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Annual Report of the Town of Amherst for the 1986 Fiscal Year

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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Executive Secretary
Executive Secretary

Finance Department
Accounting Clerk
Accounting Clerk

Administrative and Finance

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department
Deputy Fire Chief
Captain
Captain
Captain
Captain
Captain

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk
Clerk

Directory of Official Employees

Emergency Medical Services
Deputy Fire Chief
Captain
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Dispatcher
Dispatcher
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Police Department
Principal Clerk
Executive Secretary I

School Committee
Edward Richard
Malone, Francesca
Murphy, Peter J.
Story, Ellen
Swift, Alice C.

Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee
Blanchard, Myrtle
Hanson, Joan
Page, Norma (VC)
Shumway, Jeanne

KEY:
(M) Moderator appointment
(B) Board of Selectmen appointment
(T) Town Manager appointment
(C) Chairman
* Resigned
** Committee Dissolved
*** Dissolved
* State Appointee
+ Retired
All terms expire 6/30 unless otherwise specified
PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Engineering Department

Stedman, Paul
Zacek, Joseph

Inspection Services

Stuart, Phillip L.

Planning Department

Tucker, Jonathan
Kruger, Connie

Highway Division

Vanhooten, Maureen F.

Leuenberger, Margaret
Moylan, Demetra
Sheely, Karin K.

Town Hall

Aiken, David

Banks Community Center

Iles, Mona L.

Congregate Housing

McColgan, Mary T.

Leisure Services

Cashwaa, Mary

Jones Library

Rados, Sandra
O'Brien, Patricia M.
Peterson, Pauline
Lombarde, Daniel J.
Gishman, Beth
Anderson, Shirley C.
Chistarch, Wendy
Birnkofler, Silvia R.
Hamilton, Ruth D.

Health Department

Drake, Charles
Follitt, Laurie B.
Bray, Phyllis
Campbell, Edith
Chudy, Cindy
Peters, Deloria

Development

Casey, William F.

Leisure Services

Phyllis Stedman

Engineering Department

William Stedman, Paul

Planning Department

Jonathan Tucker

Highway Division

Maureen Vanhooten

Leisure Services

Mary Stedman

Engineering Department

Charles Leuenberger

Planning Department

Rufus Tucker

Highway Division

Charles Leuenberger

Leisure Services

Mary Stedman
Town of Amherst

Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee
In addition to previous members of Amherst School Committee: Blanchard, Myrtle 1987
Hanson, Joan 1987
Page, Norman 1986
Shumway, Jeanne 1987

Audit Committee (BS)
Torrey, Allen 1987
von der Lippe, Ann 1987

Committee on Children's Vacancy
Sabel, Edward 1987
Frant, Judith 1987

Committee on Children's Services (BS)
Cookley, Thomas 1986
Edwards, Carolyn 1984
Frant, Judith 1984
Melrose, Barbara 1984
Mullin, Sandra 1984
Sabel, Brian 1984
Weinhalter, Judith (C) 1984
Vacancy 1984

Facilities Planning Committee
Akin, William 1987
Dizard, Jan 1987
Howes, Merle (C) 1987
Faison, Martha 1987
Romer, Diana 1987

Fair Housing Committee
Crafter, Donna 1987
Frederick, Bette 1987
Kynard, Janice 1987
Levenson, Joanne (C) 1987
Stapleton, William 1987
VanTress, Frances 1987

Institutional Biohazards Committee
Andrews, Mary 1987
Hutson, William 1987
Ives, Philip 1987
Miller, Lynn 1987
Peterson, Lorna 1987
Romer, Diana 1987
Turhill, Robert 1987

Public Transportation (BS)
Ange, Patrick 1987
Howard, Ann 1987
Sekin, Samuel (C) 1987
Vacancy 1987
Vacancy 1987

Leisure Services & Supplemental Education Committee
Andrew, George 1987
Mullin, Sandra (C) 1987
Newell, Marion 1987
Scott, George W. Jr. 1987
Story, Ronald 1987
West, Mary 1987

Non-Ambient Members Appointed by Recreation Committee:
Richmond, Victoria 1987
Hosmer, Trina 1987
Pyle, William 1987

Committee on Recycling (BS)
Vacancy 1987
Romero, Diana 1987
Treyz, Sidney 1987

Register of Voters (BS)
Hastings, Nancy (R) 1987
Johnson, Richard (R) 1987
Matsuko, Estelle (D) 1987
Treyz, Sidney 1987

Trusted of Trust Funds (TM)
Hewitt, Myra 1987
Mathews, Richard H. 1987
Mentesis, Paul K. Jr. 1987

Veterans Graves Officer (TM)
Toody, Joseph 1987

Weights (TM)
Birk, Harold 1987
Curtin, Michael F. 1987
Daley, John T. 1987
Fedorkowicz, Walter 1987
Frost, Howard H. 1987
Grigous, Stanley 1987
Keller, Edward F. 1987
Kermansky, George J. 1987
LaRose, James A. 1987
Lenois, Ronald R. 1987
Lincoln, Kendall 1987
Lipski, Michael F. 1987
McCollach, William T. 1987
Muise, Charles H. 1987
Opalkent, George M. 1987
Porter, Albert D. 1987
Purdy, Dennis 1987
Racine, Richard 1987
Sowa, Marlene 1987
Stockwell, Jerry 1987
Swiss, Grover Jr. 1987
Tymkowiche, Theodore W. 1987

Weighers (TM)
Birk, Harold 1987
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Voter of Wood (TM)
Jean, Paul 1986

Memorial Day Committee (TM)
Haus, Les, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Hunt, Ken, Veterans' Agent
Sarbone, Henry Jr., Commander, American Legion
Tudryn, Joseph L., Veterans Graves Officer

Munson Memorial Library (TM)
Eisenthal, John 1986
Kendall, Virginia M. 1986
Manning, Arlene 1986

Overall Economic Development Program Committee
Edly, Nancy 1986

Planning Board (TM)
Bridgman, Willis 1986
Pemberton, Jane 1986
Silber, George C. 1986

Planning Board (TM)
Bridgman, Willis 1986
Pemberton, Jane 1986
Silber, George C. 1986

Review Board (BS)
Cherno, Jenny 1987
Orr, Robert (Historical) 1987
Smith, James A. 1987
Stern, H. 1987

Design Review Board (BS)
Cherno, Jenny 1987
Orr, Robert (Historical) 1987
Smith, James A. 1987
Starr, Joseph 1987

Veterans Memorial Library (TM)
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Kendall, Virginia M. 1986
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Eisenthal, John 1986
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Volpe, Joseph 1987

Emergency Medical Care (TM)
Barnes, Ron 1987
Nelson, Gordon 1987
Rose, Dr. Richard 1987

Fence Viewers (TM)
Romero, Robert 1986
Smith, James A. 1986

Field Drivers (TM)
Logan, Joan Ross 1986
Zakotnik, Robert 1986

Finance Committee (M)
Pletcher, Stewart W. (C) 1986
Ford, Barbara 1986
Hewitt, Myrna L. 1986
Reed, W. R. 1986
von der Lippe, Ann (VC) 1986
Harris, William M. 1986
Wolf, Ellen R. 1986

Board of Health (TM)
Davis, Paul 1986
Vacancy 1986
Reed, George H. 1986
Ross, David S. (C) 1986
Stein, Diana 1986

Historical Commission (TM)
Masalski, Kathleen W. (C) 1986
Cowles, Shirley 1986
Farber, Steve 1986
Grose, Robert 1986
Halpin, Charlotte 1986
Hertfeld, Nora 1986
Hoford, Ralph 1986

Housing Review Board (TM)
Carr, Michael 1986
Kapasarian, Meline 1986
Lederer, Karen (tenant) 1986
Peterson, Lorna 1986
Roo, Terry (Sandford) 1986

Conservation Commission (TM)
Kavanagh, John S. (C) 1987
Kuzmeri, Raymond 1987
Kuzmeri, Joanne M. 1987
Sekin, Sam 1987
Schofield, Sonja 1987
Thompson, Charles 1987
Zajicek, Oliver T. 1987

Counts (TM)
Arkins, Howard W. 1987
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**JURY LIST 1985 - 1986**
An Agenda of Impact for FY86

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Growth and the many issues associated with development dominated the Board’s agenda in 1985-1986. The most important of these involved landfill utilization, protection of the Town’s water supply, the provision of services to an expanding population and effective planning for the Town’s future. The Board continued its efforts - delayed by unexpectedly high bids - to cap the old landfill and sought, by a variety of methods, to promote the most efficient use of the new landfill. The Board continued its long-range program to develop and protect the Town’s water supply, while at the same time attempting to deal with more immediate water problems involving the Atkins Reservoir and Amherst Fields. Faced with heavy demand for Town services, the Board recommended an increase in property taxes for the first time in many years, as well as higher landfill fees and water and sewer rates. The Board’s most important act, however, was a decision to request Town Meeting to enact a building moratorium, during which the Town could prepare itself more effectively to meet the many problems posed by rapid growth and development.

In other important actions the Board approved a reduction in the water fees, with plans a dozen years. The Board proceeded with plans to build a new police station near the center of town, and renewed the license of Times-Mirror. The Board also wishes to thank all the people who contributed their time, energy, and hard work to help town government serve the needs of its citizens.

Thomas H. Toman
Donna L. Tuden
Jeff Edward Years
Glen Urey
George Vindley

Chairwoman

A Curious Mix

TOWN MANAGER

The highlights of Fiscal Year 1986, from the Town Manager’s perspective, are a curious mix of large and small issues, some apparently resolved, others just beginning. Town Meeting appropriated funds and authorized the acquisition of a site for a new police facility, ending a study and search process of more than a dozen years. The Board also approved a decision to relocate the Central Fire Station and to construct a third fire station in South Amherst.

On a different level, the year can be marked as the beginning of widespread computerization in Town offices, with the resulting success of personal computers in many offices and more to come in others. Cold waste issues remained important, as the Town continued attempts to close-out the old landfill before the first term, a process of more than a dozen years. The Board also approved a decision to relocate the Central Fire Station and to construct a third fire station in South Amherst.

The Town also ceased negotiations with the City of Springfield and with the Holyoke Energy Recovery Corporation for participation in a large number of (950+) of sheets containing a large number of signatures (15,000+) to be certified in less than 12 days. This represented the greatest challenge in recent memory to certify so many signatures in so short a time and required marathon sessions over Thanksgiving weekend to complete the job.

A Year of Challenges

TOWN CLERK

Although previous years have been characterized by special town meetings, voter registration, and elections, the year 1986 might be characterized by extremes such as "Larges" and "Smalls". For example, with very little time left before the deadline to file initiative petitions, Mass PRRO filed a large number of sheets containing a large number of signatures to certify in less than 12 days. This represented the greatest challenge in recent memory to certify so many signatures in so short a time and required marathon sessions over Thanksgiving weekend to complete the job. No small feat, indeed!

The 1986 census, by and large, was felt by many to be an invasion of privacy due to the race and language questions, and with little hesitation, a large portion of respondents verbalized their sentiments. The compilation of the 1985 census and the required race and language questions on the 86 census made up the largest census ever compiled by the Town of Amherst.

Once again, there were many special town meetings, which were held within the annual town meeting. In very little time, such important issues as the building moratorium, the housing review board, the $2,700,000 appropriation for the police facility, and the $2,300,000 appropriation for the second cell at the sanitary landfill were handled with.

With Estelle Matusko, Town Clerk, out on extended sick leave, even little issues looked large for her replacement the Assistant Town Clerk, Cornelia Como.

A Time to Reflect

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

The Annual Town Report provides an opportunity for the various boards, commissions, department heads and staff of the Town to reflect on the challenges faced in the previous year. Often the day to day problems that the Town confronts limits the time or opportunity to take account of our many accomplishments over the past year. The Town Report is an annual testimony to the energy of our citizens and employees in meeting challenges that make government work in Amherst.

The compilation of this year’s Annual Town Report would not be possible without the time and effort of my Administrative Intern David Hooker in editing the document.

—Michael D. Letcher
Assistant Town Manager

Town Manager

Barry Del Castillo

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Looking back on FY85, it is felt that the Town Clerk's office largely functioned well, with little troubles and loss of learning and plenty of getting up to handle FY86 with equal success.

FINANCIAL REPORT
July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986

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PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

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VITAL STATISTICS 1985 Calendar Year

- Births: 1,376
- Deaths: 231
- Marriages: 201
- Divorces: 19

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 21, 23 & 28, 1985

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:40 p.m. 128 Town Meeting Members were present and a quorum (128) was declared. The call and return of the meeting were read by Assistant Town Clerk, Cornelia D. Como. Karl F. Field, William F. Field. Five new Town Meeting Members were sworn in by the Moderator. A message from Town Clerk, Estelle Matsuko, who is on extended sick leave, was read to Town Meeting Members by the Moderator. (CCATV televised sessions.)

Article 1.
Voted unanimously that the Town hear the reports of the Town Officers, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, and other Town boards or committees.

Article 2.
Voted unanimously that the Town approve $12,860.57 to pay unpaid bills of the previous fiscal years and to meet expenses, $10,044.01 be transferred from the underdesignated fund balance of the General Fund, $1,178.10 be transferred from the undesignated fund balance of the Worker's Compensation Fund, $10,46 transferred from the undesignated fund balance of the Water Fund, and $120.00 be transferred from the undesignated fund balance of the Sewer Fund.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 3.
Voted unanimously that the Town approve and transfer $28,538.66 from the undesignated fund balance of the Sewer Fund to cover overdraft in the Sewer Interest Account of the 1985 Fiscal Year.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 4.
Voted the Town appropriate and transfer $11,000 from Article 11 of the May 1985 Town Meeting, to be added to Article 13 of the May 1985 Town Meeting for reconditioning the 1968 Ward La France fire pumper.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 5.
Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer $12,000 from Article 19 of the May 1985 Town Meeting, Puffer's Pond improvements, for improvements to Puffer's Pond.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 6.
Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer $70,000 from the Waste Collection and Disposal account of the 1986 Fiscal Year to the General Services account of the 1986 Fiscal Year.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 7.
DISMISSED. Establish a municipal buildings insurance fund.

Article 8.
DISMISSED. Transfer $198,500 to Municipal Buildings insurance fund.

Article 9.
Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer $45,500 from the Waste Collection and Disposal account of the 1986 Fiscal Year and $83,000 from Article 19 of the May 1985 Town Meeting, Puffer's Pond improvements, to pay claims and judgments against the Town, its public officials, police and other employees for their actions in the performance of their official duties.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 10.
Voted unanimously that the Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a Special Act relative to the establishment of a municipal liability insurance fund for the Town of Amherst substantially as follows:

The Town of Amherst may appropriate an amount not exceeding in any one year one-twentieth of one per cent of its equalized valuation as defined in insurance fund from which claims or judgments against the Town, its public officials, members of boards or commissions and police and other employees may be paid for their actions in the performance of their official duties. Such fund shall be administered by the Commissioners of trust funds of the Town of Amherst.

If, after a period of five consecutive years, the Town was not appropriated for such fund, it may vote appropriations from such fund or the income therefrom for the purpose of paying a proper charge for effecting insurance for the purposes for which this fund has been established.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 11.
Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $340,000 from the unexpended fund balance of the Federal Revenue Sharing fund to be added to Article 31 of the May 1985 Town Meeting for renovations to Town Hall, including but not limited to alterations, materials and equipment for the amelioration or elimination of barriers to the physically handicapped, telecommunication devices for the deaf, and other related improvements.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 12.
DEFEATED ON 135, YES 41, that the Town appropriate $355,000 for development of a recreation area at the old sanitary landfill, including picnic areas, children's playgrounds, hiking, biking, and cross country skiing trails, softball and multi-purpose playing fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, comfort stations, parking lots at the old landfill and other facilities and for engineering, design and other costs associated with the foregoing, and to meet that appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may borrow sums not exceeding $355,000 in the aggregate under and pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended by Section 135 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to a professional development grant program.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 13.
Voted unanimously that the Town vote to accept Section 13 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to a professional development grant program.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

The Board of Selectmen support this article.

Article 14.
Voted unanimously that the Town vote to accept Section 40 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 relating to a minimum teacher salary.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.
The Board of Selectmen unanimously support this article.

Article 15. DISMISSED (Professional development grant program.)

Article 16. DISMISSED (Amherst-Regional School District/Minimum teacher salary.)

Article 17. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a Right-of-Way over a parcel of land located on Mill Street and owned by the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst to Deaverous M. Taylor and Marilyn Taylor or their successors or assigns, for a nominal consideration, said Right-of-Way being that described in a deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 2182, Page 194.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 18. Voted YES 119, NO 19 that the Town (under the authority conferred upon it by special act of the General Court) will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, for consideration not less than $8,000 or non-equivalent cash equivalent to convey by deed to Denison H. Jones, of Amherst, a certain parcel of land and easement in said Amherst (all interests in structures thereon), said parcel and easement being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at an iron pin on the Southwest line of Triangle Street (an 1883 Hampshire County Layout);
Thence by said line S 45° 46' 30" 00.00 feet, more or less, to a point;
Thence through the WEST CEMETARY (also known as the CENTRE CEMETARY) by a line running Southwesterly 285.00 feet, more or less, to a point;
Thence through same by a line running Westerly 8.00 feet, more or less, to a point at the Northeast corner of said parcel,
Estate of John A. Summervill;
Thence by a line N 33° 39' 03" 207.00 feet, more or less, along land n/f Denison H. Jones, running through an office building to the Point of Beginning;
Containing approximately 8215 square feet, in area, more or less, with a portion of said building thereon.

