Amherst Finance Committee

Report to Town Meeting

November 4, 2013

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to the Zoning Questions & Answers Forum on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm. Do you have questions about zoning articles you want answered before you vote at Town Meeting? Come to the Zoning Questions & Answers Forum on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm in the Town Room. Town Hall Submit questions to townmeeting@amherstma.gov. Read on...

Town-Gown Steering Committee Committee - The University of Massachusetts Amherst and the Town of Amherst joint town-gown steering committee's first meeting to be held Wed., October 30, 2013 at 4 p.m. has been moved to the Amherst Room, Room 1001, Campus Center, UMass Amherst. For more info... Read on...

Public Pumpkin Drop-off Promotes Program Preservation - Household food waste collection at the Amherst Transfer Station will continue through fall 2014, per an agreement between Amend Organics and the Department of Public Works. To celebrate, Amend Organics will collect discarded pumpkins on November... Read on...

Town Manager Sends Letter to Amherst Property Owners Regarding Rental Permitting - On January 1, 2014, registration and rental permits shall be required for residential rental properties in the Town of Amherst, as approved by Annual Town Meeting. There are exceptions to this Rental Permitting requirement. Visit the Rental Permitting Read on...

Public Works Office Closed November 7, 2013 - The Amherst Public Works office will be closed Thursday, November 7, 2013 for office remodeling... Read on...
FY 2015 Budget Information and Resources

This page provides a single place for up-to-date information and links relating to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Process (PDF).

Email us your comments or suggestions.

General Documents & Links
- New! Amherst Financial Indicators (Oct 2013) (PDF)
- New! Budget Calendar (Oct 2013) (PDF)
- New! Preliminary Financial Projections FY14 (Oct 2013) (PDF)

Related Boards & Committees
- Budget Coordinating Group
- Finance Committee
- Joint Capital Planning Committee

Municipal Documents and Links
- Town Manager FY 2015 Budget (Coming January 2015)
- Town Manager’s Proposed FY 15 Municipal Budget - Executive Summary (Coming January 2015)

School Documents and Links
- Schools: www.arps.org/budget

Library Documents and Links
- Libraries: www.joneslibrary.org/budget

Additional Documents and Links
- Town of Amherst Financial Management Policies & Objectives (PDF) (Updated 2012)
- Facilitation of Community Choices Committee Report (Dec 2008)
- Massachusetts Department of Revenue - Division of Local Services (external link)
Baseline Sources of General Fund Revenue FY14

- Property Tax: 64%
- State Aid: 21%
- Local Receipts: 11%
- Other Financing Sources: 5%
State Aid History

Cherry Sheet Receipts
Operating Expenditures Per Capita

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Revenue Per Capita - Actual

- Revenue Per Capita - Actual
- Property Tax
- Local Receipts
- State Aid

Fiscal Year

Dollars


$1,200 $1,100 $1,000 $900 $800 $700 $600 $500 $400 $300 $200 $100
Reserve Policy

- Plan to move toward models of service provision that will provide net future savings
  Example: Implement closing of Marks Meadow School
- Leverage outside revenue in order to maintain existing core services
  Example: Implement school choice funding
- Limited, unforeseen and nonrecurring expenses
  Examples:  - One-year human service funding after loss of CDBG mini-entitlement status
             - Town-Gown Strategic Planning