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Referendum Section of the Amherst Town Government Act

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(March 24, 2017) The Select Board asked Town Counsel, KP Law, to interpret the quantum of vote required by Section 2.4 of the Amherst Town Government Act

<http://amherstma.gov/207/General-Bylaws-Government-Act>.

Based on the attached opinion rendered March 24, 2017, it appears that the Town Meeting action of January 30, 2017 is reversed if 2,983 yes votes are cast on the separate referendum ballot, and no more than 1491 no votes are cast on that ballot; blank ballots are not counted. If fewer than 2,983 yes votes are cast on the separate referendum ballot, then the action of Town Meeting is not reversed. If more than 1/3 of the total yes plus no votes cast on the separate referendum ballot are no votes, then the action of Town Meeting is not reversed.

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