Also conveying hereby all rights of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in a certain easement conveyed by Ivan G. Hill and Victoria A. Reed to said inhabitants, and recorded in Deed Book 1172 Page 141 of the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

Said parcel and easement are shown on a Plan of Land of West Cemetery, surveyed by James A. Smith, Professional Land Surveyor, dated January 1984 and revised September 30, 1985, to be recorded.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.
10:15 P.M. - The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, October 23, 1985, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 193 members had checked in.

The adjourned session of October 23, 1985 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:40 p.m. 129 Town Meeting Members were present and a quorum had been declared. Sixteen guests/visitors from Industria observed the meeting.

Article 19. DEFEATED (Residuary authority of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain two parcels of land for public parking behind Lois Foods.
The Finance Committee did not recommend approval.

Article 20. Voted YES 119, NO 2 that the Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, in fee simple, easement or other interest therein, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 12, Section 1A, and Chapter 78, both as amended, and any other laws so authorizing, a certain tract or parcel of land or parcels thereof described as follows:

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<th>Cadastre Map</th>
<th>Parcel #</th>
<th>Supeffed Owner</th>
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<td>18-C</td>
<td>#20</td>
<td>Gordon Hall III and Frances H. Hall, Trustees of Hall Amherst Realty Trust</td>
<td>38.5 acre ±</td>
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The Finance Committee recommends approval.
The Board of Selectmen support this article.

Article 21. Voted YES 150, NO 6 that the Town amend the Zoning Map as filed with the Town Clerk and incorporated by the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Amherst by changing the zoning district designation of Parcel 20, Map 21B on the Town Cadastre, from Light Industrial (LI) to Professional Research Park (PRP).

Article 22. DEFEATED (Amend Zoning Map PURD parcel of land. Parcels # 5, 7 and 8 of Map # 12-C of the Town Atlas.)

Article 23. Voted YES 151, NO 15 that the Town amend the Official Zoning Map by placing within the Professional and Research Park (PRP) District land bounded westerly by University Drive South, northerly by Northampton Road, easterly by the center line of the old County layout of Snell Street, and southerly by Snell Street, and further change section 3,558 to read SP under the PRP column.
10:25 p.m. - The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, October 28, 1985, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ambler-Pelham Regional Junior High School. 195 members had checked in.

The adjourned session of October 28, 1985 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:46 p.m. 128 Town Meeting Members were present and a quorum (128) was declared.

Article 24. Voted YES 159, NO 1 that this Town Meeting endorses the concept of appropriate renaming and amending the zoning by-law in order to allow for the provision of additional rental housing in the Town of Amherst.

Article 25. DEFEATED (Provide a fund of not less than $200,000 to subsidize rents in Amherst where rental costs exceed 35% of gross income.)

Article 26. Voted YES 119, NO 69 that the Town petition the General Court for a Special Act authorizing the Town of Amherst to establish a Housing Review Board.

The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as are allowed and are consistent with the provisions of this act.

The Board shall have jurisdiction to accomplish the purpose of this act over all rental units in the Town of Amherst except: (1) rental units in hotels, motels, inns, and tourist homes which are rented primarily to transient guests for periods of less than fourteen days, and rental units in rooming or boarding houses in which the tenant petitioner has resided for a period of not less than three months or less; (2) rental units which a governmental unit, agency, or authority either owns, operates, finances, or subsidizes; (3) rental units in any hospital, convent, monastery, asylum, public institution or college or school dormitory operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes; (4) rental units in nursing homes and rest homes for the aged; and (5) rental units in one- or two- or three-family homes.

The Board shall secure such information and conduct such studies, either directly or through other municipal agencies, and
may summon such persons, papers, or documents as it finds necessary for the performance of its duties.

SECTION 4. The Board may regulate or modify rent levels which it finds to be unreasonable or excessive.

The Board shall deny rent increases when it determines that the affected premises do not comply with Chapter Two of the State Sanitary Code, the State Building Code, or any other applicable municipal code, by-law, or state law, regulating the conditions of residential housing accommodations. However, the Board may allow a rental increase in any case if it determines that the tenant is more than thirty days in arrears in paying rent, unless such arrearage results from a withholding of any rent pursuant to any provisions of section one hundred and twenty-seven L of chapter one hundred and eleven or section eight A of chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the General Laws.

The Board shall deny a rent increase in any case where it finds that the landlord has not served the tenant with a written notice to quit including an offer to establish a new tenancy pursuant to section twelve of chapter one hundred and eighty-six of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. Within thirty days of receipt of a petition of a tenant or tenants presenting a rental dispute, the Board shall conduct a hearing to settle said dispute in a fair and equitable manner and to adjust the rent of the rental unit involved, if said unit is not exempt under section three, in a fair and reasonable manner, and to determine whether a decision in a particular case applies to other, comparable rental units within the same building or apartment complex, and the Board shall allow the landlord in each case a fair and reasonable net operating income, in accordance with such standards as shall be established by the Board.

Every decision of the Board shall be rendered within fourteen days of the close of a hearing. The decision shall be in writing and copies of the proceedings shall be notified of the decision in person or by mail.

Any order issued by the Board shall remain in effect for a period of one year unless modified by the Board.

SECTION 6. Any aggrieved party may file a civil action against the Board in the Northampton Division of the District Court Department of the Trial Court, or in any housing court having jurisdiction, within thirty days of receipt of a decision by the Board. The court shall review and decide such action pursuant to the standards set forth in paragraph 7 of section fourteen of chapter thirty A of the General Laws, The New Hampshire Housing Court Regulations of the District Court Department of the Trial Court, or such housing court, shall have jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this act.

SECTION 7. Any person who demands, accepts, receives, or retains any payment of rent in excess of the amount authorized by the Board shall be liable to the person from whom such payment is demanded, accepted, received, or retained, or to the municipality, for reasonable attorney’s fees and costs as determined by the court, plus liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars.

The Board shall be authorized to seek enforcement of its orders in the Northampton Division of the District Court Department of the Trial Court.

SECTION 8. The Board shall provide in writing a comprehensive annual report of its activities to Town Meeting in May of each year.

SECTION 9. Any owner of residential property within the Town of Amherst which is not exempt under the provisions of section three may not bring eviction proceedings against a tenant for a period of one year after the tenant has filed a complaint with the Board, unless the tenant has failed to pay the rent to which the landlord is entitled; (2) the tenant has violated an agreement or covenant of his tenancy other than the obligation to surrender possession upon proper notice and has failed to cure such violation after having received notice thereof from the landlord; (3) the tenant is committing or permitting to exist a nuisance or is causing substantial interference with the comfort, safety, or enjoyment of the landlord or other occupants of the same or adjacent accommodations; (4) the tenant is convicted of using or permitting the rental unit to be used for any illegal purpose; (5) the tenant, following the termination of a written lease or rental agreement after this act has taken effect, has refused, after written request or demand by the landlord, to execute a written extension or renewal thereof for a further term of like duration and on such terms that are not inconsistent with or violative of any provisions of law; (6) the tenant has refused the landlord reasonable access to the unit for the purpose of making necessary repairs or improvements required by the laws of the United States, the Commonwealth, or the Town of Amherst, or for the purpose of inspection as permitted or required by the lease or by law, or for the purpose of showing the rental unit to any prospective purchaser or mortgagee; (7) the person holding at the end of the lease term is a subtenant not approved by the landlord; (8) the landlord seeks to receive possession in good faith for the occupancy of himself, or his children, parents, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law; (9) the landlord seeks to recover possession to demolish or otherwise remove the unit from housing use; or (10) the landlord seeks to recover possession for any other just cause, provided that his purpose is not in conflict with the provisions and purpose of this act.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 11:00 p.m. The checkers reported that 120 town meeting members had checked in.

A true copy, attests:
Cornelia D. Como
Assistant Town Clerk

**PREFACE 4**

A special meeting of the elected town meeting members of Precinct 4 was held in accordance with Section 7 of Amherst's Representative Town Meeting Act on October 21, 1985 in the balcony of the auditorium at the Amherst Regional Junior High School. Eighteen members were in attendance at 7:10 p.m. and a quorum was achieved. Janice Basile, Chairman, and Francis Forrest, Clerk conducted the meeting and certified the following results:

**Voted YES** 10, 18, 18

**Voted NO** 1, 18, 18

James D. Como
Assistant Town Clerk

**PREFACE 6**

A special meeting of the elected town meeting members of Precinct 6 was held in accordance with Section 7 of Amherst's Representative Town Meeting Act on October 21, 1985 in the balcony of the auditorium at the Amherst Regional Junior High School. Nineteen members were in attendance at 7:10 p.m. and a quorum was achieved. Joan F. Ashwell, Chairman, and Emmit J. Murphy, Clerk conducted the meeting and certified the following results:

**Voted YES** 1, 19, 19

**Voted NO** 2, 19, 19

James D. Como
Assistant Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**February 26, 1986**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:40 p.m. 129 Town Meeting Members were present and a quorum (128) was declared. The call and return of the meeting were read by Assistant Town Clerk, Cornelia D. Como. Philip Credell, Raymond P. Kucinski, Lorinere Thelen, H. Oldham Brooks, Arthur Swift and Janet W. Chevan were appointed and sworn in as members by Moderator, William F. Field. Guest/Visitors from Indonesia observed the meeting which was televised by CATV.

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriated $2,260.08 to pay unpaid bills of the previous fiscal years and that this appropriation, $2,260.08 be transferred from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

**ARTICLE 2**

Voted YES 161, NO 7 that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise to fee simple, easement or other interest therein, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 14, Chapter 29, both as amended, and any other laws so authorizing, certain tracts or parcels of land described as follows:

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<td>D.H. Jones</td>
<td>18,700 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>D.H. Jones</td>
<td>3,752 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>M. Sherbinin, Michael J.</td>
<td>18,124 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>16-B</td>
<td>&amp; Pauline R.</td>
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The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

**ARTICLE 3**

Voted unanimously that the Town increase the amount appropriated under Article 29 of the May 1985 Town Meeting to $2,750,000 for the construction of a public facility including the acquisition of land or interest in land, the cost of engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications, the cost of original equipment and furnishings and any other costs related thereto, that $2,300 of that amount be authorized for out of state travel in connection with the project; that such increased appropriation shall be raised by the $750,000 already appropriated from the Stabilization Fund under said Article 29, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may borrow sums not exceeding the aggregate $2,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, clause 3 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes therefore, and that the Town Manager and the Selectmen are further authorized to apply for and accept grants or contributions that may be available toward the cost of said project from Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

**ARTICLE 4**

Voted YES 120, NO 57 that the Town amend the Town By-Laws by adding a new by-law establishing a Housing Review Board,
under the authority conferred by Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1985 (in a form substantially similar to the language of the General
Act set forth in WARRANT ARTICLE 5 which follows).

The Finance Committee made no recommendation on this article.

Article 5.

Voted that the Town petition the General Court for a Special Act amending Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1985.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same
as follows:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Emergency. The General Court finds and declares that a serious public emergency exists in the
Town of Amherst with respect to availability and quality of the housing of a substantial number of Town residents. This
emergency has been caused by the rapid inflation in the costs of new housing construction; by prolonged high interest
rates which have retarded new housing construction; by the substantial increase in the Town’s student population since 1960; and
by increases in residential mortgage rates, which have made home ownership more difficult or impossible, especially for low-
moderate-income families and elderly persons on fixed incomes. The General Court further finds that because of the
emergency, critical shortage of rental housing accommodations, abnormally high rents have resulted and, unless residential rents
become sufficient to review and control on a case-by-case basis, such emergency and the further inflationary pressures resulting therefore
produce serious threats to public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Amherst, particularly the
moderate income families and elderly persons on fixed incomes; and that such emergency should be met by the General Court
mediately with due regard for the rights and responsibilities of the Town of Amherst.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The following words or phrases as used in this Act, and in the by-law established hereunder, shall
have the following meanings:

(a) "Rental Unit," any building, structure, or part thereof, or land appurtenant thereto, or any other real or personal property
rented or offered for rent for living or dwelling purposes, including, houses, apartments, rooming or boarding house units,
or other properties used for living or dwelling purposes, together with all services connected with the use or occupancy of such
property.

(b) "Rent," the consideration, including any bonus, benefits, or gratuity demanded or received for or in connection with
use or occupancy of a rental unit or the transfer of a lease of such a rental unit.

(c) "Services," repairs, replacement, maintenance, painting, providing light, heat, hot and cold water, elevator services, which
shall include, without limitation, janitor services, garbage removal, storage, parking, and any other benefit, privilege, or facility connected
with the use or occupancy of any rental unit. Services to a rental unit shall include a proportionate part of services provided to common facilities of the building in which the rental unit is
located.

(d) "Landlord," includes an owner, lessor, sub-lessee, or other person entitled to the possession, use, or occupancy of a rental
unit.

(e) "Person," includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or any other organized group of persons, a legal
entity, or any other form of the foregoing.

(f) "Petition," a formal written statement on a form approved by the Housing Review Board requesting specific relief and set
forth the relevant facts and reasons therefor.

SECTION 3. Housing Review Board.

(a) The Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to establish, by a by-law not inconsistent with this Act, a Housing Review
Board, herein referred to as the Board.

(b) The Board shall consist of five members who shall be residents of the Town of Amherst. The board members shall be
appointed by the Town Manager and approved by the Board of Selectmen to serve without compensation. Three members shall
expire, there successors shall be appointed to serve two year terms. Vacancies, other than by expiration of terms, shall
be filled for the balance of the term by the Town Manager, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Every member, when
sooner removed, shall serve until the qualification of a successor.

(c) One members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(d) The Board shall accept petitions as provided herein on forms approved by the Board, and shall determine that (1) the fair
and reasonable net operating income as provided in SECTION 4 and in accordance with standards set forth therein, and (2) whether
the rent level is reasonable in relation to that fair and reasonable net operating income.

(e) The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as are allowed and are consistent with the
provisions of this Act and with the provisions of the by-law established hereunder.

(f) The Board shall secure such information and conduct such studies, either directly or through other municipal agencies, as
may seem necessary to its business purposes, or documents as it finds necessary for the performance of its duties.

(g) The Board shall have jurisdiction to accomplish the purpose of this Act and by-law established hereunder over all rental
units in the Town of Amherst except:

(1) rental units in hotels, motels, inns, and tourist homes which are rented primarily to transient guests for periods of less than
fourteen days, and rental units in rooming or boarding houses in which the tenant petitioner has resided for a period of three
months or less;

(2) rental units which a government unit, agency, or authority either owns, operates, regulates, insures the mortgage of,
finances, or subsidizes, or rental units with respect to which the application of this Act by or by-law would constitute an inconstituent
or conflict with any federal or state statute, regulation or other law; or rental units which a governmental unit, agency, or
authority finances or subsidizes, if the imposition of rent regulation would result in the cancellation or withdrawal, by law, of
such finance or subsidy;

(3) rental units in any hospital, civic or similar institutions, or college or school dormitory used exclusively for charitable or
educational purposes;

(4) rental units in nursing homes and rest homes for the aged;

(5) rental units in owner-occupied one, two, or three-family dwellings;

(6) The Board shall maintain a comprehensive annual report of its to the annual Town Meeting.

The Board may, on its own motion or upon the request of the landlord or a tenant petitioning the Board, join the petitions
for a consolidated hearing.

(i) The Board shall determine that a rental unit which is before it for decision is comparable to other rental units within the
building or complex, it shall have the authority to render decisions which shall apply to all such units by filing four days
written notice to the landlord and the tenant(s) of such other unit(s), stating that they have the right to appear and be
heard. The Board's decision shall take into adequate account the degree of comparability.

SECTION 4. Standards.

(a) The Board shall regulate or modify rent levels when it has determined the fair and reasonable net operating income as
provided in this Act and in accordance with standards set forth herein, and has determined that the rent level is not
reasonable in relation thereto.

(b) The following factors, which the Board by regulation shall define, shall be considered in determining whether a rent level of
a rental unit yields a fair and reasonable net operating income:

1. Increase or decreases in property taxes and assessments;

2. Unavoidable increases in operating costs, including maintenance and repairs;

3. Capital improvement of the rental unit as distinguished from ordinary repair, replacement, and maintenance;

4. Increases or decreases in living space, services, furniture, furnishings, or equipment;

5. Substantial deterioration of the rental unit other than as a result of ordinary wear and tear;

6. Failure to perform ordinary repair, replacement, and maintenance.

The Board shall consider all factors which it deems relevant to its determination of the fair and reasonable net operating income,
including but not limited to, those enumerated in this subsection.

(c) The Board shall deny rent increases when it determines that the affected premises do not comply with Chapter Two of the
State Sanitary Code, the Building Code, or any other applicable municipal code, by-law, or state law, regulating the construc-
tion of residential housing accommodations and that the landlord has received notice of such non-compliance and has not,
within seven days of receipt of such notice, taken appropriate steps to cause the unit to become compliant with such
law.

