To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as follows:

A. Deleting the lined-out portion under SECTION 7.4 Municipal Parking District

7.43 Regulation

Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 7.0, off-street parking spaces need not be provided for any principal or related accessory uses under the following categories of the Section 3.3, Use Chart: Residential Use (Section 3.32), Retail Business and Consumer Service Use (Section 3.35), and Research and Industrial Use (Section 3.37), located within the Municipal Parking District as herein defined. The following uses shall be required to meet the parking requirements of this Bylaw within the MP District: dormitory or similar college residence hall, hotel or motel, inn and all other principal and accessory uses under other categories of the Section 3.3, Use Chart.

AND

B. Adding the words in bold under SECTION 7.9 WAIVERS

7.91 With the exception of Residential Use in the Municipal Parking District, parking space requirements under Section 7.0 may be modified when one or more of the following conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Permit Granting Board or Special Permit Granting Authority:
ARTICLE 27. Zoning Amendment – Municipal Parking District (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will amend the Official Zoning Map and Sections 2.04, 3.2, and 7.4 of the Zoning Bylaw, by deleting the lined out language and adding the language in bold italics, as follows:

C. To amend Section 7.4 as follows:

SECTION 7.4 MUNICIPAL PARKING ZONE DISTRICT

Purpose

The purpose of this District is to encourage the dense development of mixed-use buildings and pedestrian spaces in Amherst Town Center. Toward that end, provision of adequate off-street parking to support development within the MP District is assumed to be a public responsibility.

7.43 Regulation

Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 7.0, off-street parking spaces need not be provided for any principal or related accessory uses under the following categories of Section 3.3, Use Chart: Residential Use (Section 3.32), Retail Business and Consumer Service Use (Section 3.35), and Research and Industrial Use (Section 3.37), located within the Municipal Parking District as herein defined. The following uses shall be required to meet the parking requirements of this Bylaw within the MP District: dormitory or similar college residence hall, hotel or motel, inn and all other principal and accessory uses under other categories of Section 3.3, Use Chart
April, 2008 – TM rejects public responsibility to provide parking in MPD.

April, 2009 – Expansion of Municipal Parking District.

October, 2009 – Boltwood Place application approved – No parking provided.

February, 2010 – Master Plan adopted by Planning Board

September, 2010 – University & Town sign Agreement to Expand and Improve Housing via Gateway Redevelopment Project from Mass Avenue to Triangle Street intersection.

August/September, 2013 – Olympia Place application submitted and approved – No parking provided.

September/November, 2013 – Kendrick Place application submitted and approved – No parking provided.

September, 2014 – First Public Forum on Parking

October, 2014 – 1 East Pleasant Street application submitted – No parking provided.