



FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE APRIL 30, 2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1. An Act to Hold Special Election (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file with the legislature a request for a special act entitled, “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF AMHERST TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018,” as follows:

Whereas, the city known as the Town of Amherst has changed its form of government and desires to elect its first Town Council as soon as practicable.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or Charter provision of the city known as the Town of Amherst to the contrary, the state secretary shall allow the city known as the Town of Amherst to hold a special election for the office of Town Councilor on November 6, 2018 and a preliminary election for the office of Town Councilor on the same day as the state election primary in September, 2018.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 7 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, nomination papers for the office of Town Council member shall be filed with the Board of Registrars of the city known as the Town of Amherst for certification of signatures on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, the Board of Registrars shall complete certification of signatures on these nomination papers on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2018.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 10 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, certified nomination papers shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2018.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, a candidate who has filed nomination papers to fill the vacancy in the office of Town Council member may withdraw his or her nomination by filing a notarized withdrawal no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2018.

SECTION 6. The Town Clerk shall take all actions necessary to conduct the special election for the Town Council on November 6, 2018 as provided in Section 10.7 of the Charter as adopted on March 27, 2018.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

NO RECOMENDATION by a vote of 5-1-1 absent.

**ARTICLE 2. Rescission of Bylaw – Town Meeting Advisory Committee
(Select Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action of the Special Town Meeting Article 13, November 6, 2017 that added a Bylaw to the General Bylaws that established a Town Meeting Advisory Committee, or take any other action thereto.

NO RECOMENDATION by a vote of 4-2-1 absent.

Finance Committee Members:

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