



City of Amesbury



Annual Report

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Amesbury Days 2013

Beginning in 1899 as a one-day festival for employees of Amesbury's various mills, Amesbury Days has grown into a 113-year-old multi-day program of events, activities and celebrations drawing people from within and around the city. The celebration begins on the last Thursday in June, and ends on the 4th of July.

Amesbury Days is about bringing the community together and enjoying summer activities while connecting with others from the community or those visiting to enjoy what make Amesbury such a wonderful community. Amesbury Days offers something fun for every member of the family: Free Concerts, Kids Day in the Park, Kids Night in the Millyard, the Community-wide Yard Sale, Art Festivals, Cookouts, Car Show and so much more.

Each year's celebration is punctuated by our explosive pyrotechnics display at Woodsom Farm. One of the few remaining fireworks displays on the Fourth of July, the spectacular show of lights and sounds continues to grow to the crowd's delight.

The cover photo, provided by Virginia Page Photography, depicts an aerial view of the Ring Recker's Car Show which took place during Amesbury Days. Amesbury's charming and historic downtown is an ideal setting to showcase these beautiful automobiles and celebrate a special time in history.



Amesbury's Upper Millyard on a beautiful summer afternoon.

Photo provided by Virginia Page Photography.

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In Memoriam

*The City would like to acknowledge the loss of
valued contributors to the community:*

Althea Cynewski

&

Brad Ford



Dear Amesbury Citizens,

Welcome to the 2013 Annual Report of the City of Amesbury. We have seen another year of great progress in Amesbury as we continue to deliver excellent municipal services while also controlling costs. This report highlights some of the success we have achieved to make Amesbury a wonderful community to live in and raise a family, and an attractive location for business growth.

As the economy continues to recover from the severe downturn, our revenues have stabilized and our success in cutting costs have allowed us to increase investment in our schools and continued improvements to our infrastructure. Our schools have made great improvements in the academic success of our students. The City has continued with its investment in our roads, sidewalks, drainage and bridge projects to repair, replace and enhance our infrastructure and improve the quality of life in Amesbury.

This year we secured a significant amount of funding for the revitalization of the Lower Millyard, to include \$400,000 for the construction of Heritage Park and another \$250,000 for the construction of a kayak/canoe launch. The launch will provide direct access to the Powow River from the downtown all the way to the Merrimack River for the first time in over 75 years. We have also submitted a redesigned Riverwalk project that is \$1 million less and much more feasible for construction, which is expected to be completed in 2015. Together, these projects will revitalize the Lower Millyard, spur economic growth for businesses and bring new revenue to meet our fiscal challenges and relief to the residential taxpayers. We have already seen the benefits of public investment to encourage private development with the success of the Upper Millyard area. The Lower Millyard will bring even more economic activity to the downtown we all currently enjoy.

We have continued our efforts for cost savings. This year we have seen significant savings with the renegotiation of the trash/recycling contract, our joining with the regional 911 emergency communications center and continued success of the regional health department and the renegotiated employee health plan. Together these efforts save the taxpayers over \$1 million in annual operational costs.

Finally, I wish to thank the City Council, School Committee, the numerous volunteers serving on boards and commissions and the professional staff who have all worked together to make Amesbury a great community to live, work and visit. So again, take a look at the successes illustrated in this Annual Report, both big and small, which demonstrate our ability to deliver those services our residents depend on.

Sincerely,

Thatcher W. Kezer III
Mayor

Overview

The City of Amesbury exists to provide five essential services to our citizens, and is supported by an effective Administration & Finance function:

Public Education

Amesbury Elementary
Cashman Elementary
Amesbury Middle School
Amesbury High School
Academy Charter School

Public Safety

Police
Fire & Rescue
Emergency Management

Public Works

Public Works
Engineering
Water Treatment
Waste Water Treatment
Recycling & Refuse
Snow & Ice Removal

Permits & Land Use

Community Development
Economic Development
Inspection & Health
Conservation
Planning
Zoning

Community and Social Services

Senior Services
Youth Services
Veteran Services
Public Library

Admin & Finance

Finance
Assessing
Treasurer/Collecting
Licenses and Permits
Clerk and Records

Amesbury Public Schools

District Overview

Michele Robinson, Superintendent

The 2012-2013 school year was marked by exciting change and impressive progress. We are proud of the many achievements our students realized during the year as we laid a strong foundation for educational innovation and excellence. This was achieved through the cooperation and support of students, staff, and parents, as well as our elected officials, School Committee and City Council members. We continue to be perceived as a district of excellence and one that cares deeply about our children.