(d) The Board shall deny a rent increase in any tenancy at will where it finds that the landlord has not served the tenant at
will with a written notice to quit including an offer to establish a new tenancy pursuant to section twelve of chapter one hundred
and eighty-six of the General Laws.

(e) The Board may allow a rent increase if it determines that the tenant is more than thirty days in arrears in tendering rent,
unless such arrears is due to withholding of rent pursuant to, and in compliance with, the provisions of section one hundred
and twenty-seven L of chapter one hundred and eleven or section eight A of chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the General
Law.

SECTION 5. Hearings.

(a) Within thirty days of receipt of (1) a petition of a tenant presenting a dispute concerning a rent level in a unit which is not
exempt under SECTION 3 of this Act, or under the by-law established hereunder, or (2) a petition of a landlord or tenant
requesting modification of an order of the Board, the Board shall conduct a hearing to settle said dispute in a fair and equitable
manner and to adjust the rent level of the rental unit involved if the rent level is unreasonable in relation to the fair and
reasonable net operating income as provided in SECTION 4 and in accordance with the standards set forth therein.

(b) All parties to such hearing shall have the right to present evidence to the Board and to be represented by counsel before the
Board.

(c) The Board shall allow the landlord in each case a fair and reasonable net operating income, in accordance with standards
established in SECTION 4.

(d) Every decision of the Board shall be rendered within fourteen days of the close of the hearing. The decision shall be in
writing, and parties to the proceedings shall be notified of the decision in person or by mail. A copy of the decision shall be filed
with the Town Clerk.

(c) Any orders issued by the Board shall remain in effect for a period of one year unless modified by the Board. Orders shall not be modified only upon a finding by the Board of a significant change in circumstances or of new evidence which the petitioner could not have reasonably been expected to discover through reasonable diligence at the time of the hearing.

SECTION 6. Judicial Review.

(a) Any party to the proceeding aggrieved by the action of the Board may file a civil action against the Board in the Northampton Division of District Court Department of the Trial Court, or in any housing court having jurisdiction, within thirty days of the date on which the decision was filed with the Town Clerk. The court shall review and decide such action pursuant to the standards set forth in paragraph seven of section fourteen of chapter thirty A of the General Laws.

(b) The Northampton Division of the District Court Department of the Trial Court, or such housing court, shall have jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this Act or any provision of the by-law established hereunder.

SECTION 7. Civil Remedies.

(a) Any person who demands, accepts, receives, or retains any payment of rent in excess of the amount authorized by the Board during the one-year effective period provided in SECTION 5 (e) shall be liable to the person from whom such payment is demanded, accepted, receive, or retained for reasonable attorney’s fees and costs as determined by the court, plus liquidated damages in the amount of four hundred dollars.

(b) The Board shall be authorized to seek enforcement of its orders in the Northampton Division of the District Court Department of the Trial Court.

SECTION 8. Evictions.

(a) Any landlord of residential property within the Town of Amherst which is not exempt under the provisions of SECTION 9. if the Board finds a Summary Process Complaint against a tenant for a period of one year after the tenant has filed a petition with the Board except pursuant to SECTION 8 (c) below.

(b) The filing of a Summary Process Complaint against a tenant within the one year period following the filing of a petition in the tenant with the Board shall create a rebuttable presumption of reprisal within the meaning of section eighteen of chapter two hundred and eighty-six and section two A of chapter two hundred and thirty nine of the General Laws.

(c) The presumption of SECTION 8 (b) shall be rebutted only by clear and convincing evidence that the landlord’s action was not a reprisal against the tenant and that the landlord had sufficient independent justification for taking such action, and would have in fact taken such action, in the same manner and at the same time the action was taken, regardless of the tenant having filed a petition with the Board.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this Act or any provision of the by-law established hereunder, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Act or the by-law established hereunder and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Finance Committee made no recommendation on this article.

Article 6.

Voted YES 87, NO 59 that the Town appropriate a sum of $25,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the General Fund for the purpose of making improvements to the North Amherst School, particularly the front and rear steps, the fire alarm system, emergency lights, roof ventilation, and a sprinkler system, sufficient to bring the building into compliance with fire and life safety regulations; and for that purpose to accept a grant from Amherst School of the Arts to help defray the cost of said improvements.

The Finance Committee did not recommend approval of this article.

The School of the Arts shares space in the building with the Survival Center clothing outlet. Although neither operation alone poses a problem, the combination of the two violates a fire code. The state requires a three-hour fire hose between the operations.

Article 7.

DISMISSED. Increase amount appropriated for the construction of a force main and the rehabilitation of pumping equipment for Amherst Fields.

Article 8.

DISMISSED. To purchase jointly with the Dept. of Food and Agriculture of the Commonwealth, an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on 20.3 acres of land on Meadow Street.

Article 9.

DEFEATED NO 107, YES 35 that the Town amend the Official Zoning Map by placing within the Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) Overlay District a parcel of land designated as Parcels # 5, 7, and 8 on Map # 12-C of the Town Atlas (Cadastre).

The Finance Committee had no recommendation on this article.

The business of the warrant, having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 12:13 p.m. The checkers reported that four town meeting members had checked in.

TOWN ELECTION
April 8, 1986

In accordance with the Warrant, the polls were opened at 12:00 noon and closed at 8:00 p.m. The voters cast their ballots in their respective precincts. The results were as follows: (Listed by precincts)

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Dean A. Allen 226
Bill Crossman 165
*Richard L. Hall 113
David C. Martin 120
Stephen P. Puffer, Jr. 172
Janice Wohl 172
Pauline A. Kuzmeski 170
Mary V. Salsal 154
Lillian B. Silver 206
Gloria D. Williams 203
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PRECINCT II, three years (10)
David S. Ross 193
Michael L. Basile 158
Thomas O. Wilkinson 234
John M. Bakcom 150
Otto L. Stein 221
Janice K. Basile 21
William M. Harris 160
Joyce A. Berkman 212
WRITE-IN:
Andrew Steinberg 4
Ruth Backes 56
Craig Meadows 35
Lyntn Kirk 29
Sandra Mullins 13
*Michael Sullivan 21
*Roy Lyon 7
*Jean Reach 6
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PRECINCT III, three years (10)
Paul Throne 54
W. Brian O'Connor 55
Keith O. Kaneta 64
Linda M. Doyle 56
Janet W. Dukin 70
Leverne J. Thelen 54
Deborah Lawrence-Riddel 57
James B. Butterworth 58
WRITE IN:
Merle Howes 11
Linda Lockwood 4
*Helen Thelen 3

HOUSING AUTHORITY - five years (1)
Jonathan A. Hite 178
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REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - five years (1)
Margaret R. Roberts 172
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PCT. II, three years (10)
Mary L. Wentworth 167
Blak K. Campbell 195
Kef W. Meyer 177
Tim Ashewell 216
Albert W. Woodhall 175
Frederick A. Filios 166
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PCT. III, one year (4)
WRITE IN:
Helen Thelen 3
# Helen Thelen 2
# Linda Lockwood 3
# Merle Howes 2
# Rene Theberge 2
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PCT. IV, three years (10)
Sondley M. Moss 118
Douglas N. McCree 92
Jef Saxe 90
Barrett B. Moreau 129
Francis J. Fortino 99
Freennie C. Frank 118
Lorraine Wijeyeringe 468
Douglas B. Ruopp 103
Barbara McGlynn 103
LaDe Stewart 25
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PCT. IV, two years (1)
Leslie W. Hornet 89
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PCT. IV, one year (3)
Claudia Moore O'Brien 91
Charles Boudi 84
*Richard M. Gordon 40
Joseph Frank 102
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PCT. V, one year (1)
WRITE IN:
Kenneth Dietrich 8
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PCT. VI, one year (2)
Monika Giacimmo 154
Thomas N. Harris 185
*Margaret Nash 27
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PCT. VII, one year (1)
Margaret Collins 133
*Joan Rabin 2
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PCT. VIII, two years (1)
Robert A. Cohen 218
Blanks 194

# Chose/won different term

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The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Acting Town Clerk, Rose M. Quinton at 7:35 p.m. in the absence of members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. No. 1. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $422,023 to cover the overdraft in the Highway - Chapter 90 Fund balance and to retire that appropriation, transfer $422,023 from Free Cash in the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 2. Voted unanimously that the Town rescind $12,325,000 of loans authorized but unused under Article 2 (10/1971), Sewage Treatment Facility. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 3. Voted that the Town reaffirm the use of $270,000 of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Article 31 (FY 86) Handicapped Barrier Removal. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $422,023 to cover the overdraft in the Highway - Chapter 90 Fund balance and to retire that appropriation, transfer $422,023 from Free Cash in the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 5. Voted unanimously that the Town rescind $12,325,000 of loans authorized but unused under Article 2 (10/1971), Sewage Treatment Facility. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 6. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 1986 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 7. Voted that the tax of the personnel by-law be amended, effective July 1, 1986, as follows: A. Under Section 5 - Hours of Work and Overtime, delete b) all permanent employees at the Wastewater Treatment Plant who are regularly assigned to night shift hours will receive a night shift differential in the amount of $1.50 per hour. Add h) all permanent employees at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Emergency Dispatchers who are regularly assigned to night shift hours will receive a night shift differential in the amount of $2.50 per hour. B. Under Section 6 - Vacations, delete a) All Town employees, except for emergency or temporary appointees, who have acquired vacation status as indicated below, shall be credited with earned vacation leave weekly to be accumulated in hours, with pay not to exceed the following schedule: less than 5 years of completed service, 10 working days pay annually. more than 5 years but less than 10 years of completed service, 15 working days annually. more than 10 years but less than 20 years of completed service, 20 working days annually. add. a) All clerical and technical employees, except for emergency or temporary appointees, who have acquired vacation status as indicated below, shall be credited with earned vacation leave weekly to be accumulated in hours, with pay not to exceed the following schedule: less than 5 years of completed service, 10 working days annually. more than 5 years but less than 10 years of completed service, 15 working days annually. more than 10 years but less than 20 years of completed service, 20 working days annually. more than 20 years of completed service, 22 working days annually. and b) all professional, administrative and management employees, except for emergency or temporary appointees, who have acquired vacation status as indicated below, shall be credited with earned vacation leave weekly to be accumulated in hours, with pay not to exceed the following schedule: less than 5 years of completed service, 10 working days annually. more than 5 years but less than 10 years of completed service, 15 working days annually. more than 10 years but less than 20 years of completed service, 20 working days annually. more than 20 years of completed service, 22 working days annually. add c) All permanent employees, who have completed ten full years of employment with the Town prior to their termination date, shall receive a single cash payment of $10 per day for each day of accumulated sick leave to a maximum payment of $2,000. Upon the death of an employee eligible for sick leave buy-back, payment shall be made to the estate or heirs of the deceased for accrued sick leave. and d) upon termination of employment with the Town for any reason other than unsatisfactory performance, all permanent employees, who have completed ten full years of employment with the Town prior to their termination date, shall receive a single cash payment of $20 per day for each day of accumulated sick leave to a maximum payment of $2,000. Upon the death of an employee eligible for sick leave buy-back, payment shall be made to the estate or heirs of the deceased for accrued sick leave.
Chapter 32B of the General Laws by inserting therein a new section 3A for the purpose of providing a continuing fund for the payment of claims under said Chapter 32B for providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health care coverage.

The Finance Committee recommended approval for this article.

Article 9.

Voted unanimously that the Town accept Chapter 41, Section 41B of the General Laws authorizing the payment of public employees by direct bank credits.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 10.

Voted unanimously that the Town adopt a comprehensive operating budget for the ensuing year and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Moderator Field outlined the voting procedure whereby town meeting members follow the proposed budget, by line items, using the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting.

General Government

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $2,190,717 for General Government and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, except that the appropriation for Human Resources be increased to $899,973 and the appropriation for Human Resources - Claim Trust Fund be reduced to $25,000, that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at $10, that the Board of Selectmen at $300 each, that of the Elector of under the Oliver Smith Will at $20, that of the appropriation for Human Resources, $2,500 made available for out of state travel, and that $2,120,717 be raised by taxation.

Public Safety

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $2,620,150 for Public Safety and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting.

Highway and Streets

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $1,188,506 for Highways and Streets and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $2,151,750 be raised by taxation.

Education

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $484,478 for Library and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $468,963 be raised by taxation.

Other Environmental

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $125,000 for Other Environmental and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $1,965,787 be raised by taxation.

Human Services

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $577,464 for Human Services and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $572,464 be raised by taxation.

Culture and Recreation

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $358,853 for Culture and Recreation and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $358,853 be raised by taxation.

Debt, Education

1. Voted that the Town appropriate $5,913,976 for the Amherst Elementary Schools for FY87, that $9,840 be made available for out of state travel, and that $5,004,238 be raised by taxation.

2. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $3,791,597 as its proportionate share of the FY87 Guly payment of claims under said Chapter 32B for providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health care coverage.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Law, Library, Prayer

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $484,478 for Library Services and that the appropriations and revenues for the separate accounts be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $468,963 be raised by taxation.

Debt

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $202,000 for payment of principal and interest on the Town's General Fund Debt, $11,157 for principal and interest on School Debt, and $111,230 on ARA Debt and that the payments be transferred and fixed as set forth in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the 227th Annual Town Meeting, and that $185,000 be raised by taxation.

Water Fund

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $543,142 for the Water Department operating budget, $320,000 for...
payment of debt and $168,355 for payment of interest on the Water Debt, and that $1,101,497 be made available from Water Revenue of the Current Year.

Sewer Fund

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $903,022 for the Sewer Department operating budget, $105,000 for payment of debt and $380,510 for payment of interest on the Sewer Debt, and that $1,077,432 be made available from Sewer Revenue of the Current Year.

Solid Waste Fund

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $110,900 for the Solid Waste Fund operating budget, $95,000 for payment of debt, $80,000 for payment of interest on Solid Waste Debt, and that $385,500 be made available from Solid Waste Fund Revenue of the Current Year.

Article 11.

DISMISSED Amend the Housing Review Board by-law to raise and appropriate money to support the Board's operation.

Article 12.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $183,000 to purchase and/or repair the following items of equipment and be authorized to turn in corresponding items of equipment as part of payment:

- Police Cruisers
- Fire Equipment Van
- Assistant Fire Chief Car
- Ambulance
- Construction and Maintenance Pick-up Truck
- Sanding Body
- Mini Computers

Equipment Van

Assistant Fire Chief Car

Ambulance

Construction and Maintenance Pick-up Truck

Sanding Body

Article 13.

Voted that the Town appropriate $140,000 for an Aerial platform truck, and to meet that appropriation, accept and expend $230,000 from Article 14 (FY86), Construction and Maintenance; $230,000 from Article 15 (FY86), Construction and Maintenance; $180,000 from Article 16 (FY86), Fire Equipment Van; $20,000 from Article 17 (FY86), Assistant Fire Chief Car; $13,000 from Article 18 (FY86), Ambulance; $37,000 from Article 19 (FY86), Police Cruisers; $15,000 from Article 20 (FY86), Fire Equipment Van; $14,000 from Article 21 (FY86), Ambulance; and $183,000 from Article 22 (FY86), Construction and Maintenance.

Article 14.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate $220,000 for the following road maintenance projects:

- Storm Drainage
- Curbing Improvements
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- Amity Street/University Drive Intersection

Article 15.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of $80,000 or such other amount as the State may provide for the construction or repair of certain roads in town, authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise, and further authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 16.

Voted YES 118, NO 36 that the Town appropriate $25,000 for engineering services for East Leverett Road and to meet that appropriation, transfer $5,000 from the Stabilization Fund.

Article 17.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $144,000 for the following other environmental, culture and recreation capital projects:

- Factory Hollow Dam Repairs
- War Memorial Pool Rehabilitation
- Softball Field Renovations

Article 18.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate $55,000 for the following town facilities maintenance projects:

- Town Hall Repairs and Cushman School
- North Fire Station Repairs and Renovations
- Munson Library Repairs and Renovations

Article 19.

DISMISSED Repairs and renovations to the Munson Memorial Library Building.

Article 20.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate $10,000 for an architectural study of the expansion of the Bangs Community Center.

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $340,000 for improvements to Puffer's Pond and to meet that appropriation, accept and expend $25,000 in grants or contributions from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and raise $85,000 from taxation.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $10,000 to assist the Department of Food and Agriculture of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in purchasing "Agricultural Preservation Restrictions" on a farm or farms in Amherst as provided under Chapter 132A, Section A-D and Chapter 184, Sections 3-11 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer $40,000 from Article 26 (FY86), Open Space Land Acquisition, and $10,000 from Article 25 (FY86), Conservation Land Acquisition to assist the Department of Food and Agriculture of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction as provided under Chapter 132A, Sections A through D and 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws, on a parcel of Parcel 1, Atlas Map 26B, owned by Richard and Jane Wilkie, consisting of 46 acres more or less.

