

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**3/25/2025**

For full text of bills and supporting information, visit:

2024 Bills- <https://www.amesburyma.gov/665/2024-Council-Bills>

2025 Bills - <https://www.amesburyma.gov/691/2025-Council-Bills>

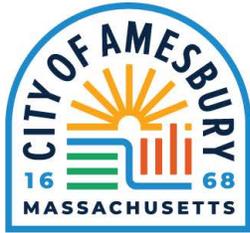
**2025-035** Reappointment of Amy Vander Els to the position of member of the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire February 29, 2028 **Approved**

**2025-036** Appointment of Bonnie Brady to the position of member of the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire February 29, 2028 **Approved**

**2024-096** An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – Mayor Sponsor Summary: The development of large-scale solar energy projects has been recognized as being crucial to achieving the Commonwealth’s goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Massachusetts law, including M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, aims to promote the development of solar energy facilities. Amesbury has permitted large-scale solar energy projects in the city, that produce more than 10 MW of clean energy, but the areas zoned for solar energy projects have been confined primarily to the Industrial District. **Referred to Planning Board- positive recommendation with amendments, O&A - positive recommendation with amendments, P&D - positive recommendation with amendments, Referred to OSNRT. City Council Public Hearing continued to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. City Clerk to republish Continuation of Public Hearing, noting Planning Board recommendations.**

**2025-030** An Order to transfer \$65,000.00 from Police Personal Services to Police Other Expenses. Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$65,000.00 from Police Personal Services to Police Other Expenses to support the purchase of a new command vehicle which will be used by the Lieutenants, Deputy Chief and Chief. These funds will cover the total purchase of the vehicle and a portion of the outfitting. **Approved**

**2025-031** An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Wellness Grant program to be used by the Amesbury Police Department. Summary: These grant funds will be used by the Amesbury Police Department to employ SIGMA Tactical Wellness which will conduct voluntary comprehensive cardiovascular screenings for 20 members of the Amesbury Police Department. Sigma has pioneered a new system of cardio-metabolic screening which



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

has been proven to detect cardiovascular disease more effectively than standard screening modalities. The cost is \$850 per person, totaling \$17,000 for 20 members, and these grant funds will supplement the cost. This is a reimbursable program, and funds must be spent by June 30, 2025. **Approved**

**2025-032** An Order to authorize a transfer of \$30,000.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to the Legal Consultant Services account. Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to Legal Consultant Services. The current balance of the FY25 Budget Reserve is \$125,637.00. **Approved**

**2025-033** An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$9,020.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to be used by Amesbury Emergency Management Agency, which is managed by the Amesbury Fire Chief. Summary: These grant funds will be expended for the purpose of maintaining Amesbury's Radiological Emergency Response Preparedness Program for the Operation Center for FY 2025. **Approved**