Fast Facts

163.4 = total number of teachers

98.8% of Amesbury teachers are licensed in their teaching assignment; 95.7% are highly qualified

Eighty-six (86%) percent of high school graduates go on to college after high school, with 10% entering the workforce, and 1% entering the military

14.6 to 1 = student/teacher ratio

Amesbury is one of the MA *Race to the Top* districts, which provides \$173,000 over four years to implement the adoption of the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Since 2004, the district has made its Adequate Yearly Progress targets in English Language Arts and math at every grade level.



Our number one focus is on doing what is best for students. This school year our students have continued to make significant gains in academic achievement. An ever increasing number of students are scoring in the advanced and proficient ranges on MCAS while at the same time SAT and Advanced Placement scores have realized significant gains.

The New Teacher Induction Program continues to be refined and expanded to meet the needs of teachers new to the district; this year's program was made successful by the commitment of the mentor teachers in supporting those new to the district and/or profession.

The Amesbury Public Schools believe a staff that is reflective, is then able to identify what is most successful in personal and district wide instructional practices and can systematically refine areas identified for enhancement. APS designs professional development opportunities and programs to reinforce these values and further develop these skills.

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Elementary School

Walter Helliesen, Principal

Amesbury Elementary School aims to provide exceptional instruction without exception to students in grades ranging from our 3-year-old Pre-K program through Fourth grade. We ended the 2012-13 school year with 429 students enrolled at AES. A major focus for Amesbury Elementary School, and all of Amesbury's schools, was continuing the process of shifting our instructional focus to the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Based on the Common Core State Standards that have been adopted by 45 states, these documents represent the goal of making our students 'college and career ready' upon high school graduation. While there is a lot in common with the older state frameworks, the changes are significant and require us to rethink the scope and sequence of our instructional programs.



By the Numbers

429 = the average daily enrollment at AES spread over 20 classrooms

20–25 = the range of class sizes in kindergarten through fourth grade

During the Spring 2012 MCAS testing, more AES 3rd and 4th graders reached Proficiency and Advanced than ever before

AES students participated in a variety of activities this year. They partnered with Anna Jaques Hospital for the 2nd Annual Fruit and Vegetable Challenge and ate over 3300 servings in five days! The students also raised over \$3000 for the American Cancer Society.

During the Spring 2012 MCAS testing, more AES 3rd and 4th graders reached Proficiency and Advanced than ever before. AES 2nd Grade teacher, Liz Morris, was celebrated as the Amesbury Rotary Club Educator of the Year, and we said goodbye to retiring teacher Pam Gagnon.

As always, our families remained very active, logging hundreds of volunteer hours in our classrooms and on field trips. The Elementary PTA sponsored many field trips and provided for in-school speakers. We are very thankful for the ongoing support from our community and we welcome ideas for ways to increase and improve this partnership. Thank you to all the boys and girls who "do their best" each and every day at AES!

Amesbury Public Schools

Cashman Elementary School

Louise Charette, Principal

“Empower a Community of Learners to Build a World of Opportunity.”

The Cashman Elementary School is committed to providing our students with a well-balanced educational experience that will build a strong foundation for success in college and career. Children at Cashman receive the foundational knowledge and skills they need but that is just the beginning. Our students are given myriad opportunities to practice these new understandings in real-life, meaningful ways. Classroom projects, community-based projects and co-curricular activities round out the learning for our students. They are truly living the learning and this is reflected in both the local and statewide metrics, our measures for student achievement. Our students are growing by leaps and bounds!

Highlights:

For the second consecutive year the CES received an MCAS commendation for High Growth. *High Growth – demonstrated median growth of 60 or higher for 2 consecutive years.*

Governor Deval Patrick sent a citation to CES in recognition of our “school’s strong performance”.

NAEYC Accreditation – the CES was recertified for another 5 years by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We received 12 commendations for excellent practice.



Our teams of educators work collaboratively with families to ensure that we strategically target the needs of each child. The use of assessment data to make informed instructional decisions is the hallmark of our professional learning community. We continue to refine our work in regard to targeted interventions that give each child the instruction they need when and how they need it.