Voted YES 114, NO 60 that the Town (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise in any form, the land known as a farm in the Town of Amherst, which land owned by Richard and Jane Wilkie, consisted of 46 acres more or less and (2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate and transfer $59,500 for the following purchases: (1) for said acquisition, accept and expend $43,960 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in purchasing "Agricultural Preservation Restrictions" on a farm or farms in Amherst as provided with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, as from time to time amended, and more particularly Chapter 79, Section 14 of Chapter 40, and sections 3 through 11 of Chapter 184, Parcel 8, Atlas Map 4-D owned by Donald Lavandiere and Leigh Andrews and consisting of 20.3 acres more or less, for the purpose of retaining the land in its open condition suitable for agricultural use; and (for said acquisition, appropriate and transfer $45,000 from Article 27 (FY86), Conservation Land Acquisition, (3) notwithstanding the vote taken under Article 26 of this Town Meeting, appropriate and transfer $6,040 from the Conservation Reimbursement Receipts reserved for appropriation account, and $2,000 in conservation reimbursements to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and (4) raise $43,900 from taxation.

Voted YES 178, NO 2 that the Town (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain property of the estate of Julia R. Keet for purchase of Parcel 45, 48 and 80, Town Atlas Map 6A, consisting of 5.2 acres more or less; (2) appropriate and transfer $18,000 from Article 25 (FY86), Conservation Land Acquisition, and $7,000 from Article 27 (FY86), Conservation Land Acquisition, raise $10,500 from taxation, and accept a contribution of $59,500 or such other amount as the Amherst Housing Authority may provide, to complete said purchase, and to authorize the application for and acceptance of grants or contributions from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or otherwise; (3) authorize the Board of Selectmen simultaneously to convey to the Amherst Housing Authority a portion of said property bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a highway boundary on the Easterly line of Bridge Street (a public way); Thence Northerly on said street line 270 feet to a point; Thence Easterly by Parcel B (beginning described) 200 feet to a point; Thence Southerly by said Parcel B 420 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by the southerly line of Market Hill Road (a public way) by various courses and distances a total of 225 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by land now or formerly owned by Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst 140 feet to a point; Thence Northeasterly by said easterly line of Bridge Street 63 feet to the point of beginning; including the Ephraim Cushman House (99 Bridge Street) and containing 2.2 acres, and subject to a sanitary sewer easement. (4) A second portion of said property, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Bridge Street (a public way); Thence Easterly by land now or formerly owned by the heirs of Myrle Murphy 176 feet along the remains of a stone wall and rail fence to a point; Thence Northerly by land of said Murphy 145 feet along a stone wall to a concrete boundary; Thence Easterly by land now or formerly owned by the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst 80 feet to a point; Thence Southerly by land of said Town 230 feet to a point; Thence Southerly by land of said Town 240 feet to a point; Thence Westerly by land now or formerly owned by W.D. Cowles, Inc. 39 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly by the northerly line of Market Hill Road (a public way) 170 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by parcel (described above) 400 feet to a point; Thence Westerly by said Parcel A 200 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by the easterly line of said Bridge Street and thence to a water line easement over the southerly corner, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under Chapter 40, Section 8-C, Massachusetts General Laws; (5) the remainder of the property, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Market Hill Road (a public way); Thence Southerly by land now or formerly owned by W.D. Cowles, Inc. 203 feet to a point; Thence Westerly by land now and formerly owned by one Holden 100 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by the Town of Amherst Pump Station Lot 20 feet to a point; Thence Westerly by said lot 50 feet to a point; Thence Southerly by said lot 50 feet to a stone bound; Thence Westerly by land of said Holden 165 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by the easterly line of Henry Street (a public way) by various courses and distances a total of 230 feet to a point; Thence Westerly by land now and formerly owned by W.D. Cowles, Inc. 140 feet to a point; Thence Northerly by the Town of Amherst Pump Station Lot (all bearings, distances and areas of the above described parcels approximate, and not the result of a field survey), to be managed and controlled by the Board of Selectmen for future water supply purposes or other municipal use.
Article 26.

Voted that the Town appropriate $45,540 for the acquisition of land for conservation purposes and to meet said appropriation from the Conservation Reimbursement Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, $20,000 from Conservation Reimbursement to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and raise $19,520 from taxation.

Article 27.

Voted YES 125, NO 31 that the Town petition the General Court for a Special Act authorizing the Town to establish by bylaw a land bank fund and for such fund impose upon the transfer of real property within the Town a tax not to exceed 2 percent of the sales price, the proceeds to be used for acquisition of land or interests in land for conservation and open space purposes and acquire land for housing for low and moderate income residents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Board of Assessors" - the Amherst Board of Assessors.

"Collector" - the Amherst Town Collector.

"Conservation Commission" - the Amherst Conservation Commission.

"Finance Committee" - the Amherst Finance Committee.

"Fund" - the Amherst Land Bank Fund established under section 2 of this act.

"Housing Authority" - the Amherst Housing Authority.

"Planning Board" - the Amherst Planning Board.

"Purchaser" - the transferee, grantee, or recipient of any real property interest.

Section 2. The Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to establish by bylaw a land bank fund and for such fund impose upon the transfer of real property within the Town a tax not to exceed 2 percent of the sales price, the proceeds to be used for acquisition of land or interests in land for conservation and open space purposes and acquire land for housing for low and moderate income residents.

Section 3. The Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to establish a tax, hereinafter referred to as a fee on the transfer or sale of any real property interest, or any reversionary right, condition or right of entry for condition broken, the interest of a mortgage or other secured party in any easement or right of way, the dominant estate in any easement or right of way, or the fee established pursuant to this act, which are not overdue at the time of the transfer, and the fair market value, at the time of transfer, of any other consideration or thing of value paid or transferred by or on behalf of the purchaser to a seller or his nominee, or for his benefit, for the transfer of any real property interest, and shall include, but be not limited to, all cash or in its equivalent so paid or transferred; all cash or in its equivalent so paid or transferred by or on behalf of the purchaser to discharge or reduce any obligation of the seller; the principal amount of any notes or their equivalent, or other deferred payments, given or promised by or on behalf of the purchaser to the seller or his nominee, the outstanding balance of all obligations of the seller which are assumed by the purchaser of which the real property interest transferred remains subject after the transfer, determined at the time of the transfer, but excluding real estate taxes and other municipal liens, other than the fee established pursuant to this section 3 of this act, which are not overdue at the time of the transfer; and the fair market value, at the time of transfer, of any other consideration or thing of value paid or transferred by or on behalf of the purchaser, including, but not limited to, any property, goods and services paid, transferred or rendered in exchange for such real property interest.

"Real Property Interest" - any present or future legal or equitable interest in or to real property, and any beneficial interest therein, including any interest in a trust which holds any real or equitable interest in real property, but which shall not include any interest which is limited to any one of the following: the estate in remainder or reversion, the right to enforce any restriction, any estate as will at will or at pleasure, and any estate having a term less than thirty years, and reversionary right, condition or right of entry for condition broken, the interest of a mortgage or other secured party in any easement or security agreement, and the interest of a stockholder in a corporation, or a partner in a partnership.

"Register" - the register of deeds for Hampshire County.

"Seller" - the transferee, grantor or immediate former owner of any real property interest.

"Time of the transfer" - any real property interest, the time at which such transfer is legally effective as between the parties thereto, and, in the event, with respect to a transfer evidenced by an instrument recorded with the registry of deeds, the date of such recording or filing.

"Town Meeting" - the Amherst Town Meeting.

Section 2. The Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to establish by bylaw a land bank fund, to be administered by the conservation commission, planning board, and housing authority for the purpose of acquiring, holding, and managing land and interests in land of the types set forth in said bylaw, in order to provide for existing and future open space and low and moderate income housing needs.

Section 3. The Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to establish a tax, hereinafter referred to as a fee on the transfer of any real property interest in real property in said town. Said fee shall be in the amount of not more than two percent (2%) of the purchase price or such lower amount established by two-thirds vote of town meeting. The fee shall become effective only upon notice of said fee by registered or certified mail to the registry of deeds and upon posting of said notice as required under said bylaw. The level of the fee imposed may be revised from time to time within the 2% limit by a two-thirds vote of town meeting. Such revisions shall be effective at the first of July after such revision is voted, and shall be subject to the notice requirement as established in said bylaw. The fee shall be the liability of the purchaser, and be an encumbrance on the title of the grantor for the purposes of section 21 of chapter 184 and a fee assessed upon the land for the purposes of section 37 of chapter 60 of the General Laws. Said fee shall be paid to the collector to the collector, who shall maintain a separate account for the purposes of said bylaw.

Under section 1 of chapter 132A of the General Laws, the Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to increase the sales price, the proceeds to be used for acquisition of land or interests in land for conservation and open space purposes and acquire land for housing for low and moderate income residents.

The conservation commission and planning board shall authorize and appropriate open space for conservation, recreation, and open space purposes in order to protect the environment, preserve natural scenes and beauty, and maintain Amherst a diverse base of open space including woods, forest lands, open fields, field/forest edges, watershed lands, aquifer recharge areas, riparian lands, wetlands, greenbelts along rivers and streams, critical wildlife habitats, open space which acts as buffer zones and/or linkage between developed areas, and lands for passive or active recreational uses which allow the land to remain generally in a natural condition.

The housing authority, upon approval by town meeting, may expend annually, fifty percent of the total revenues for the following purposes to promote housing for low- and moderate-income residents, qualifying under provisions adopted by the housing authority and approved by town meeting: (a) acquisition, gift, or otherwise obtaining ownership or any lesser interest, including lease, of existing housing stock and dwellings within the Town of Amherst; (b) acquisition of abandoned or neglected housing; (c) "homestead" type loans for owner-occupied units or units that will be owner-occupied by the borrower at rates established by the housing authority; (d) acquisition of property, real interest in property, and site improvements; (e) other programs that the housing authority may develop that provide housing stock for residents. Said units acquired or otherwise obtained shall be under the ownership and operation of the housing authority.

Section 4. Upon proper appropriation by town meeting, such funds may be expended without limitation for any purposes set forth in this act.

Section 5. The fee imposed by the bylaw established pursuant to this act shall be due and payable at the time of the transfer to which it is imposed and the deed or other such instrument of conveyance shall have attached thereto or as a part thereof a statement signed under oath or other penalties of perjury by both the seller and the purchaser, or their legal representative, attesting to the true and complete purchase price and the basis, if any, upon which the transfer is claimed to be exempt in whole or in part from the tax imposed thereby. Failure to comply with these requirements shall not affect the validity of any instrument, but may constitute breach of contract, and any buyer shall have the right to recover from a seller failing to comply with the provisions of the bylaw established pursuant to this act.

Section 6. The collector shall post a conspicuous notice informing the public as to when the fee imposed is in effect and the rate thereof.

Section 7. The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee imposed by the bylaw established pursuant to this act:

(a) Transfers to the government of the United States, the Commonwealth, and any of their instrumentalities, agencies, or subdivisions.

(b) Transfers made to the spouse, lineal descendant, or lineal ancestor of the seller, by blood or adoption.

(c) Transfers which, without additional consideration, confirm, modify or supplement a transfer previously made.

(d) Transfers made as gifts without consideration. In any proceedings to determine the amount of any fee imposed under the bylaw established pursuant to this act, it shall be presumed that any transfer for consideration of less than fair market value of the real property interests transferred was made as a gift without consideration from the difference between the fair market value of the real property interests transferred and the amount of consideration claimed by the purchaser to have been paid or transferred, if the purchaser shall have been at the time of the transfer the spouse, lineal descendant, or lineal ancestor of the seller, by blood or adoption, and otherwise it shall be presumed that consideration was paid in an amount equal to the fair market value of the real property interests transferred, at the time of the transfer.

(e) Transfers to the trustees of a trust in exchange for a beneficial interest received by the seller in such trust; distributions by the trustees of a trust to the beneficiaries of such trust.

(f) Transfers made in operations of law without actual consideration, including but not limited to, transfers occurring by virtue of the death or bankruptcy of the transferor or real property interest.

(g) Transfers made in partition of land and improvements thereof, under chapter 241 of the General Laws.

(h) Transfers to the public, any charitable organization as defined in clause 3 of section 59 of the General Laws, or any religious organization, provided that the real property interests so transferred will be held by the purchaser solely for public,
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Section 8. A purchaser who fails to pay all or any portion of the fee imposed by the bylaw established pursuant to this act on or before the time when same is due shall be liable for the following additional payments in addition to said fee:

a) Interest on the unpaid amount of the fee to be calculated from the time of transfer at a rate equal to 14 percent per annum.

b) PENALTIES: Any person who, without fraud or willful intent to defeat or evade the fee, fails to pay all or any portion of the fee within 30 days after the time of transfer, shall pay a penalty equal to 5 percent of the outstanding fee as determined by the collector for each month or portion thereof thereafter that the fee is not paid in full; provided, however, that in no event shall the amount of any penalty imposed exceed 25 percent of the unpaid fee due at the time of transfer. Whenever the collector determines that all or a portion of a fee due under said bylaw was not paid due to fraud or willful intent to defeat or evade the fee imposed, a penalty equal to the amount of said fee shall be paid by the purchaser in addition to said fee.

Section 9. The collector shall notify a purchaser by registered or certified mail or any failure to discharge in full the amount of the fee due and any penalty or interest assessed. The board of assessors shall grant a hearing on the matter of the imposition of a fee, or of any penalty or interest assessed, if a petition requesting such hearing is received by the board within 30 days of the mailing of notice by the collector. The board shall notify the purchaser in writing by registered or certified mail of its determination concerning the deficiency, penalty or interest within 15 days after said hearing. Any party aggrieved by a determination of the board may contest the fee, and any interest or penalty, as determined by the board. All fees, penalties and interest required to be paid shall constitute a personal debt of the purchaser and may be recovered in an action of contract or in any other appropriate action, suit or proceeding brought by the collector; said action, suit or proceeding shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 260.

Section 10. The town meeting shall annually, or more frequently as it desires, approve the expenditure of money collected for the purpose of meeting the obligations of the town. All fees, penalties and interest required to be paid shall constitute a personal debt of the purchaser and may be recovered in an action of contract or in any other appropriate action, suit or proceeding brought by the collector; said action, suit or proceeding shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 260.

Section 11. Before the town may expend monies for land acquisition from the land bank fund, the conservation commission and planning board, or the housing authority shall submit a proposal for the expenditure of funds for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 12. Nothing in this act or in the bylaw established pursuant to this act shall affect the eligibility of the town to receive funds under the land conservation program created under section 11 of chapter 132A of the General Laws or under any similar state program.

Section 13. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Article 28.

Voted that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to recommend appropriate interim space and financing for the Town's Public Access Television Facility; the committee will consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, of whom, three will be CCATV representatives; the chair shall be appointed from among this group by the Board of Selectmen, the committee will report to the Board of Selectmen by September 1, 1986; and that the Town appropriate $50,000 for architectural and engineering consultation to the committee and accept and expend said sum of $5,000 from Times Mirror Cable Television of Pioneer Valley, Inc., pursuant to Section 7.4 of the August 19, 1985 renewal cable television license.

Article 29. DISMISSED. Work with CCATV to provide studio & related space.

Article 30. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $5,000 for CCATV.

The Finance Committee recommended approval for this article.

Article 31. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $3,000 for the Employees Activities Account.

Article 32. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $12,081 for the following Human Services Agencies:

- Parent Aide Volunteer Effort $ 2,850
- After School Programs 10,258
- JCC Preschool $12,000
- Amherst Youth Program $11,793
- Amherst Resource Center $3,500
- Necessities/Necessidades $1,200

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 33. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $12,500 to partially fund a Family Drop-In Center. The Finance Committee did not recommend this article.

Article 34. Voted YEA 120, NO 42 that

WHEREAS, the Refugee Acts of 1980 (U.S.C. section 1101 [a] [621]) directs that political asylum be granted to any person seeking a well-founded fear of persecution by his or her country, and

WHEREAS, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) currently grants asylum to less than two percent of El Salvadorians and Guatemalan refugees applying, and

WHEREAS, refugees from Guatemala and El Salvador are vulnerable to exploitation and the fear of deportation or internment while residing in the United States, and

WHEREAS, individuals, communities, churches, and synagogues across the nation have elected to provide sanctuary for refugees in a way they consider to be morally and legally correct, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst desires not to participate in the compounding of injustice against Central Americans, or in the Federal Government's persecution of those who in good faith offer humanitarian assistance to the refugees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst be declared a TOWN OF SANGUINITY AND REFUGE for El Salvadorans and Guatemalan refugees until such time as they can safely return to their home lands or until they are granted federally recognized residency status, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no town employee, agent, or department shall officially assist or voluntarily cooperate with investigations or arrest procedures, public or clandestine, relating to alleged violations of immigration law by refugees from El Salvador or Guatemala, or by those offering them sanctuary, unless required to do so by federal or state statute, regulation or court decision. No town employee, agent or department shall request information about, investigate, or assist in the investigation for purchase at fee simple, or less than fee simple interest.

