marginalized students and families; calm and</p>

	and emphasize respect and cooperation as foundational values within each school community that support learning and growth.	thoughtful demeanor; openness to input from all stakeholders; excellent communicator.
Name: Irvin E. Rhodes Address: 173 Pondview Drive Occupation: Consultant Website: <a href="http://irvrhodesforschoolcommittee.org">http://irvrhodesforschoolcommittee.org</a>	The School Committee must ensure that there is an open, transparent, and complete and honest communications with the public When we are wrong, we will admit, apologize, make changes to prevent any future issues and move on to a better future.	A willingness to be cooperative and collaborative with the school committee. A desire to be open and transparent with the school committee and School Community. A grasp of the fundamental functions of the Superintendent's office and a commitment to excellence in outcomes for all students
Name: Jennifer C. Shiao Address: 291 Potwine Lane Occupation: Higher education Website: <a href="http://jenniferamherst.org">http://jenniferamherst.org</a>	The School Committee can improve our relationship with the community by showing that we value input and communication from staff, students, and families, and that we take their perspective into account. Trust must be earned, and I will continue to earn the public's trust through my actions and decisions.	Our next superintendent must be someone who has experience leading a diverse, multi-cultural district. I will be looking for someone who understands the unique needs of our district, who has lived experience being part of a historically marginalized community, and who is excited to lead our district.
Name: Deborah Lee Leonard Address: 401 Old Farm Road: Occupation: Website:		
Candidate for Library Trustee Vote for 6	What is your vision for how the library can meet the diverse and evolving community needs of Amherst, especially our underserved populations?	As a Library Trustee how do you envision the completion of the library renovation project?
Name: Farah Ameen Address: 57 Glendale Road Occupation: Editor/Writer Website:	Our library is doing its best to meet diverse, evolving community needs in the current outdated space with access to technology, adult and ESL classes, museum passes, children's programming, reference and job search help. It'll be able to offer better, essential services to our underserved populations in a renovated building.	I envision us proceeding as planned. If we seek bids in January 2024, the director and staff can start moving services to interim locations. Hopefully, we can break ground in spring. This project is essential for our underserved communities; a green, accessible library is crucial for our town's future generations.
Name: Lee R. Edwards Address: 5 Wildwood Lane Occupation: Academic (retired) Website:	A renovated and expanded facility will be a downtown magnet, with, specifically: a designated teen room, an	Given the overwhelming endorsement by the town's voters -- 65% of whom voted for the project when given the opportunity to vote -- the support of

	expanded children's section, a fully accessible building, an enlarged community room, increased access to computers, space that treats English language learners with the dignity that they deserve, increased space for diverse programming.	Town Council, and robust fundraising activities launched by the Friends of the Jones Libraries, the project will conclude successfully, and a beautiful, accessible, sustainable Jones Library will serve as a civic and economic anchor for the town.
Name: Tamson M. Ely Address: 26 Middle Street Occupation: Retired community college library director Website:	The staff and director have made reaching underserved populations a high priority. A new Board committee for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) is representative of Amherst's diverse population. It will be addressing ways to review policies, collections, services and programs and to increase outreach in the community.	The library we envisioned is more energy efficient and provides necessary space for enhanced services, programs and collections to meet our changing community. The completion of the renovated and expanded library will essentially preserve the 1928 building while adding dedicated, welcoming spaces for ESL, children, teens and Special Collections.
Name: Eugene A. Goffredo Address: 140 Middle Street Occupation: Library Trustee Website: <a href="https://www.eugeneforamherst.org">https://www.eugeneforamherst.org</a>	Libraries provide essential resources for under-served populations. Trustees must continuously and proactively seek community input to identify existing and emergent needs and ensure that needed services, resources, and technology are available at all three branches. Trustees are key to protecting libraries from political censorship attempts.	I support the renovation and expansion, which addresses accessibility, climate, space, historic preservation, and collection safety issues. Trustees will help guide programming and services during construction. Once complete, Trustees must utilize new spaces to increase programs and resources, guided by community input. Community outreach continues throughout and after construction.
Name: Edward McGlynn Address: 11 Emerson Court Occupation: Unemployed Website:	First, I imagine a place where there are "different strokes for different folks." Second, I would try to continue to do more to reach out to marginalized people so that they are fully engaged and participating in the decision making process. Finally, our future needs empathy as well as experts.	With hesitation and hope. I continue to be concerned with the largeness and largesse of the project. Experts do not pay my taxes. Is the renovation to be built for the community or by the community? I can picture this place of studying and dreams. I wish us only success.
Name: Robert Pam Address: 229 Amity Street Occupation: Retired from NYC government Website:	The Library can be central to Amherst – homework helpers, film nights, debates, dance classes. Specifics should come from partnering with community groups. The Library's responsive and committed staff would support this with inclusive materials in multiple formats. It	The interior spaces will please most patrons and staff, and respect the environment. We hope it will serve Amherst well for decades to come. During construction the library can explore new program approaches. Funding will require local people and organizations to step up for years.

	could encourage real exchanges across current divides.	
Name: Austin D. Sarat Address: 76 Snell Street Occupation: Professor Website:	We need to make sure that our collections, programming and staffing reflect the diversity of our community and are attentive to the needs of all. We have made progress, but more needs to be done. We have created a Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and must support their work.	I am committed to seeing the library renovation through to completion. As Chair of the Building Committee, I am pleased with our progress in planning a building that will meet the needs of our community for decades to come and will be a model of accessibility, sustainability, and historic preservation.
<b>Candidate for Housing Authority Vote for 3</b>		
Name: David W. Williams Address: 158 Rolling Ridge Road		



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Sample Ballot and election info for Town Election:  
<https://www.amherstma.gov/650/Upcoming-and-Past-Election-Information>
- More links and voter information: <https://www.lwvamherst.org/voter-information>

### THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. We encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and advocate for League positions adopted after study and consensus.

Subscribe to our monthly e-bulletin or join us at [www.lwvamherst.org](http://www.lwvamherst.org)