Traditions are a big part of life here at Cashman. Even our youngest students look forward to participating in the Wax

Museum project when they get to grade 4. This is one of many yearly events bring subjects like history to life for our students. School-wide scrabble and food drives for Our Neighbors table are more of the ways we link children to their school community and the Amesbury community in ways they will always remember. Citizenship is a part of our everyday work.

Each year our volunteers provide hundreds of hours that support our students and teachers in their efforts to achieve. The Amesbury Educational Foundation and our Parent Teacher Association are critical to our success. The Amesbury Rotary Club and Senior Center also support the efforts of our staff and learners. Each year these organizations contribute to our success through fundraising and direct service to our children and families. Thank you Amesbury for all your support! These contributions help our school maintain forward momentum for our students. Cashman is a community of collaboration!

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Middle School

Michael Curry, Principal

As a school community, we continue to dedicate ourselves toward meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. Our goal at the middle school continues to be our commitment to raise achievement levels for all our students in order for them to meet the academic rigor that has been set for students to meet 21st century skills.

School Year Highlights

AMS achieved a 46% growth in ELA and 52% growth in Mathematics for Spring MCAS testing in 2012.

Staff and students received training in Bullying Prevention and Intervention and students participated in activities to promote ideas and discussion on promoting a positive school climate.

5th & 6th grade boys and girls Destination Imagination teams competed in area tournament and had 3rd, 4th & 5th place finishes.

8th grade students Rose Sheehan and Aaron Scotch were selected as AMS Scholar Leaders.



We continue our efforts as a school community to provide a balanced literacy approach in all content areas and disciplines to help students develop a deeper level of thinking through reading, writing, speaking and listening skills students will need to be successful. Over the course of the school year, teachers have been working hard with administrators in regards to writing and aligning district curriculum to the Common Core Standards.

AMS teachers Joseph Costello, 8th Grade World History, Cathy Mamakos, Special Education Teacher, Ernie Bissaillon, 7th Grade Science Teacher, and Karen Brannelly were honored by their peers by receiving “Excellence in Education” recognition. Marybeth Hoehn, 6th grade math teacher, retired after 33 years of dedicated service, Kay Hanley, 8th grade ELA teacher, retired after 15 years of dedicated service, and Sandra Swart,

Assistant Principal, retired after 23 years of dedicated service to the Amesbury Middle School community. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to the AMS students and staff!

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury High School

Roy Hamond, Principal

Amesbury High School is committed to inspiring all its students to become problem solvers who take responsibility for themselves and their learning. In fostering this quest for excellence, the AHS community will support and work together with integrity, modeling acceptance, collaboration, and respect. School pride permeates the culture of AHS through time-tested traditions blended with student driven innovations and initiatives.

AHS continues to provide a quality education to the students of Amesbury through partnerships with community agencies. There is cooperation and collaboration with other town departments and community agencies to provide support for students and families.

By the Numbers

\$11,500 = Funding received from the Amesbury Educational Foundation

13 = Number of 2012 graduates qualifying for the AP Scholar Award, for exceptional achievement on AP exams

75 = Number of graduating seniors receiving scholarships (totaling \$105,950)

22,936 = hours of community service performed over 4 years by the Class of 2013

2/3 = student athletes who participated in a sport at the freshmen, junior varsity or varsity level.

Student Council received the MASS Gold Award for the second year for their exceptional work.

Spring 2013 MCAS Results

- ENGLISH: 94% scoring in the Advanced/Proficient categories showing an increase of 6% over the previous year and having 100% passing.
- MATHEMATICS: 88% scored in the Advanced/Proficient categories and 96% passing holding stead with last year.
- SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY: 81% scored Advanced/Proficient with a 98% pas rate, a 6% increase for both categories.

Amesbury exceeds State averages in MCAS scores

Partnerships with local institutions of higher learning provide students with additional chances to graduate from AHS being Career and College ready. In programs with NECC and Salem State University, students earn high school credit and college credit along with classes with North Shore CC that are matriculated for dual credit. The past four years AHS and NECC staff have worked together on a pilot program for Early College. Students enroll as sophomores to take interdisciplinary History and English classes along with a college success class. Junior year students take English and History along with selected classes such as art, science, and music. Senior year these students take Senior ELA for college credit as well. Second semester they have an opportunity to

take additional credits at the NECC campus to earn more credits for possible transfer credits to get a jump on their college plans. Opportunity and support is provided for all students to reach their highest individual academic, social and civic achievement.