The conservation commission and planning board, or the housing authority shall submit a proposal for the expenditure of funds for the ensuing fiscal year.
of the citizenship or residency status of any person unless such inquiry or investigation is required by federal or state statute, regulation, or court decision; nor shall any such employee, agent, or department disseminate information regarding the citizenship or residency status of any person unless similarly required to do so. No employee, agent, or department shall consider, provision of benefits, opportunities or services on matters related to citizenship or residency status, unless required to do so by federal or state statute, regulation or court decision. Pursuant to this resolution, no employee, agent, or department of the Town of Amherst shall make a determination of requirement by federal or state statute, regulation, or court decision without first being consulted with the Town Manager and been informed by the Town Manager or Town Counsel that such assistance, cooperation, or other provision of this resolution is legally required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst supports and appreciates any efforts by the citizens of the Town of Amherst who may provide support and friendship to these Central American refugees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst supports and appreciates any efforts by the citizens of the Town of Amherst who may provide support and friendship to these Central American refugees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst extend an invitation to other U.S. Towns to join in the offer of sanctuary, so that the United States may continue in its tradition of providing a safe haven for those fleeing from oppression and persecution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk communicate this resolution to all town departments, to the Massachusetts congressional delegation, the local and national directors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the General Court, Governor Dukakis and President Reagan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of component jurisdiction to be contrary to the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth or the applicability thereof to any agency, person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Voted unanimously that the Town of Amherst supports and appreciates any efforts by the citizens of the Town of Amherst who may provide support and friendship to these Central American refugees, and

Article 43.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $36,000 for the development and coordination of support services essential to the tenants of congregate housing, said program to be fully reimbursed by the Department of Elder Affairs.

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 44.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $20,000 for exterior improvements to the Jones Library, and to meet that appropriation, accept and expend $6,000 from Jones Library Inc., and raise $6,000 from taxation.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 45.

Voted that the Town appropriate $26,000 for exterior improvements to the Jones Library, and to meet that appropriation, accept and expend $6,000 from Jones Library Inc., and raise $6,000 from taxation.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 46.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $68,000 for the following Water Capital Projects:

- South Amherst Well Maintenance
- Water Main Replacement
- Watershed Land Protection

and to meet that appropriation, $68,000 be made available from Water Revenues of the current year.

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 47.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $100,000 for engineering services for the South East Street water main and to meet that appropriation, $100,000 be made available from Water Revenues of the current year.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 48.

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate $825,000 for engineering services for sludge composting facilities, and to meet that appropriation, $825,000 be made available from Water Revenues of the current year.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 49.

DISMISSED. Construction of a water treatment facility for the Atkins Reservoir system.

Article 50.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $14,000 for the following equipment for the Sewer Fund:

- Pick-up Truck

and to meet that appropriation, $14,000 be made available from Sewer Revenues of the current year.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 51.

Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $20,000 for the reconstruction of existing sewer mains. And to meet that appropriation, $20,000 be made available from Sewer Revenues of the current year.

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 52.

Voted that the Town appropriate $75,000 for engineering services for sludge composting facilities, and to meet that appropriation, $75,000 be made available from Sewer Revenues of the current year, that the Board of Selectmen apply for, accept, and expend $200,000 in grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise, and the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow on a temporary basis $200,000 in anticipation of reimbursement from said grants.

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

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granted as authorized under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws, Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1945 or any other enabling authority.  

**Article 49.**  
Voted YES 127, NO 40 that the Town raise and appropriate $25,000 for: 1) curbside pick-up of recyclable paper, 2) pilot program for collection of recyclable paper from apartment complexes and condominium units, and 3) publicity, education, and monitoring for recycling programs, and related activities designed to increase recycling by residents of the town, and to meet said appropriation, $5,000 be transferred from the unexpended balance under Article 24 (FY85), Refuse Collection Feasibility Study, and $20,000 be made available from Solid Waste Revenues of the current year.  

Motion 2 - Voted YES 98, NO 78 that the Town endorse town-wide, backyard collection of household refuse, to be funded as a mandatory fee, and that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to implement the program by July 1, 1987.

**Article 50.**  
Voted that the Town amend Article III of the Town By-laws by adding the following new section:  
Collection of Recyclable Materials  
Approved by Atty. Gen. 9/22/86  
1. Authorize agents of the town's recycling program, so designated by the Town Manager, may pick up material left at curbsides in front of any residence in the town in connection with the recycling program. No other person, except for the owner of the residence or a person designated by the owner, may pick up such materials.  
2. Any person violating the provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars for each offense.  

**Article 51.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $30,000 to be added to Article 48 (FY86) for curbing and sealing the new sanitary landfill, and to meet that appropriation, $30,000 be made available from Solid Waste Revenues of the current year.  
The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 52.**  
DISMISSED Development of the second cell at the Sanitary Landfill.  

**Article 53.**  
Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer $540,000 from Free Cash in the undisguised fund balance of the General Fund to reduce the tax levy of the 1987 fiscal year.  

**Article 54.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town establish as town ways and easements and accept the layouts as town ways and easements each of the following streets and adjacent easements: Jason Court, Kingman Road, Wildflower Drive, Indian Pipe Lane and Fire glove Lane, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 21, 1986, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefore, no appropriation being required.  

**Article 55.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 7.4 of Zoning By-law, (Municipal Parking Zone) by adding the underlined language after the words Industrial Use (Section 3.37); or any Residential Use (Section 3.32) excepting fratermites, sororities, dormitory, hotel or motel.  

**Article 56.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-law (Use Chart) by changing the SP to PA in the EG column as follows: Section 3.32 Townhouse; Section 3.33, Apartments; Section 3.34, Conversion Dwelling; Section 3.35, Building containing dwelling units in combination with stores or other permitted business; Section 3.39, Lodging or boarding house.  

**Article 57.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 5.1 of the Zoning By-law (Supplemental Apartment) by adding Neighborhood Residential District to the Districts in which a supplemental apartment can be allowed by Special Permit.  

**Article 58.**  
Voted that the Town amend Section 3.32 of the Zoning By-law (Converted Dwelling) by changing the Standards and Conditions section by adding the following language and deleting the language in parentheses as follows:  

**Article 59.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 5.17 - Trailer - of the Zoning By-law by deleting the language in parentheses and adding the following language so that this Section will read as follows:  
5.17 Trailer - A trailer or mobilehome may be used (as a dwelling) on any lot for not more than 30 days in any twelve month period and shall be removed at the end of said 30 day period, except as provided below.  
5.170 The owner or occupier of a residence which has been destroyed by fire or natural disaster may place a mobilehome on the site of such residence (and the owner or occupier) may, by right, reside in such mobilehome for a period not to exceed twelve months while the residence is being built. Any such mobilehome shall be subject to the provisions of the State Sanitary Code.  
5.171 The tenure of a commercial place of business which has been destroyed by fire or natural disaster may place a trailer on the site of such place of business and may, by right, occupy such trailer for a period not to exceed twelve months while the business is being built. Any such trailer shall be subject to the provisions of the Amherst Board of Health.  
5.172 In circumstances other than noted in Sections 5.170 and 5.171 above, the Board of Appeals may allow the use of a trailer or mobilehome as a dwelling or a commercial place of business for longer than 60 days, under a Special Permit, provided that a time limit is imposed as part of such permit. (No trailer may be used for commercial purposes other than for temporary use as a construction trailer).  

5.173 A trailer may be used for a construction site office on a temporary basis, such trailer to be removed upon completion of the construction project.  

**Article 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 approved by Atty. Gen. 9/22/86**

**Article 60.**  
Voted YES 104, NO 33 that the Town amend Section 3.12 of the Zoning By-law by changing the N to Y in the RN column and by rewriting the standards and conditions column to read as follows:  
The majority of the produce and products sold shall be produced by the owner of the land or made from the products so produced. (The farm shall be a minimum of five acres in size.)

**Article 61.**  
Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 6.15 - Minimum Side Yard - and Table 3 - Dimensional Regulations of the Zoning By-law in the following manner:  
To add footnote g to the Minimum Side and Rear Yards Column and at the bottom of the page of Table 3, said footnote to read:  
See Section 6.15 for interpretation;  
To amend Section 6.15 to read as follows:  
Minimum Side Yard - The minimum side yard shall be the area between the side lot line and the side yard setback line, extending from the front yard to the rear lot line. An accessory structure may be located within the minimum side yard only if it is located behind the front building line. An accessory structure having a height of six feet or less shall be setback a minimum of three feet from the side lot line. An accessory structure over six feet in height shall be setback a distance equal to its height.  

**Article 62.**  
DISMISSED Amend Zoning by-law Signs & Fences  

**Article 63.**  
Voted that the town amend Section 4.4 - Planned Unit Residential Development and Table 3 Dimensional Regulations by rewriting certain subsections by deleting the subsections noted or by deleting the language in parentheses and by adding the language as follows:  
Section 4.41 Tenth line of the paragraph change to read: (somewhat) greater density than would normally be allowed...  
Section 4.4207 - Delete  
Section 4.4217 - Unchanged  
Section 4.4210 - Delete existing language and replace with the following:  
Single family dwellings may be on separate lots with a minimum lot area of three-quarters the basic minimum as shown in Table 3. Separate lots are not required, but three-quarters of the basic minimum lot area for the applicable zoning district shall be used to calculate the maximum density allowed in the PURD for the single family units.  
Section 4.4211 - Delete existing language and replace with the following:  
Two family dwellings may be on separate lots with a minimum lot area of three-quarters the basic minimum plus two times the additional minimum area per family shown in Table 3. Separate lots are not required, but three-quarters the minimum lot area plus two times the additional minimum area per family for the applicable zoning district shall be used to calculate the maximum density allowed in the PURD for the two family units.  

Voted YES 104, NO 29 - All lot area and yard requirements shall be met. However, in a conversion of a one-family to a two-family dwelling, the Board of Appeals may modify the lot area and yard requirements only if it finds the modification would be in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.23. (All parking regulations shall be met.)
Section 4.4212 - Delete existing language and replace with the following: there shall be no frontage requirements in the PURD.

Section 4.4213 - Unchanged

Section 4.4214 - Add to the existing language the following language: If separate full size lots are created, the minimum setback and side yards shown in Table 3 for the applicable Zoning District shall be provided. Dimensional regulations for all undersized single family and two family lots shall conform to the required regulations for the R-O District found in Table 3.

Section 4.4215 - Add to the existing language the following language: For multifamily dwellings, two times the minimum Lot Area Per Family for the applicable zoning district, shall be used to calculate the maximum density allowed in the PURD for the multifamily units.

Section 4.4216 - Delete existing language and replace with the following: Within the open space area provided in the PURD, at least 1,000 square feet per dwelling unit must be usable open space for active and passive areas, required yards, land within the FPC District or Wetlands as determined by the Conservation Commission. Usable open space shall be defined to include such facilities as contiguous open space available for play, lot lots, gardens, hiking, jogging trails, tennis courts or similar facilities.

Section 4.4217 - Unchanged

Section 4.4218 - Unchanged

Section 4.4219 - Add this new section to read as follows: Not more than fifty percent of land within the FPC District and Wetlands as determined by the Conservation Commission shall be used to fulfill the density requirements for the PURD notwithstanding Section 6.4.

Section 4.441 - Delete the following language: (No building designed or intended for business use, except the development office, shall be constructed until at least 15% of the total housing units proposed in the plan have been constructed. The entire area planned for business purposes may be developed upon completion of 50% of the total housing units proposed in the area.)

Table 3 - Dimensional Regulations

Change the Additional lot area per family column for the R-N District from 60, 61, 63 approved by Atty. Gen. 9/22/86.

Article 64.

Voted YES 110, NO 26 that the Town amend Section 4.331 of the Zoning By-law (Cluster, Common Land Standards) by adding the following language and deleting the language in parentheses as follows: The area by which all two-family dwelling lots are reduced below (twice) the (basic) minimum lot area normally required in the zoning district for a two family dwelling.

Article 65.

DISMISSED Amend Section 6.3 - Frontage Exceptions for Large Lots.

Article 66.

DISMISSED Amend PURD for certain parcels of land.

Article 67.

Voted unanimously that the Town amend the Zoning By-law by adding the following words to Section 3.336: "Living Care Community" Approved by Atty. Gen. 9/22/86

Article 68.

Voted YES, WHEREAS, a nuclear war would result in death, injury and disease on a scale unprecedented in human history: WHEREAS, spending for the arms race is contributing to record budget deficits that threaten our nation's economic security; whereas providing essential assistance to communities throughout the country are being cutbacks: WHEREAS, a ban on nuclear testing would promote the security of the United States by containing new developments in the U.S. Soviet nuclear arms competition and by strengthening efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear countries; WHEREAS, a ban on nuclear testing would be a concrete and easily achievable first step towards a complete halt and defuel actions of every expanding nuclear arsenal; WHEREAS, a ban on nuclear testing can be verified with confidence by a worldwide network of seismic monitors, satellites and other verification technology operated by the United States and other nations. THEREFORE, Amherst Town Meeting will instruct the Board of Selectmen to call upon the President to immediately respond to the Soviets' unilateral halt of testing by joining them in a mutual and verifiable suspension of testing as a first step toward freezing and reversing the arms race. This body also calls upon the members of our Congressional Delegation to support legislation that would enact a moratorium on nuclear testing, to be continued as long as the Soviets do not test. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President and to the Senators and Representatives comprising our Congressional Delegation.

Article 69.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 10:11 p.m.

Article 1.

Voted YES 154, NO 63 that the Town amend the Zoning By-law by adding a new Article 13 as follows:

Article 13 Moratorium on Real Estate Development and Construction

Section 13.0 - Overview

Section 13.1 - Moratorium

Section 13.2 - Exceptions

Section 13.3 - Exemptions

Section 13.4 - Miscellaneous

Section 13.1 - Overview - This article is adopted by the Town of Amherst in recognition that the present rate of real estate development and construction with the Town of Amherst poses potential risks to critical resources of the community. Including the supply and quality of the Town's water resources and land for affordable housing and public open space, and a potential strain on municipal services and infrastructures. During the period of the moratorium established under this article, the Town will study, plan and implement measures for protection of municipal resources, including an adequate supply of safe water, provision for municipal services, the protection of open space, provision of equitable shares of housing including low and moderate income housing, and revisions to the Zoning By-law to achieve the above objectives: and (if so authorized by Town Meeting) to advocate for the enactment of a special act of legislature under which further amendments to this by-law adopted on or prior to June 30, 1988, would govern certain land use and development within the Town from and after the otherwise effective date applicable thereat.

Section 13.1 - Moratorium - 13.10 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 1 through article 12 of this by-law, and for the period ending on June 30, 1988, and subject to the provisions of this article, a moratorium shall exist (1) on all real estate development and construction within all Zoning Districts of the Town, and (2) on the issuance of any building permit in connection therewith.

Section 13.2 - Exceptions - 13.20 Upon satisfaction of all other legally applicable prerequisites therefor, and subject to the applicable provisions of articles 1 through 12 of this by-law, including Section 10.391 as it may relate to Section 13.0, the provisions of Section 13.1, shall not apply to:

(I) Accessory Structures, such as garages, sheds, fencs and signs;
(2) Rebuilds to existing strucutres;
(3) Renovation of existing structures not resulting in an additional dwelling unit such as a converted dwelling or supplemental apartment;
(4) Replacement of all or any portion of (i) existing water and sewer lines and systems, and (ii) existing individual sewage disposal systems;
(5) Construction, installation, or replacement of public utilities, but limited to service delivery components and non-administrative support facilities;
(6) Construction, installation, or replacement of any reservoir, pumping station, sewage treatment facility, water treatment facility, or other structure for the public supply water and the protection thereof or the treatment of waste water;
(7) Construction pursuant to a building permit (or special permit required by law for real estate development and construction), awarded prior to the first publication of notice of the public hearing on this article as required by Section five of chapter 40A; (8) Reconstruction, without expansion thereof, of any structure damaged or destroyed by casualty;
(9) Land shown on a definitive subdivision plan, but only if such plan (or preliminary plan followed within seven months by a definitive plan) is submitted to the Planning Board for approval under the subdivision control law, and written notice of such submission has been given to the Town Clerk before the effective date of this article; land excepted under this Section 13.20 (9)
shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Amherst Zoning By-law in effect at the time of the first such submission, while such plans or plans are being processed under the subdivision control law, and, if such definitive plans is finally approved, such appeal to be taken within thirty (30) days from the date of the order or decision which is being appealed.

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Article 3. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate $50,000 to be added to the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the May 1984 Annual Town Meeting for engineering studies related to watershed or aquifer recharge areas and to meet that appropriation, $50,000 be made available from Water Revenues of the current year.

Article 4. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate $100,000 to be added to the amount appropriate under Article 38 of the May 1984 Annual Town Meeting for updating the Comprehensive Plan and to designate $3,000 for out-of-state travel.

The business of the meeting having been completed, the meeting dissolved at 9:19 p.m.

A true copy, attest:

Roe M. Quinton
Acting Town Clerk

Continued Growth
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FY86 has been a year of continued growth in new housing and commercial projects. The growth that may be added to levy limit exceeded 18 million dollars. This growth combined with inflation caused the assessed value to grow by 72 million dollars from FY85. The taxable property value exceeded 542 million dollars.

The next fiscal year for state mandated valuation certification is FY88. The Assessors have begun the inspection program necessary for the certification to be approved. This program will result in inspections of over 80% of the properties within an 18 month period.

During FY86, there have been several withdrawals from farmland, Chapter 61A, forestland, Chapter 61, and recreational land, Chapter 61B.

Last August Hilda Greenbaum was appointed to the Board as a replacement for Rhoda Honigberg who resigned. At the end of this year, Elliott Barker, III retired from the Board leaving a vacancy for the next year. We wish to extend our best wishes in his new position with the Town of Greenfield.

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Woodstoves Bring National Attention
BOARD OF HEALTH

During the 1985-1986 year, the Board of Health held 18 public meetings. A frequent topic of discussion was the health effects of wood stove smoke. The Board drew national attention when, at its meeting of February 12, 1986, it approved a health regulation requiring wood burners to obtain a woodburning license by completing a brief examination and requiring that wood smoke emissions not exceed the 10% opacity limit.

