

TOWN OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

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WARRANT ARTICLE PETITION FORM*

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The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Amherst submit the following article and request that it be placed on the Warrant for the Special (Annual) Town Meeting of April 30, 2018.

(Article wording must appear, in its entirety, on every petition form submitted to Select Board)

To see that the Town will adopt the following resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement:

Whereas NASA reports that the average global temperature has risen almost 2 degrees Fahrenheit since the 19th century, most of which having been in the last 35 years,

Whereas sea ice now is more than 1.27 million square miles smaller than the 1979-2000 average, and, according to National Geographic, sea level would rise 216 feet if all the ice in the world melted, submerging much of coastal US including most of Florida,

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that CO₂ in the air has reached 407 parts per million, the highest in 650,000 years,

Whereas the World Health Organization expects that between 2030 and 2050, climate change will cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress alone,

Whereas the International Organisation on Migration reports that up to 200 million people could be displaced by global temperature increase by 2050,

Whereas President Trump withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement which set the goal of keeping global temperature rise this century below 2°C by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025,

Whereas the US is the number two CO₂ emitting country in the world,

Whereas 2,300 cities as well as 14 states including Massachusetts, which make up one third of the US population, have pledged that they will stand by the Paris Climate Agreement,

Whereas Burlington, Vermont's largest city, already runs on 100 percent renewable energy,

Whereas in 2017, Amherst Town Meeting took three actions addressing climate change: a Resolution to Implement a Carbon Fee and Dividend Program, a resolution calling for the town to use 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, and a Net Zero Energy bylaw requiring all new Town buildings costing more than \$1 million to use no more energy than they produce,

Whereas the Town of Amherst's 2005 Climate Action Plan's goal of reducing Amherst's greenhouse gas emissions by 35 percent below 1997 levels by 2009 was not met, though progress was made in energy efficiency and Amherst became a Green Community in 2012,

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Amherst will stand by the Paris Climate Agreement by adopting the goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025,

And therefore be it further resolved that upon passage the Amherst Town Clerk shall mail copies of the resolution and vote to Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Congressman Jim McGovern, Governor Charlie Baker, Speaker of the Massachusetts House Robert DeLeo, Acting President of the Massachusetts Senate Harriette Chandler, and Representative Solomon Goldstein-Rose.

*To be filed with the SELECT BOARD before NOON on Feb 26 2018.

✓	SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered**	NOW REGISTERED AT street, number and apt. or room number <u>MUST APPEAR</u>	Residence on January 1, 2018 Street, number and apt. or room number
1.	<i>Jeffrey G. Lee</i> Jeff Lee	815 South East St.	815 S. East St.
2.	<i>Rene Caron</i>	10 Valley View	10 Valley View Cir
3.	<i>Janet Wells</i>	39 Valley View Cir	39 Valley View Circle

Place additional signatures on back of this page

**Any voter who is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize some person to write his name and residence in his presence. (M.G.L. Chapter 53, §7)

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4.	<i>Amy Humbert</i>	45 Valley View Circle	65
5.	<i>Bobby Brook</i>	51 Valley View Dr.	51
6.	<i>Maura Brooks</i>	51 Valley View Dr.	51
7.	<i>Judy H. Brook</i>	51 Valley View Dr.	51
8.	<i>Mary Streete</i>	66 Larkspur Dr.	same
9.	<i>Mary Streete</i>	66 Larkspur Dr.	"
10.	<i>Gary H. Stone</i>	809 S. East St.	same
11.	<i>Ann Kress</i>	809 S. East St.	"
12.	<i>Carol Gray</i>	815 South East St.	same
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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We certify that _____ of the above signatures checked are names of qualified voters in the Town of Amherst.

Filed by *Cameron Gray-Lee*
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