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Academy Public Charter School

Donna Georges, Principal

This year the Academy piloted a new blended curriculum model that stressed more on-line options for our students. These options included enrolling in the Virtual High School (VHS) program and the training of our science/math teacher to become a certified field supervisor for the program. The Academy is working to establish partnerships with Amesbury High School (AHS) and Northern Essex Community College (NECC) to participate in classes at the high school and Dual Enrollment classes at the college level. Academic programming for underclassmen is based on the state standards and the common core. As students reach proficiency in the core curriculum, these partnerships allow the upper classmen to explore more elective and career focused classes.

- June 7, 2013 20 students graduated from Amesbury Academy in the Holy Family Parish Hall. This is the largest graduating class at this time.
- Eight seniors were accepted to school: two to 4 year colleges, six to community colleges.
- Two concerts were organized and run and performed by Academy students, raising \$350 to help provide for the school.
- The staff and students worked together to raise \$6000.00 by sponsoring and organizing the father and daughter dance for the city's elementary students and families. This event is one of the most popular events of the year and continues to sell out.
- Eleven students (over 20% of the student population) were active members of the Amesbury Academy Interact Club sponsored by the Amesbury Rotary Club working with Rotary members to provide "Service Above Self".
- The students of the Academy gave back to the community through over 10,000 hours of community service.
- This was the second year of the PEP grant which provides additional support for the Physical Education classes and equipment replacement for Project Adventure (PA) at the high school. The Academy students will be able to participate at AHS in PA.
- The entire 50 student population and staff of nine participated in the city's recycling program.
- Seven students took the MCAS in the Spring 2012 and received results that show increasing improvement and above state averages. One hundred percent passed English Language Arts; six passed Math; and all four that took the biology scored in the proficient range.

Police

Mark Gagnon, Chief

The Amesbury Police Department is dedicated to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order and safety, the enforcement of laws and ordinances and the safeguarding of constitutional rights for all. We take pride in providing the highest level of public safety and service to the citizens and business people within the community, and to those visiting. The department encourages citizen input and interaction that will assist in developing sound partnerships between the community and the Police. This partnership with the community is the backbone to fighting crime, reducing fear of crime and continuing to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our small city. The services provided by the Department are a reflection of the increasing requests of social programs by the community. Emphasis has been placed on service-oriented policing so that the needs and demands of the community can be met.

Police Fast Facts

13¢ of every tax dollar is spent on Public Safety.

Amesbury tax payers spend \$208 per person per year for 24-hour crime prevention and response.

The APD responded to 21,458 calls for service during FY12

1.9 = police officers per thousand residents

Recent Achievements

- AAA Safety Award
- Mothers against Drunk Driving Awards
- Underage Alcohol Grant
- Pedestrian Safety Grant



Major Accomplishments for FY13

Successful completion of our Citizen's Police Academy that graduated 15 civilian recruits. This program allows citizens to get a behind the scenes look at the operation of the police department, court system, and correctional institutions.

Community Events: Anti-Bullying Programs in Schools and with our senior citizens, Prescription Drug Take Back Program, Pedestrian and Child Safety Seat Programs,

Underage Alcohol Education and Enforcement, participating in National Night Out, Boston Strong Ceremony at the Gazebo, and the Special Olympics Awards Ceremony.

Chief Mark Gagnon retired after 32 years of distinguished police service.

Fire

Jonathan Brickett, Chief

The Amesbury Fire Department consists of six divisions: Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Service, Hazardous Materials Response, Technical Rescue, and Emergency Management. The department is dedicated to serve and protect the community, continuously reducing the actual number and severity of the fire incidents through a strong commitment to fire prevention, enhancing the health of the community through the provision of highly trained, responsive and effective emergency medical services while protecting the community through monitoring and response to emergency incidents natural and or man-made.



By the Numbers

Amesbury taxpayers spend \$180 per person per year for 24-hour response to medical, fire, natural and man-made disasters.

98 = number of fire-related calls the Department responded to in FY13

1348 = number of inspections, alarm activations, or other calls the Department responded to in FY13

2434 = number of rescue or medical calls the Department responded to in FY13

The department initiated a new program for ambulance replacement in municipal fire-based emergency medical services. The concept calls for the replacement of our oldest ambulance chassis by remounting the patient compartment to a new chassis rather than replacing the entire ambulance. The program approach has been very successful with the second ambulance replacement underway and saving the community approximately \$65,000.