The Board was active in supporting proposals aimed at protecting Amherst's watershed from pollution. The Board endorsed the concept of a memorandum of understanding between the Town meeting as one means to slow development over the Town's principal aquifer and to allow the Town to reassess the nature and extent of its aquifer protection efforts.

The Board began a review of its regulations of septic systems. Toward that end, it held a workshop for board members on the construction of such systems, the problems encountered with them and possible solutions to some of these problems. The Board also reviewed proposals relative to the proposed town-wide collection of recyclable materials and random trash pick-up.

The Board commissioned a survey of public health attitudes among Town residents. The survey is viewed as an important step in prioritizing the activities of its part-time health educator. With the help of its health educator, it looked at nutritional issues facing Amherst's schools and the issues facing Amherst's schools and the issue of the use of seat belts on school buses.

The Board of Health acted on requests for variances under Title V, under the state plumbing code, and under its own regulations governing the underground storage of gasoline. It received reports from the Environmental Advisory Committee and from the Home Health Services evaluation. The Board also reviewed mental health services funded by the Board.

The Board of Health's members became increasingly involved in decisions affecting the supply of potable water within the Town. One of its members served on the resurrected Water Quality Task Force which recommended the dechlorination of water supplies as a means of reducing the level of THMs in water emanating from the Arkesbeek Reservoir. The Board also continued to press for implementation of fluoridation as approved by the electorate in November, 1984. Throughout the year, the Board was assisted by the director and staff of the Health Department as staff from other departments and by other town boards. By year's end, great strides had been made in coordinating related actions by other Board's with those of the Board of Health to the credit of all involved.

—David S. Ross
Chairman

"Get More Out Of Life With LSSE" DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION

The Department of Leisure Services and Supplemental Education (LSSE) had a very productive and successful 1985-86. LSSE continued to provide a comprehensive offering of long and lifelong learning programs to residents of Amherst and the Regional School District. Hundreds of activities were provided for youth and adults in a variety of program areas such as art, music, dance, fitness, sports, cooking, crafts, hobbies and personal development to name just a few. Specific programming issues are discussed further below.

PROGRAMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

One of the programming highlights of 1985-86 occurred in Manchester, New Hampshire where the Department's Winter program brochure, Leisure Time in Amherst, was selected as the best such publication in New England. This award was received from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) for outstanding brochure design and is a reflection of the Department's commitment to quality and excellence. This award winning publication continued to be mailed to all residents of the Regional School District and is made possible in large part through the financial sponsorship of Anzio Real Estate. Not resting on its laurels, the Department continued to modify and improve the format with the Spring Edition. At the end of the Final PROGRAMS.

Summer, 1985, was another very busy and successful season for LSSE. The two outdoor pools - Mill River and War Memorial - continued to be filled to capacity on most days as 1,400 season pass holders and other parties used these facilities for public swimming on approximately 21,000 occasions. Nearly 400 youth registered for swimming lessons during the summer and attended lessons over 4,000 times.

Youth programming in the summer continued to be highlighted by the ever-popular Adventure Playground. Now in its fifth year, more than 400 6-12 year olds participated in this day camp program at the Jr. High. Structured into four, 2 week sessions, the program meets recreational, educational and child care needs for many area residents. With an average of fifty youth on the waiting list for each session modifications the Preschool Adventure Playdate program for 3-5 year olds has proven to be a very popular and successful "mini-camp" for preschoolers with 100 youth participating. Each of the four, two week sessions was filled to capacity for this half day program as only 20-25 children per session could be accommodated. Again, due to long waiting lists for each session, program expansion will need to be addressed for the future. Youth summer programs continued to be a popular summer activity also with over 200 registrants in beginner through advanced sessions.

Several family activities, trips and special events were also successful in the summer of '85 including Picnics in the Park,
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Other special programs which continued to be popular included Individual Music Lessons, Downhill Skating, and Halloween Happenings. Individual Music Lessons are offered in a variety of instruments by local musicians or teachers. Students in grades 5-12 were among the numerous town residents who participated in this program in FY86. The Youths Downhill Skiing instructional program is offered for elementary ages children on Wednesdays afternoons at Berkshire East Ski Area. One hundred and ten teener's participated in FY86. Approximately 300 young people participated in the 1985 edition of Halloween-"AmherstBe". This program continues to give the young a legal outlet to burn off the energy accumulated during the annual Firekwork's at the University of Massachusetts. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Jerry Augustino for his continued support of our recreation programs.

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**INCOME FOR INSPECTION SERVICES July 1985 - June 1986**

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<th>Building Permits</th>
<th>Income</th>
<th>$2,200,000</th>
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<td>August</td>
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<td>September</td>
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<td>April</td>
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<td>May</td>
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**Demolition Permits July 1985 - June 1986**

| July     | 4,927  |
| August   |       |
| September|       |
| October  |       |
| November |       |
| December |       |

**Electrical Permits**

| July     | $3,042  |
| August   |        |
| September|        |
| October  |        |
| November |        |
| December |        |

**Building Permits January - December 1986**

| January | 7,198  |
| February| 3,332  |
| March   | 16,299 |
| April   | 41,223 |
| May     | 13,356 |
| June    | 4,917  |
| July    | 7,020  |
| August  | 2,647  |
| September| 5,041  |
| October | 13,791 |
| November| 12,336 |
| December| 10,512 |

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| February | 0 (0)  |
| March    | 0 (0)  |
| April    | 160 (4) |
| May      | 40 (1)  |
| June     | 40 (1)  |

**MUNSON LIBRARY**

Demand for use of the Munson Memorial Library Building continued to grow in Fiscal 1985-1986 with dance groups, Boy Scouts and various classes meeting there regularly. As has been the tradition, non-profit community organizations use the space rent free, while others pay an hourly rate.

The trustees sponsored an article on the May, 1986 Town Meeting warrant, seeking funds to implement badly needed repairs to the building. The article was withdrawn, however, in deference to the fiscal restraint advocated by the Finance Committee, and due to the inclusion of $126,000 for the Munson Building in the five year capital improvement plan.

We continue to look forward to accomplishing our goal of a fully restored building.

—John Eveshagen
Chairman
November 25. (1)
December 25. (1)

Plumbing Permits

$340. (15)

January 697. (26)
March 851. (19)
April 1,605. (45)
May 1,125. (30)
June 1,280. (14)
August 1,653. (23)
September 310. (12)
October 480. (26)
November 995. (13)
December 1,226. (26)

835. (25)

$11,815. (304)

Gas Permits

January 140. (6)
February 180. (8)
March 190. (8)
April 120. (8)
May 15. (1)
June 270. (12)
July 25. (1)
August 145. (7)
September 565. (12)
October 315. (4)
November 155. (8)
December 160. (10)

$2,295. (83)

Certificates of Inspection

January 1,002. (21)
February 0. (0)
March 120. (0)
April 160. (4)
May 40. (1)
August 120. (3)
September 120. (1)
October 40. (1)
November 0. (0)
December 1,600. (40)

$3,002. (71)

Electrical Permits

January 960. (40)
February 580. (24)
March 1,150. (33)
April 1,480. (50)
May 1,630. (53)
June 1,310. (52)

GRAND TOTAL: $17,304. (1,581)
Number in parentheses indicates the number of permits issued.

—Chester Pender
Building Commissioner

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Department productivity was on a variety of fronts during this fiscal year. The West Street preliminary design plans were completed and presented to the Selectmen, who in turn forwarded them to the Mass DPW for their design and Preliminary design concepts for several town roads were the subject of intensive citizen review. Included were Middle Street, drainage on Parsonage Lane and Pomeroy Lane. The last minute revisions were made to the new intersection of North East Street and Main Street. The Good Roads Association (TGRA) computer program developed on DPW computer for easy access. Discussion with the state began about the Street bridge and the Snell Street bridge places essential Ward with the completion of the geotechnical report and numerous revisions to plans for field construction, and assisting the architect in the renovation of the Town Hall. Since poor plans are still being approved by others in the town, subsequent confrontations during construction inspection still occur, but with less frequency. In general, the subdivision plans in these last years have been very well done, set within some of the ridiculous parameters set by the developers and reviewers. Even with the so-called “arbitrarium” on building (the surprise of April 17, 1986), construction was on the increase at year end.

Water supply projects include watershed protection, the isolation of contractor claims, and cooperation with the town on the aquifer protection program under a state grant. Much mapping and field assistance was given to our resulting ground water geologists in the Lawrence Swamp area. With the generosity of Homer Cowles, a new deep well was set in a private section of the swamp, which was observed by a log road. Advantages to supply wide open cut ditches across state highways, and running interference for our consultants and contractors. The state studies were assisted in their close-out of the old water grants in our two treatment facilities. A worthwhile looping of water mains between Henry Street, Eastwood, and Cherry Lane was set aside due to local citizen concern. Water and sewer connections made to discourage development on the watershed areas of public water supplies in adjacent towns.

Several projects accomplished included securing permits from the DEQE, easement plans, the force main under the River at Amherst Fields, “As Built” plans and public meetings relative to septic tank failures in South Amherst. The extension of the new landfill was time consuming. Several permits were obtained after the DEQE’s request to allow construction of a pipeline from the landfill to the DEQE, our consultants shaped a viable Phase 2 design concept that was approved by pollution of the ZBA and DRB. New concepts in site drainage were presented after the denial by ConCom to allow construction of a trampoline on town land. Extended discussions with two out-town resource recovery projects and a recommendation to the town with the Springfield venture were set aside in favor of a UM ASS preliminary concept. Legal confrontations and assistance therein to town Street continued. These include District Court appearances, meetings with the Amherst Library, and peering with contractors and state officials. Other projects included assistance to the Police and Fire Departments, guest speaking at UMass (umass), real estate negotiations, burial locations at the Cemetery, interviews for Amherst PWD key positions.
were used to dewater 10,232 cubic yards of sludge prior to disposal at the Sanitary Landfill. Six hundred and forty eight loads of septage were received from the following communities: Amherst - 216, Pelham - 70, Hatley - 276, Shutesbury - 86.

The Treatment Plant and pumping stations are generally in excellent condition. All major treatment units and equipment are functional.

Amherst Fields
In FY86 construction began to replace the Amherst Fields Treatment Facility. A new force main was installed in June of 1986 and completion of the project is expected in the fall of 1986. When completed all discharging of treatment wastewaters to the Fort River will cease, and the flow will be pumped to the main treatment plant.

Middle Street Pumping Station
In May the Town accepted a new pumping station on Middle Street at the base of Mt. Pohkus.

Facility Plan
The consulting firm of Camp, Dresser and McKee of Boston was active throughout the year completing a Facility Plan for the Town. When completed the plan will serve as a reference document for future capital programs at the plant and collection system.

A key component of the study is a Sludge Management Plan. This plan will recommend a regional sludge composting facility to convert sludge to a saleable recyclable material.

Operations and Maintenance Award
At a January meeting of the New England Water Pollution Control Association, Amherst was recognized by the E.P.A. as the best operated and maintained medium-sized facility in New England.

CHEMICALS USED

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<th>FY 85</th>
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<td>Chlorine</td>
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<td>Ferric Chloride</td>
<td>40,972 gals.</td>
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<td>Lime</td>
<td>155 tons</td>
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<td>Polymers</td>
<td>2,395 lbs.</td>
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Snow and Ice Removal
During FY86 24 snow and ice storms with a total accumulation of 33.1" of snow was recorded. Expenditures in FY96 were $53,179, $1,174 less than the previous year.

WATER DIVISION

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<td>Sodium Hydroxide (pH-Adjuster)</td>
<td>94,500 lbs.</td>
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<td>Polymers (Filtration Process)</td>
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<td>Titanium Permganate (Iron and Manganeze Removal)</td>
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<td>Sulfuric Acid</td>
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MONTHLY PUMPING BY GALLONS

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<td>100,440,700</td>
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<td>Feb</td>
<td>117,519,993</td>
<td>98,332,000</td>
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<td>Mar</td>
<td>135,627,200</td>
<td>119,066,800</td>
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<td>Apr</td>
<td>129,798,500</td>
<td>123,183,500</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>116,166,800</td>
<td>119,781,300</td>
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<td>Jun</td>
<td>107,857,600</td>
<td>106,616,000</td>
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<td>Jul</td>
<td>102,014,101</td>
<td>90,446,100</td>
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<td>Aug</td>
<td>113,204,700</td>
<td>111,281,500</td>
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<td>Sep</td>
<td>117,944,700</td>
<td>111,737,000</td>
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<td>Oct</td>
<td>119,695,100</td>
<td>121,607,700</td>
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<td>Nov</td>
<td>119,046,100</td>
<td>127,924,200</td>
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<td>Dec</td>
<td>88,161,000</td>
<td>92,319,100</td>
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ANNUAL TOTAL 1,361,182,035 1,322,738,300

Largest Month in FY 86: May: 121,607,700 gals.

Water DIVISION

The three person crew and three part time employees maintained twenty two baseball and softball fields, two football fields, three soccer fields, lacrosse and field hockey fields, a track and dual-purpose fields at the school areas and at all Town recreation areas.

Operations and Maintenance Award
The innovations and increased maintenance of all fields will be reviewed annually if additional field space is not made available.

Cooperative maintenance with the Amherst School Department for physical education and inter-scholastic competition was continued in 1986 with increased levels of the activities at the schools, this function must be evaluated in the coming fiscal year.

Construction and Maintenance
The personnel of the Highway Division completed the following projects during FY 86.

1. Application of a bituminous concrete overlay was completed on portions or all of the following streets: a. Henry Street b. Cottage Street c. West Perimeter Lane d. Shutesbury Road e. Mt. View Circle f. Pondview Drive

2. Liquid asphalt with a stone cover was applied to portions of Mechanic Street and Station Road.

3. Repaired and reconstruction portion of sidewalks on Main Street, Amity Street, West Street and College Street.

4. Rebuilt a pedestrian bridge on Old Farms Road.

5. Constructed three sheds for newspaper recycling and maintained pickup at Putnams Village.

6. Investigated 145 sanitary sewer complaints and corrected 42 stoppages within the collection system.

7. Approximately nine miles of sewer mains were flushed cleaned.

8. Cooperated with the volunteers to construct the playground and track at the Fort River School.

9. Installed drainage pipe on Pondview Drive.

10. General maintenance, such as street sweeping, leaf pickup, catch basin cleaning, parking meter and parking lot maintenance, litter pickup, crosswalk marking, center lining of streets, guardrail repair, mowing of roadside, maintenance of traffic signals and maintenance of street signs are carried out again as FY 86.

SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Refuse Disposal
Estimated Percentage of Refuse Generated

Autos, Pickups, Vans, etc. 10.9
Commercial Haulers 38.8
U. Mass 15.1
Amherst College 2.6
Hampshire College 0.3
Shutesbury 1.3
Shute 23.5
Demolition 7.5

Refuse deposited and covered: 21,800 tons (estimated)
Total year's sludge deposited and covered: 10,500 cubic yards
Fill used for cover material: 19,000 cubic yards (estimated)
This year has seen much planning for expansion of the Town's recycling program. In February, through the cooperation of the Town Village, the DPW and the Committee on Recycling, the Town established a pilot program for collecting newspapers at Puffton Village. In May, Town Meeting appropriated funds to institute curbside collection of paper and to expand the pilot project for recycling in apartment complexes.

Recycling Center - quantities sold or given away

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<td>Glass</td>
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<td>Metal</td>
<td>205</td>
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<td>Oil</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Misc. reuseable items</td>
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(Clothing, Household goods, wood: 10 tons (estimated)

Recycling: Puffton Pilot Newspaper: 3 tons

*Tires are collected and stored for possible further recycling.

—Stanley P. Ziemek
Superintendent

Planning Continues

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

The highlight of this fiscal year for the police department was the acquisition of a site for a new police facility and the appropriation of funds to actually build the structure. The site was the acquisition of a site for a new police facility and the appropriation of funds to actually build the structure. The planning and construction of this facility are key positions of Captain, Lt. David and Officer Walter J. Wysocki.

The reorganization of the police department approved last year has continued during the current fiscal year. The enforcement phase consisted of the training of all officers in each rank of 1 Chief, 2 Captains, 2 lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 2 Detectives and 16 Patrol Officers. The educational phase consisted of several meetings with police officers ranging from basic recruit training to specialized and advanced training in the use of firearms and in the fields of fingerprint classification and photography.

The Amherst Police Department continues to benefit from the educational and training programs presented by the Edward W. Connelly Criminal Justice Training Center at Agawam. This facility offers training to police officers ranging from basic recruit training to highly specialized and advanced training in the fields of fingerprint classification and photography.

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The problem is aggravated by the inability of the department to maintain special police officers to work on a part-time basis. The legal training requirements mandated by state law is so great that the person who desires a part-time position with the department cannot find the time to keep up with various certifications. In addition, the liability exposure regarding use of personnel that are not adequately trained as police officers is a matter of great concern. The experience of the department recently has been that when a part-time employee has been trained they leave this department for full-time employment elsewhere.

