



**EARLY / ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
BIENNIAL TOWN ELECTION  
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS  
NOVEMBER 2, 2021  
PRECINCT SEVEN**

*Susan Audette*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

- A. **TO VOTE**, completely fill in the **OVAL** to the **RIGHT** of your choice(s) like this:
- B. **DO NOT** vote for **MORE** candidates than the instructions for each office direct.
- C. To vote for a person whose name **IS NOT** already printed for an office on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the write-in line for that office and completely fill in the **OVAL**.

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| <p align="center"><b>COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT<br/>(two years) MORE THAN THREE</p> <p><b>ROBERT E. GREENEY</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>76 McClellan St</p> <p><b>VIRAPHANH DOUANGMANY CAGE</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>12 Longmeadow Dr, #21</p> <p><b>ANDREW J. STEINBERG</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>17 Hitching Post Rd Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>MANDI JO HANNEKE</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>26 Foxglove Ln Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>ELLSHA M. WALKER</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>35 Autumn Ln</p> <p><b>VINCENT J. O'CONNOR</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>175 Summer St, #12</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p align="center"><b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT<br/>(two years) MORE THAN FIVE</p> <p><b>PETER M. DEMLING</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>20 Atwater Cir Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>IRVIN E. RHODES</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>173 Pondview Dr</p> <p><b>PHOEBE MERRIAM</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>20 Western Ln</p> <p><b>JENNIFER SHIAO PAGE</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>291 Potwine Ln</p> <p><b>HEATHER AMARA LORD</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>700F Riverglade Dr</p> <p><b>BENJAMIN JOSEPH HERRINGTON</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>37 South Point Apts Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>ALLISON BLEYLER MCDONALD</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>43 Hop Brook Rd Candidate for re-election</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p align="center"><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT<br/>(two years) MORE THAN THREE</p> <p><b>NANCY ELLEN SCHROEDER</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>168 High St Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>DAVID W. WILLIAMS</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>158 Rolling Ridge Rd Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>JESSICA RUTH MIX BARRINGTON</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>39 Pine St</p> <p><b>MICHAEL A. BURKART</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>92 Aubinwood Rd Candidate for re-election</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p align="center"><b>DISTRICT 5<br/>COUNCILOR</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT<br/>(two years) MORE THAN TWO</p> <p><b>SHALINI BAHL-MILNE</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>78 Linden Ridge Rd Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>ANA DEVLIN GAUTHIER</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>883 Bay Rd</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>   | <p align="center"><b>LIBRARY BOARD<br/>OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT<br/>(two years) MORE THAN SIX</p> <p><b>ROBERT PAM</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>229 Amity St Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>FARAH AMEEN</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>57 Glendale Rd</p> <p><b>AUSTIN D. SARAT</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>76 Snell St Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>LEE R. EDWARDS</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>5 Wildwood Ln Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>ALEXANDRA J. LEFEBVRE</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>52 North Prospect St Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>TAMSON M. ELY</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>26 Middle St Candidate for re-election</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>   | <p align="center"><b>ELECTOR,<br/>OLIVER SMITH WILL</b></p> <p align="center">(two years) VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p><b>CAROL JEANNETTE GRAY</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>815 South East St Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>SARAH A. MARSHALL</b> <input type="radio"/><br/>64 Eames Ave</p> <p>_____<br/>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>   |

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**QUESTION**

Shall the following measure authorizing a borrowing for the expansion and renovation of the Jones Library, as voted by the Town Council on April 5, 2021, be affirmed?

BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst that: The Town appropriate \$35,279,700 for the expansion and renovation of the Jones Library, and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, which borrowing shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, funds received from The Jones Library, Incorporated in an amount no less than \$5,656,576 which, in addition to the \$1,000,000 previously appropriated under the Community Preservation Act, represents the Library's share of the total project cost, and/or any other source to pay costs of this project; and, further, any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to project costs approved by this vote with a reduction of borrowing authority therefore by a like amount in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20.

YES   
NO

**SUMMARY**

On April 5, 2021, the Town Council voted with 10 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention, to authorize a borrowing for the expansion and renovation of the Jones Library. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has awarded the Town a grant of approximately \$13.8 million for this project with payments starting this year; approximately \$5.7 million will be provided through private donations as set forth in an agreement with the Jones Library Board of Trustees; and \$1.0 million was appropriated from the Community Preservation Act funds. With these funds secured, the Town's share of the total project costs will be approximately \$15.8 million.

A **"yes" vote** on this question means that you affirm the Council's vote to fund the Library expansion and renovation project and want the project to continue.

A **"no" vote** means that you reject the Council's vote to fund the Library expansion and renovation project and do not want the project to continue.

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**