The department is in the second year of the SAFER Staffing Grant program providing funding for salary and benefits for additional positions. The program has allowed the department to reduce operational overtime from the previous year by \$96,000. The SAFE program in public schools completed another successful year while a new senior citizen fire safety program, modeled on SAFE, is being developed. Emergency management begins its second year under the Fire Chief with the recruitment of new volunteers and a focus on training exercises.

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works

Rob Desmarais, Director

The City of Amesbury Department of Public Works consists of five divisions: the Administration division provides direction and support for all department operations, including customer service, procurement, payroll, accounts payable and solid waste; the Engineering Division maintains the city's watershed and dams, and provides project management for construction projects and technical support for other departments; the Highway Division repairs and maintains roads, signs, markings, drainage and leads snow removal and sanding operations; the TPC Division oversees the public trees, parks and cemeteries, the Wastewater Division maintains and operates the city's sewer collection, pumping and treatment systems; and the Water Division maintains and operates the city's water distribution, storage, pumping and treatment systems. All divisions participate in snow removal and emergency operations.

By the Numbers

Amesbury residents again improved their recycling efforts this year, saving an additional \$115,000 in disposal costs.

Amesbury invested \$600,000 in roadway projects not related to a construction project in FY 13.

The Water Department replaced over 3,000 feet of water main in FY 13.

The DPW has 2,409 plans scanned and catalogued.

Check out the city's annual water quality report at www.amesburyma.gov.



FY2013 Highlights and Accomplishments

- Completion of the Pavement Management Survey
- Final Approval of the Route 150 Reconstruction Project
- Completion of the new Compost and Snow Dump Facility on South Hunt Road
- Began implementation of Computerized Maintenance and Management System
- Completed Design and Permitting of the new DPW Garage

Community and Economic Development

Community and Economic Development

Joe Fahey, Director

The Office of Community & Economic Development is a multi-disciplined agency involving many facets of the development of Amesbury. Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Economic and Community development activities are all responsibilities of the office. The preparation of development plans for such areas as the Golden Triangle and redevelopment plans for the Lower Millyard are examples of our activities. Permitting of individual projects like the Amesbury Animal Hospital development and residential subdivisions require countless reviews by the office staff. Concurrent with these activities, the office actively pursues opportunities to create affordable housing for residents of Amesbury.

A great deal of the office's resources this year was dedicated to several projects of importance to the community. Securing funding for the Heritage Park along with developing conceptual plans required significant staff effort and was of high importance. The office submitted a grant application to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) under their Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC) grant program and was awarded \$400,000. This is in addition to the estimated \$200,000 committed to the project by the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife for the construction of a canoe and kayak launch at the site. Complicating the Heritage Park project is the presence of contaminated soils not uncommon in such an urban environment. The expansion of Shaheen Brothers with the addition of 14,400 square feet to house refrigeration space and preliminary plans to add a solar facility reflected the office's support for expanding existing businesses in the City. An ongoing effort was permitting the Elm Street hotel and commercial project. Incorporating the wetlands and the bikeway/rail trail extension into the project presented planning obstacles, which are being addressed.

During the coming year, the office will continue its efforts in the Lower Millyard, concentrating on the environmental remediation at the future site of Heritage Park and managing the overall construction of the park by June 2014. In general, the office will continue its commitment to assuring quality development in Amesbury that will benefit the community and its residents.

Community and Economic Development



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Inspectional Services

Building

Denis Nadeau, Commissioner

The Building Inspectional Services function enhances public safety through the oversight and enforcement of state and local building, health and animal control codes and regulations.