The staff of the Amherst Police Department, with the assistance of several committees and concerned citizens, have implemented changes during fiscal year 1986. There are no issues facing the department and adjustments will have to be made in these areas. The officers of the department who respond to over increasing demands will continue to serve the town and make whatever adjustments are necessary for a constant response to calls from citizens.

Calls for service continue to rise. This year officers responded to over 13,710 complaints - an eight percent increase over last year. Less people were arrested 461 this year, 465 last year, fewer people placed in protective custody (73 this year, 112 last year) and those were summoned into court to answer charges at a later date. This indicates that officers are avoiding arrest because they are aware that they will be out of service processing the person and unable to respond to calls from citizens and officers for assistance and emergencies.

Department activity and work load is not adequately met by the number of officers available to respond. Amherst patrolmen work an average of 52 hours per week. During busy periods these officers are required to work even more hours. There is a limit to what we can expect of our employees.

The Amherst Police Department and the citizens of Amherst will surely miss the services of two officers who have served the Town with dedication and reliability over the years.

Sgt. John P. Gedmin retired on December 31, 1985 after 31 years of service. He was well known for his presence in the center of town and as the commander of the day shift. Sgt. Gedmin is also an accomplished photographer and his expertise with a camera at crime scenes and accidents will certainly be difficult or impossible to replace.

Officer Walter J. Wysocki retired on November 15, 1985 after 24 years of service to the Town. Officer Wysocki was a police dispatch and provided much assistance to fellow dispatchers and to citizens alike. His "easy going" approach to problems and reliability whenever called upon for extra duty are just two reasons why Walter will be missed.

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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

July 1985 - June 1986

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<td>Juveniles</td>
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<td>Belchertown</td>
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<td>Felham</td>
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### Activity Statistics

**July 1985-June 1986**

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<td>Larceny</td>
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<td>Non-aggravated assault</td>
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### Arrested Persons

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<td>Larceny over $100</td>
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<td>Larceny under $100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony</td>
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<td>Assault and battery</td>
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<td>Burglary</td>
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<td>Larceny under false ID</td>
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### Summoned Persons

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Fire Prevention

The highlights of the Fire Department's Prevention Week observance in October was an open house at the Central Fire Station. Many, fire prevention handouts, plastic helmets for children and their parents were enjoyed by a very good crowd.

Annual Report

Fiscal year 1986 continued to show high activity for both fire and Emergency Medical Services. The problems with the fire alarm systems at Amherst College have been corrected with a corresponding decrease of 250 responses to the campus. One of a total fire loss of $655,128, over $585,000 in damages occurred in commercial occupancies. The solution to this trend is the installation of fire detection equipment within commercial buildings, which is our goal. Quite simply, early detection results in lower fire losses.

Emergency Medical Services is meeting the goal of maintaining at least one Advanced Life Support ambulance full time. The majority of shifts are staffing both our emergency ambulance and the A.I.S. level. Currently 10 members of the Permanent Force are certified as Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate level.

Emergency ambulance and fire response have increased yearly, raising the number of simultaneous responses to a level that strains the capabilities of the Department. Continued monitoring of this problem is necessary. Planning for the future of the Fire Department in regards to personnel, facilities and apparatus is progressive. Hopefully the efforts will long term the final goals and direction of the Department.
New Construction, AC wired systems
Onsite consultation for detector location
Building plans review for detector placement
MISCELLANEOUS INSPECTIONS
Oil Burner inspections
Nursing and Rest Homes
Clinics and Infirmarys
Gas appliances licensed for gasoline retail
Site registration, underground storage tanks
Underground storage tanks, owner contacts
Commerical Open Burn Permits
Commercial Open Burn Permits - per M.G.L. Chapter 103
Commercial Inspections and preplans
L.P. Gas tank permits issued
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS
Amherst Public Schools
Fire Exit Drills
Inspections
Fire Safety Programs in classrooms
Private Schools
Fire Exit Drills
Inspections
Fire Safety Programs
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY INSPECTIONS
University of Massachusetts
University Health Services Inspections
Fraternity/Sorority Inspections
Amherst College
Academic/Dormitory Inspections
Hampshire College
Academic/Dormitory Inspections
TOTAL INSPECTIONS FOR FY86
Personnel
Firefighter Scott Allen resigned from the Department in November to enter military service. The vacancy was filled by Laura L. Eve, moved from the Call Force by appointment as Temporary Firefighter. An entrance examination process resulted in the appointment of Gary L. Childs as a Probationary Firefighter in June. Laura L. Eve was appointed as a Provisional Firefighter due to an injury to Captain Alan R. Tower. Firefighter Robert Cowles completed his probationary period and has been appointed to full time status.
Emergency Medical Services
In FY86, Amherst Fire Department ambulances responded to 1,541 calls. Our volume of responses continues to increase yearly, up 6.8% from last year. 1,488 emergencies and 53 transfers were handled. The addition of a third ambulance to the fleet has significantly increased our emergency medical services capabilities by providing a vehicle to handle non-emergencies and a back-up ambulance for multiple incident situations.
Emergency Medical training programs included annual continuing education classes, a refresher program and CPR training. This year, 10 basic level Emergency Medical Technicians and 7 intermediate level Emergency Medical Technicians were recognized. In addition, 6 personnel were trained in basic level Emergency Medical Technician. 3 personnel were certified as Intermediate level Emergency Medical Technicians and one member enrolled in a training program for certifications at the intermediate level. During FY86, we anticipate training another medical technician and enrolling several more members of the Permanent Force in an intermediate level training program.
Emergency Medical Services has been provided to the residents of Amherst and our neighboring communities since 1947 by members of the Amherst Fire Department. The number of trips has increased; the ambulances have changed, but the level of training has dramatically improved; but the pride our personnel take in doing a difficult job as well as possible remains the same.
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FIRE TRAINING

Permanen Force

Service Training

The Amherst Fire Department has a goal of providing the best service possible. In FY86 an average of 650 man hours of training per person. In FY86 an average of man hours was obtained. This year we had an average of 525 man hours for fire training, 67 man hours for general inspections and 112 hours for EMT hours. In service training is being done by both stations. In the fire department a training drill is utilized to train the officers of Mass., Hampshire College, Amherst College, and are expected to be certified pump operators by completing a practical exam at the beginning of FY87. They have completed the classroom portion of the course. All certified pump operators participated in a one day Pump Operators Refresher Program.

Courses and Seminars

Personnel attended courses at the Meadowood Area Fire Dept. Training Center in the following subjects:
- Emergency Care at accident scene
- Care in Rescue Procedures
- Electrical Emergencies

All members re-certified in CPR during regular drills.

Five fire fighters attended an all day course on flammable liquids fire and foam at Barnes Airport. Course given by American Red Cross.

Five fire fighters received training in EMT refresher course given by A.F.D.

Six fire fighters received training at Springfield Fire Training Center on Structural Fire Fighting.

Student Force

The Student Force logged a total of 1390 hours of training during regular and special drills during the 8 months. The Student Force was in-house, 25 members attended a 6 hour week of intensive training prior to placing them engine in-service. They returned from their summer vacation week early to accomplish this. During the week of training 4 new recruits received training in basic firefighting skills. This week also served as review for the other 6 members. During the school year the Student Force conducted 20 weekly drills, which comprised of Engine Company Operations (supply and attack). During cold weather classroom drills were conducted such as Fire Safety Program by NFPA, Hazardous Materials and CPR Recertification. Full day drills included Auto Extraction Course given by A.F.D., Flammable Liquid
Firefighting at Barnes Airport, Westfield, Pump Operators Befriend Cats, Ventilation Course given by Hampshire County Fire School, Hi-Angle Rescue Course given by A.F.D. and a Training Session at the Springfield Fire Training Center. Four members started a 60-hour program to qualify as Pump Operators. They will qualify after taking a practical exam. The classroom and written portion of the course are completed.

Dispatch Center

The Amherst Fire Department Dispatch Center, staffed by trained civilian personnel, performs as the focal point for fire and ambulance emergency communications serving eleven (11) communities. During FY86, the Dispatch Center handled 3,394 responses.

AFD Student Force Report

The Student, or Auxiliary Force, is comprised of students from the University of Massachusetts, who are pursuing a variety of majors while also serving as volunteer firefighters. They provide the Amherst Fire Department with an additional Engine Company and ambulance personnel during the school year. In addition to being on call throughout the year, the students staff their engine, a 1973 Ward-LaFrance pumper, nightly from midnight to 7 a.m. Qualified Emergency Medical Technicians also staff the Fire Department's "Transfer Ambulance" along with members from the Call and Permanent Forces. During FY86, the Fire Department responded to a total of 104 calls including 52 Box alarms, 14 Staff alarms, 17 emergency ambulance calls, 18 transfer ambulance calls and 3 Mutual aid calls to neighboring towns. This past year, eight of the fourteen members residing in the North Fire Station regularly staffed six member units值班 in dormitories or apartments. Six members completed the state's Emergency Medical Technicians course and one additional member completed the Department's Fire Operator course. In May, one firefighter was promoted to officer status, giving the Student Force One and Captain a Lieutenant for the upcoming semester.

Cold Call

Call Force personnel were summoned to duty 233 times in FY86. Committed of Town residents, the Call Force is utilized to augment the 27 career firefighters in the event of a structure fire, simultaneous reports of more than one fire call, or at times when both of the line emergency ambulances are engaged and on-duty manpower is depleted to the point that there is insufficient shift strength to answer another emergency situation. During FY86, the Call Force continued to operate a 1976-1050 gpm pumper and is staffed the Department's new 1986 Squad vehicle.

There were 4 resignations from the Call Force during the year, with two members leaving Town and two other members joining the Town staff as Firefighter-Emergency Medical Technicians. The 12 week training program. They are Jeffrey Hart, John Lewis, Gina Roncalli and Paul Theilman. In order to maintain full strength at our officer levels, Donald Erickson was promoted to Captain; Ward Thielman to Foreman, and Charles Cook who returned to us from California, was promoted to Acting Lieutenant.

Emergency Management

mandatory weekly 3 hour training sessions covering subjects such as vehicle extraction, hazardous materials, operator training, flammable liquids firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician continuing education, as well as numerous drill. There were 67 separate training sessions and drills held for Call Force personnel in FY86 in order to maintain firefighting skill proficiency and emergency medical service standards. Attendance at the advanced training courses at such facilities as Barnes Air Base Fire Department, Springfield Fire Department Training Center, the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy and Mendowed Fire School in North Hampton. These were attended by qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (ambulance) so now 10 of our 19 personnel are so registered. Another four members are set to take the 15 week course in FY87.

Police Sited - Fire Dampered FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Facilities Planning Committee was established in April 1986 to review the needs of the Police and Fire Departments for new or renovated facilities and to consider renovation of Town Hall, including a possible addition and expanded parking facilities. During its first year, the committee examined existing facilities, met with representatives of the Police and Fire Departments, and studied a wide variety of alternatives for new or renovated facilities.

With the help of a consulting architect, the committee examined the possibility of an addition to Town Hall for the Police Department, and concluded that the proposal was infeasible. After examining many other possibilities, the committee recommended to a Special Town Meeting in May 1985 the acquisition of the Masonic Hall and portions of adjacent properties for a police station. The proposal was defeated overwhelmingly and the committee reached two conclusions. First, it recommended that the Central Fire Station. The Manager requested that the committee delay further consideration of sites until the Selectmen took positions on these questions.

Planning for Amherst's Future

Planning Department PLANNING BOARD

Moratorium

At the May 5, 1986 Special Town Meeting, a two-year moratorium on development in Amherst was voted into effect. This moratorium had been proposed by the Board of Selectmen in response to concerns about growth in Town and its effect on Town services. Among the major concerns were water quality and quantity, loss of recharge areas, and capacities of the Town's infrastructure.

Once proposed, the Planning Department assisted the Town Council and Town Manager in researching the legality of a moratorium and in structuring the by-law to meet any legal tests. In addition, once adopted, the Planning Board began focusing on the most important issues to be dealt with during the two-year time period and setting up a process to begin further public discussion of these issues. Because of a concern about the rate and quantity of growth, the initial mandates from Town Meeting for a new police station and for a site for a new police station. The committee sought public comment on possible locations and then worked with the Police Chief to develop a comprehensive inventory of sites, both downtown and elsewhere within 1/2 mile of Town Hall. After further meetings with representatives of various groups and the general public and after considering many factors---especially costs, parking, proximity to Town Hall, the committee recommended acquisition of property at the southwest corner of Main and Church Streets for a police station. On February 26, 1986, Town Meeting approved the site and appropriated funds for a new facility. The committee's role in the development of a new police station was completed, and the project moved forward towards design and construction.

Progress on the fire station has been much slower. Following the approval by the 1985 Annual Town Meeting of funds for a site, the committee heard public commentary and continued its search for land in South Amherst, concentrating on two areas: 1) West Street and 2) the area near the South Amherst Common. On several occasions, the committee tentatively endorsed specific sites that appeared to be available, but in each case, negotiations failed. Finally, the price was too high for the owners to unwilling to sell. In January 1986, the Manager informed the committee that, although he and the Fire Chief continued to beg for acquisition of a site in South Amherst, the Selectmen wished to review the need for a third station as well as the desirability of relocating the Central Fire Station. The Manager requested that the committee delay further consideration of sites until the Selectmen took positions on these questions.

—Merle Howes, Chairman
Consensus was to begin to look at growth management issues. Additional assistance is expected to be provided to the Town through a number of projects. However, it is expected that most work efforts of the Planning Board and Planning Department will be directed at addressing moratorium issues, while also attempting to continue previously initiated efforts on other issues, such as downtown development, zoning by-law revision and open space planning.

Comprehensive Planning
In addition to the issue of the moratorium, the Planning Department and Planning Board addressed a number of other major issues related to growth and development in Amherst.

OPEN SPACE - The Board worked with Conway Design Associates in the development of a Master Plan for the Town Common. A final plan was reviewed by the Board and recommended for implementation by the Town at a subsequent meeting.

The Planning Board also further refined its open space plan which focuses on the protection of scenic roads and viewpoints, or views from the roads across the land to the hills surrounding the Town. The procedures, criteria and priorities for land protection were established by the Board. Working with the Conservation Commission, efforts were initiated to protect the first property under this program.

The Planning Department and Board, working in conjunction with the Conservation Commission and Department, developed a proposal to accept a Land Bank which, through the acquisition of low and moderate income housing, would provide funds for open space acquisitions and the protection of affordable housing. This was voted for at the Annual Town Meeting in May and has been filed in the State Legislature.

HOUSING - In response to an announcement from the State Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD), the Planning Department applied for a Strategic Planning Grant. This grant, in the amount of $21,500, was awarded to the Town for the purposes of hiring a housing planner. Ms. Connie Kruger was hired in May.

The Board also reviewed the plans for the Winn Development proposal off East Hadley Road for 165 apartments, of which approximately forty would be for low and moderate income citizens. The Board supported the effort of Winn to provide rental units for people with low and moderate income. In addition, the Planning Department wrote a grant proposal for a Community Development Action Grant to provide infrastructure improvements in the East Hadley Road area. As a result of this proposal, EOCD awarded the Town $80,000 for improvements to the water and sewer lines, a new road into the site, a sidewalk along East Hadley Road and a traffic signal at East Hadley Avenue.

DOWNTOWN - Through the efforts of the Downtown Subcommittee, working with the Redevelopment Authority, the Board continued to focus on those issues that related to improving Amherst's downtown. New zoning amendments were proposed and adopted by Town Meeting related to encouraging housing in the center of Town.

Land Use and Subdivision
The Board also worked on the final subdivision approval application during the year. Among the plans reviewed included a pond and agricultural development at West Street and Pomroy Road, and a subdivision between lots for Lillie and Knowles Roads.

The Planning Board reviewed the plans for the new Campus Center at Amherst College and plans for the Mulbridge Arena at UMass.

Eight subdivision plans were reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. These included both Preliminary and Final Plans. Major developments included Phase IV of the Amherst Woods (H lots) and Eastwood (30 lots).

The Board also reviewed three requests to remove land from Chapter 61A of the State Statutes, which would provide funds for open space acquisitions and for the protection of affordable housing. This was voted for at the Annual Town Meeting in May and has been filed in the State Legislature.

In addition, the Planning Department will continue to provide assistance to the Planning Board, its four subcommittees, the Redevelopment Authority and the Design Review Board. This assistance will be provided under the Technical Assistance Program for Municipalities.

In general, a large effort is now underway by the Planning Board and Planning Board and other Boards and Commissions to deal with the broad spectrum of issues that now face the Town.

Robert P. Mitchell
Town Planner

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Amherst Redevelopment Authority continued to work on a revised conceptual plan for the completion of the Boltwood Walk. After receiving favorable comments for the revised plan, the Planning Board and Redevelopment Authority and Design Review Board, as Assistant Town Planner Jonathan Tuckman was hired in August 1985. In addition, a secretary, Nancy Ciccia, who had worked in the Inspections Office, was hired to provide secretarial service to both the Planning Office and the Conservation Office.

Finally, the Board received a successful application to the State for a Strategic Planning Grant for a housing plan for the Town of Amherst. This project was funded by the Reichman Foundation with the assistance of the Amherst Community Development Corporation. The plan was aimed at improving the housing conditions in Amherst and in working toward the provision of decent and moderate income housing.

After six years on the Planning Board, Rick Rice completed his term on the Board. Peter Kitchens resigned his position after four years on the Board.