By the Numbers

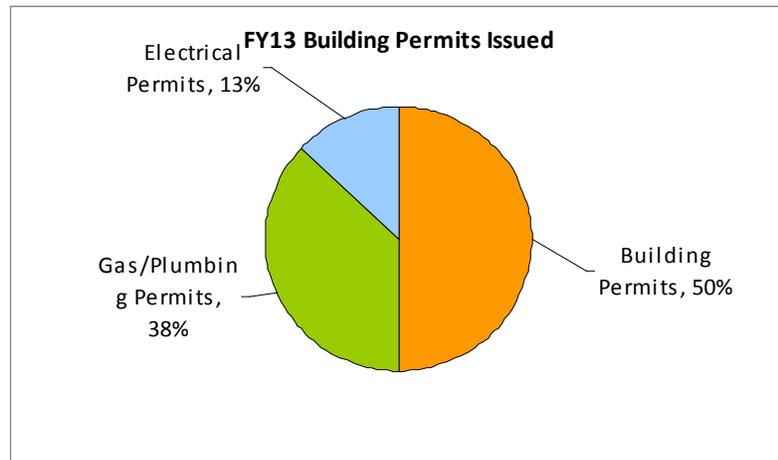
\$253,340 = FY13 fee revenue from permits

37 = number of blood pressure clinics offered by the City's Health Nurse

2 = number of seasonal flu clinics offered to residents

The Health Nurse spends 10 hours every week at the Senior/Transportation Center

In accordance with 780CMR State Board of Building and Regulations Standards, the Inspections Department performs 71 annual inspections of public buildings and 56 inspections for churches and in-law apartments.



Health

Jack Morris, Director

The Regional Health Department is charged with the protection of public health and developing, implementing and enforcing health regulations in adherence to state and local codes and regulations.

In FY 13, 113 food permits were also issued. Each food service permit requires at least one (1) yearly inspection, with full service restaurants requiring twice yearly food inspections. Mobile food carts/service, recreational camp, campground, public swimming pool and residential kitchen permit holders also require a pre-operation inspection.

The Health Department is also responsible for monitoring the water at the following beach locations: Lake Gardner, Lake Attitash, Camp Bauercrest and Glen Devin. Water testing results are posted weekly. During Fiscal Year 2013, Lake Attitash was closed on a couple of occasions due to Cyanobacteria, with warnings placed on our website, on site and in the local newspapers.

Community and Social Services

Amesbury Council on Aging

Annmary Connor, Director

The Council on Aging continues to provide comprehensive social services to area seniors. The Nicholas J. Costello Transportation Center has provided Amesbury's seniors with an accessible, state of the art facility to conduct programming and provide a wide range of services. The city utilizes 90% of the building space in which the majority is used by the Council on Aging. Programming has doubled at the new center accommodating the growing needs of our seniors.

Services provided by the Council on Aging:

- **Case Management:** fuel assistance, SNAP, SSDI/SSI, SHINE application assistance, referrals, support
- **Health and Wellness:** Zumba, Tai Chi, aquatic therapy, exercises classes, yoga, guest lecturers on health concerns, hearing and podiatry clinics, clinical support groups (bereavement, men's group, low vision, caregiver support)
- **Nutrition:** a meals on wheels site and congregate meals, a brown bag program, weekly food deliveries with Our Neighbor's Table, daily snacks
- **Activities:** Wii bowling, movies, cultural council performances, cribbage, bridge, Trips and Tours, arts and crafts
- **Community education:** Coffee with the Chiefs, guest lectures, outreach to community organization.



Mayor Kezer with the Older American Honorees, Carolyn Levesque and Marie Messner and COA Director, Annmary Connor.

Council on Aging Fast Facts

The COA served over 742 seniors and 92 non-seniors during FY13.

Volunteers gave 8,419 hours of time to senior services in FY13

In FY13 The MVRTA provided 5,132 trips to seniors in the City of Amesbury, up 6% from the previous year.

The COA hosted interns from several area schools, including Northern Essex Community College, Salem State University, Simmons College, and Stonehill College. This benefited the students and allowed the COA to expand and grow services.

Community and Social Services

Department of Veterans' Services

Kristen Lucier, Agent

Amesbury Veterans' Services provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents, and assistance with application and appeals of all pension and compensation claims through the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This office maintains partnerships with state and local service providers in the areas of education, employment, substance abuse treatment, and mental health in an effort to address the unique needs of generations of veterans.

In February, Director of Veterans' Services Kristin Lucier announced that she would be accepting a position with the United States Department of Veterans' Services. Lucier has served as the Director of Veterans Services for the past five years. She has served as a social services provider, reaching out to veterans and their families, helping them understand their benefit eligibility, assisting in the application for benefits and programs, and ensuring they are successfully connected to the services and programs they need. Newburyport Veteran Services Agent Kevin Hunt has been providing services to Amesbury veterans since February.