Ms. members appointed in the summer of 1985 were appointed to fill the two vacancies created by the resignation in February of selected projects prepared during the ARA's responsibility for design review required meetings with businesses in Boltwood Walk which were making exterior changes. The poor condition of pedestrian, landscaping, lighting and other improvements remained a major concern. The improvement of maintenance was finally seen and long-term quality of care seems likely since the formation of the Boltwood Action Team, composed of representatives of several, Town agencies and private interests.

Responding to concerns of merchants, Dietz & Company, Architects were commissioned to design signs and directories for businesses in Boltwood Walk. Signage will be attractive, well placed and include a logo.

On June 9, a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the ARA made recommendations to the Selectmen which included the formation of the Boltwood Action Team, composed of representatives of several, Town agencies and private interests.

Robert P. Mitchell
Town Planner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

A heavy load of projects in open space protection, farmland preservation, wetlands enforcement, land management and other areas made it an extremely busy year for the Conservation Commission and Department.
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Handicapped renovation plans for the Town Hall were also considered. The Town Hall has contributed funds toward each transaction, and applications have been received from several farmers for future rounds of the

The Commission has also continued to work with the Amherst agricultural zoning restrictions and other protective mechanisms through a $4,000 grant from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The Commission continues to maintain town meeting spaces at the Larch Hill, Amherst Brook, Woodland, and Paddock Conservation Areas, and received another 60 acres of conservation land to local farmers for hay and pasture.

Conservation Land Acquisition: The Commission received $22,000 reimbursement from the Self-Help program for last year's purchase of a permanent conservation program for the Eastman Harris farm off Rt. 63. Annual Town Meeting also approved $23,000 appropriation toward the purchase of a parcel of land off Bridge Street, part of the Kepton property, to add to the Town's Mill River Conservation Area. The project will be completed jointly with the Amherst Housing Authority, which plans to use part of the property to build low-to-moderate-income subsidized housing units.

Town Meeting also voted to approve purchase of a 14-acre conservation parcel as part of the Town's acquisition of the 80-acre Cherry Hill Golf Course in North Amherst. Negotiations toward the purchase are continuing.

The Commission continued to work with the Kestrel Trust to encourage gifts of land or easements. Over the years various residents have donated more than 100 acres of conservation land to the Town plus several conservation reservations.

CONSERVATION TRAIL Acquisitions: During 1985-1986, regular members of the Board served on

The Conservation Director continued this year to serve on the Planning Commission, the board of the newly established Valley Land Fund, the Statewide Trails Committee, the First

Design Review Board.

The Changing Face of Amherst DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Growth in downtown Amherst resulted in substantial changes and improvements in the downtown area. A total of 1,000 permits were issued during the past year, including:

- New construction and renovation projects totaling over $1 million
- Major renovations to existing buildings
- 14 new businesses opened

The Design Review Board worked with many downtown business owners, developers and merchants, reviewing designs for alterations in numerous downtown businesses, including:

- The former Greenfield to create the new Benetton clothing store
- The former Cheese and Gift Shop (in the 103 Fly) into a new Ben & Jerry's ice cream and coffee shop.
- A new liquor store
- A new restaurant

Actions by Town agencies are also subject to review by the Design Review Board. The Board assisted the Town with several projects during the year including:

- Handicapped access renovation plans for the Town Hall and the Library on the South Amherst Campus
- Repairs to the front and rear steps of the North Amherst School building to allow the Amherst School of the Arts to open
- Initial plans for landscape treatments associated with Phase II of the landfill
- Plans to erect a black iron fence to prevent the historic East Cemetery in the Town center from vandalism
- Master Plan for restoration/renovation of the Town Common
- Designs for new Belk security signs sponsored by the Amherst Redevelopment Authority
- Coordination with other Town boards to continued to be emphasized this year, with the Design Review Board meeting numerous times with members of the Amherst Redevelopment Authority, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Historical Commission and other Town Officials.

The Design Review Board also developed and distributed 250 flyers on the design review process, designed to make the process easier to follow and clear for people proposing downtown changes and for Town agencies considering a project. The Board continued to press for more public and private efforts to maintain and improve the way downtown Amherst looks and works.

William E. Hilt
Chairman

AMHERST HOUSING AUTHORITY

A variety of new projects and an expansion of existing programs has kept the Amherst Housing Authority Board and staff quite active during this past year. At their annual meeting in April, Ken Mosakowski was elected Chair, Joan Logan, Vice Chair, and Diane Moses, Treasurer. Catherine Bennett, Assistant Treasurer, and Jan Hite, Affirmative Action Officer.

During the year the Authority received a state Chapter 705 award of $36,000 for the construction of 10 additional families to develop along with its existing allocation. Three sites have been selected for the 16 units (8 units total). The Authority is working with the firm of Bednarski Stein Architects, Inc. of Greenfield to prepare site plans and design documents and specifications for the new housing. Many thanks go to appointed members of the Citizens Advisory Committee: Lorraine Bean, Ed Bisson, Pamela Collins, Vincent O' Connor, and Chris Pyle for their volunteer efforts on the proposed development.
In addition to developing the 705 family program, the Authority continues to seek an appropriate site for its Chapter 689 duplex for mentally retarded individuals and thanks Citizen Advisory Committee members Ben and Virginia Rucci, Carolyn Mervis, Terry Blanchard, Joe Tringali, and Nick Simmons for their assistance.

Once again, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposed a substantial reduction in the Fair Market Rents for the Authority's Section 8 Program. The Authority, as a result of sustained citizen involvement by the newly formed Amherst Housing Coalition, was successful, through a public awareness campaign, in persuading HUD to raise the rent limits.

The increase of homelessness and appropriate ways of coping with the problem were the center of much discussion during the past year. In response to this overwhelming need, the Authority established the Emergency Access 707 Certificates to attempt to address this issue. The Authority also received an additional seven Section 8 certificates from HUD in September. In addition to these new allocations, the Authority provides housing for the elderly (30 units at Ann Whalen Apts., and 16 units of congregate housing for the elderly at the Jean Elder House). It also provides rental assistance through the 707 Program and the Section 8 Program. The Authority also owns and manages fifteen units for families at Watson Farms Apts. and 16 units for disabled tenants at John 707 Program.

The Personnel Board in Fiscal Year 1986 concentrated on evaluating the competitiveness of Town employees and was comparable local and municipal employers in the State. The Town relies on the talents, skills and abilities of its employees to deliver services to citizens. It was determined, as a result of a comprehensive pay and benefit survey of major employers and five eastern and five western Massachusetts Towns, that the Town's salaries were not competitive locally or with eastern communities, but generally higher than the western towns surveyed. Competitive pay does not mean that the Town's pay is near the top for all positions, but simply that our pay is competitive enough to attract and retain qualified employees.

As a result of the pay survey our Board recommended a 5% salary increase and a uniform increase of 4.35% between pay steps. This resulted in an average increase of 6.73% for most employees.

In addition to assisting the Board in formulating our pay recommendation the data collected in the survey also resulted in changing vacation accrued for Professional, Administrative and Management employees, with less than four years of service. The survey results of local employers indicated that the Town's Professional, Administrative and Management employees, with less than five years of service, should receive an additional week of vacation.

The Personnel Board will continue to survey and recommend changes in the Town's pay and benefit programs to assure that wages are comparable to comparable local and municipal employers in the State. The Personnel Board continues to seek the appropriate site for its Chapter 689 duplex for mentally retarded individuals.

The Bicycle Committee's primary responsibility is to develop a bicycle safety program for all students. The Committee's annual report for the year 1986 is enclosed.

The major achievement of the Bicycle Committee during FY 86 was the actual implementation of a bicycle safety program in the Amherst Regional Junior High School. Although our role was limited to that of consultants, we are pleased with the results. The seventh grade physical education curriculum now includes a week long unit on bicycle safety. The key component of the program is an excellent series of films on all aspects of cycling. In addition representatives of local bicycle shops discussed how to choose a bike. A police officer discussed safety in Amherst. The Committee's publication, The Amherst Bicycle Book, served as a text. The physical educational staff at the Junior High School are to be commended for their effort put into a program that was not of their own choosing.

The Committee's continuing effort to enforce bicycle safety laws appeared headed for success in late 1985. Jim Collins indicated a willingness to introduce legislation that would extend the appropriate authority to individual towns to collect fines. However, this initiative appears to have died due to lack of support from the Amherst town government.

The Bicycle Committee conducted its annual survey of the major cycling routes in an effort to identify potential hazards. Again the Department of Public Works responded promptly and corrected the major problems.

The Bicycle Committee has chosen not to become involved in the planning process for various apartment complexes. We have no expertise in this area. The Committee chose not to make a major effort to mount a one day bicycle awareness program in the Spring. We feel that such a program would have little lasting impact. The Bicycle Committee will continue to offer its expert advice on various highway projects as it becomes aware of them. At the present time (September 1986) active membership has dropped to four out of the seven authorized. Without a clear sense of direction and the feeling that we can make an impact on cycling conditions in Amherst, we find it difficult to recruit new members.


WAYS EMPLOYERS CAN SUPPORT THEIR EMPLOYEES

The Council also found itself involved in giving support to the Amherst School of the Arts in its attempt to remain in a Town owned building. The North Amherst School building.

Individual members of the Council signed a show of support for The Amherst School of the Arts in its attempt to remain in a Town owned building. Happily, it was able to remain in the Old North Amherst School building and that necessary repairs are being done by the Town with additional monies and support of agencies including the TAF and the Children's Services.

On August 25, 1986 the Amherst Arts Lottery Council held an election of officers. Results were: Chairperson, Jannine Covelli; Recording Secretary - Jim Smith; Treasurer - Tina Lalone; Publicity Person - George Cuomo. The position of Corresponding Secretary was also approved and a fee of $7 (seven dollars) per hour was set. Nancy Thompson shall hold this position at this time.

The Chair announced that she had been invited to speak before the Amherst Club and the Design Review Board during the coming year. The action in both cases was by the Amherst Arts Lottery Council and its role in the development of the Arts, the Council, especially its present Chair, Jannine Covelli is interested in an exchange of information on the potential of sponsoring a larger representation of the arts in the Town of Amherst. Especially in the use of buildings and spaces as exposure sites for both exhibition of, or the performance of the arts in order to make visible the cultural climate that enhances the community of Amherst.

FINAl NOTE

The Chair wishes to formally thank the Secretary of the Selectmen, Carol Mattara, for all her help.

Thank you, Carol

Jannine Covelli
Chair

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The ACCS regrettably accepted the resignations of Richard Cocksley and Michael Greenerbaum during this past year. The new members are Barbara Melrose and Renee Moss. Other members of the committee are Brain Sabel, Carolyn Edwards, Sandra Mullin, Judith Frant, Judith Weinthal. Alice Swift continues to serve as the liaison with the School Committee.

During the months prior to the Annual Town Meeting of 1986, the ACCS spent a great deal of time working with David Zuccolo, the Town's first Child Care Coordinator, on the development of a proposal for the continuation of the Amherst Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. Due to its first year of operation, the ACCR agency successfully established a referral service for use by parents and providers.

The office sponsored workshops for family day care providers and Child Care Coordinator, David Zuccolo, the Town's first Child Care Coordinator, the ACCS called for a forum to develop a program to serve Southeast Amherst children.

In a survey that was distributed to representative priority sides, the results indicated that many parents want programs for their children during vacation periods that are not currently available. The ACCS then requested that the LSSE Commission review all recommendations made to the ACCS on the program development.

The ACCS had a preliminary discussion on the possibility of continuing funding for the ACCS.

The ACCS has set the following priorities for its work during the '86-'87 year:

1. Family supported child care services. We will be working with the Child Care Coordinator on the investigation of the ways employers can support their employees in the workplace. This is a critical need in the community.

2. Family supported child care services. Part of the focus will be on the development of service delivery systems, in particular, the expansion of space for child care centers in newly constructed school complexes, both private developments and Hous-

3. Review data on the growth and development of children in Kindergarten through grade six and of children with special needs in our community. This committee will hold regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and opportunities are made at each meeting for citizen participation. The members of this committee also serve as Amherst's members of the Regional Early Childhood Advisory Committee. This committee has responsibility for the education programs for students in grades seven through twelve.

Student Enrollment

Enrollment in the Amherst elementary schools is gradually
increasing. Student enrollment as of October 1, 1985 and October 1, 1986 were as follows:

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TOTAL: 1,213

These figures reflect an increase of 41 students in 1986-87 over the 1985-86 year. Our projection is for another increase for 1987-88 of approximately 50 additional students.

Instruction Program

The Town of Amherst through its positive town meeting votes on the annual school budget and through its elected School Committee continues its long tradition of supporting excellent public schools. The philosophy of education adopted by the School Committee states that the schools have the responsibility to have high expectation for individual student achievement at all levels and to help each student achieve the established educational goals of his/her fullest potential. The Committee has also established the three priority goals for the overall instructional program.

These goals are as follows:

1. Education should foster and stimulate in each learner the natural desire for lifelong learning and should develop the skills necessary to fulfill that desire.
2. Education should develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, visual and computational skills.
3. Education should contribute to the learner's physical and emotional well-being, especially to a sense of personal worth and to a capacity for influencing one's own destiny.

To accomplish these goals, a well defined and regularly reviewed and evaluated instructional program exists in all areas. All students regularly receive instruction in Reading, Writing, Language Mechanics, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, Arts, Music, Physical Education, and computer education. Additional opportunities are also available at certain grade levels for foreign language and instrumental music.

Teachers, working throughout the year and especially on the four Curriculum Days available to them, continue the long standing and successful efforts to regularly evaluate all areas of the instructional program and to design and implement improvements where needed. Their current efforts include the review and definition of the Kindergarten program, the implementation of a physical fitness component in physical education, the design of a foreign language immersion program for the early grades, the evaluation of the music education programs, and the search for updated materials and approaches for language arts instruction and of all levels.

This School Committee represents the four communities of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Shutesbury. They serve as the direction and the support for the educational programs for students in Grades 7 through 12 from each of these towns. Committee meetings are open to the public unless for the sessions as prescribed by law, and are held regularly on the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Regional Junior High School. They offer opportunities at every meeting for public participation and encourage citizen attendance.

Casey Clark (Amherst), Myriam Blanchard (Leverett), and Jennie Page (Pelham), who serves on the Regional School Committee for many years did not seek re-election and are from the Committee in May.

Financial Program

The FY87 budget passed by the School Committee and Town meeting is briefly summarized as follows:

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THE AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee

Francesca Maltese (Chairperson) (Amherst)
Joan Hanson, Vice Chairperson (Shutesbury)
Peter Murphy, Secretary (Amherst)
Richard Edwards (Amherst)
Thomas Fennell (Pelham)
Alice Ragir (Leverett)
Jeanne Shumway (Pelham)
Ellen Scory (Amherst)
Alice Swift (Amherst)

This School Committee represents the four communities of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury.

Program Highlights

A carefully defined instructional program has been developed by teachers in all areas of the curriculum reflecting educational goals and philosophy established by the Regional School Committee for grades 7-12. Included in this instructional program is an evaluation component that requires a continual and cyclical evaluation and redefinition of the 5th area. During the four curriculum days and throughout this year teachers are evaluating the effectiveness of the current programs in Computer Education, Foreign Language Instruction, Language Arts and Music. Teachers are also redacting the Industrial Arts and Social Studies instructional programs.

A special study is in progress the review the current graduation requirements to determine if they will be adequate for students graduating in the 1990's. The current requirements are for 48 credits earned during grades 9-12, including 4 years of English, 3 years of Social Studies, 2 years of Math, 2 years of Science and 4 years of Physical Education. While these are maintained the large number of our students earn considerably more credits especially in Math, Science and Foreign Languages, which is not a current requirement. Approximately 85% of our graduates enroll in colleges and universities to continue their education.

A revised and tighter attendance policy has been in place for one year and has met its goal of significantly reducing the number of the Tardies who are late to school as well as providing a more accountable process for necessary absences from school, which have also declined in number. This new policy was developed to review for all parties concerned the importance of students being present in school in order to take full advantage of the many fine educational opportunities available to them.

Summary of Amherst-Pelham Regional School

The following is a summary of the budget for FY87 as voted by the Regional Committee and the four member towns.

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-Donald B. Fritzie
Superintendent of Schools
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS
INCORPORATED 1759

Hampshire County
GENERAL INFORMATION

U.S. SENATORS
Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
John Kerry
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Silvio O. Conte (First District)
257 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

STATE SENATOR
John W. Olver
(Franklin-Hampshire District)
Amherst, Massachusetts

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
James G. Collins
(3rd Hampshire District)
Amherst, Massachusetts

TAX RATE
$18.45/$1000

LOCATION
Geodetic position of Town Hall
Latitude - 42 degrees 22' 00"
Longitude - 72 degrees 30' 30"

ELEVATION
302 feet above sea-level at Town Hall

AREA
27.79 square miles

ROAD MILEAGE
105.56 (not including state highways)

POPULATION
1980 Federal Census (Preliminary)
33,219
(includes Resident Students)

VOTING INFORMATION - 1985-1986

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SCHOOL POPULATION, OCTOBER 1, 1985

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TOWN HALL HOURS
Monday through Friday
8:00 - 4:30

ZIP CODE
01002

Home of: University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Hampshire College