The Department of Veterans' Services continues to serve increasing numbers of veterans and family members through Chapter 115 financial assistance. In addition to providing supplementary income to needy veterans for living expenses and fuel costs, these benefits provide reimbursement for insurance premiums, dental procedures, Medicare Part B and D premiums, co-pays, medications, and various medical expenses not covered by health insurance.



Community and Social Services

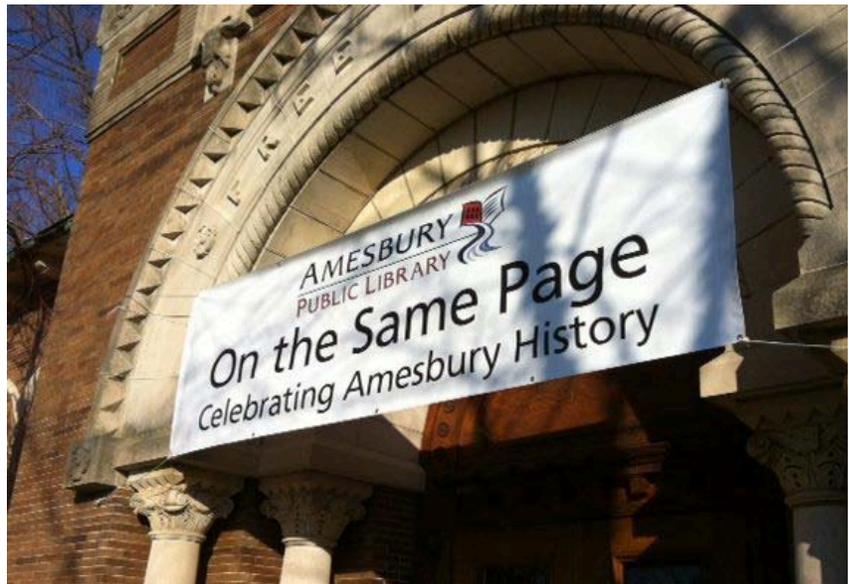
Amesbury Public Library

Patty DiTullio, Director

By the Numbers

- 11,133 = represents the total number of borrowers, an increase of 1,496 in FY13.
- \$31,096 = additional funds received from grants and other funds in FY13
- 13,216= hours spent by library patrons on the public computers
- 62,713= number of citizens visiting the library in FY13
- 155,425 = the number of items borrowed in FY13
- 4,515 = citizens attended library programs in FY13
- 3,057 = number of downloadable e-books and audio books used by library patrons in FY13
- 5,980,237 = items borrowed by MVLC library consortium members
- \$2,500,000 = value of materials available for free at the APL
- 571 = individuals and families used free

The library pursued excellent services, programming and the acquisition of high quality resources for the Amesbury community. Library staff engaged in community outreach fostering life-long learning and personal enjoyment through unique library programs for children and adults that are models for New England public libraries. The library is a highly prized cultural asset with over 1200 visitors per week. The archive vault HVAC will be renovated this Fall with financial assistance from the Amesbury Public Library Charitable Trust. A new quiet study area was created on the mezzanine level for



teens and adults. A banner launched the new community read program, *On the Same Page* with book discussions and activities held throughout the city in conjunction with *The Heart of the Sea: the Tragedy of the Whale Ship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick. New programs in FY13 were strongly attended, such as, the Science Club for 9-12 year olds, Genealogy programs, Lego Club for ages 6-10 and a new collaboration with *Imagine That*, an interactive play museum in Lawrence, MA.

Community and Social Services

Youth Services

Kathleen Crowley, Director

The goal of Amesbury Youth Services is to provide cultural, educational, recreational and physical opportunities to all youth and maintain all programs in a safe and healthy way. Amesbury's summer recreation programs served over 1,300 youth in FY2013, employed over 63 summer staff and trained 45 counselors in training. Additionally youth services offered over 45 summer program opportunities, including ten new programs such as: *Horseback Riding, Fencing, Music, Hip Hop and Jazz, USTA Jr. Team Tennis, Engineering, Robotics, Science*. The Provident Community Foundation provided Amesbury Recreation with \$3,000 and Amesbury Youth Funding provided \$2,500 in grant money for youth summer scholarships. These scholarships allowed over 20 youth to attend summer camp that could not afford it.



By the Numbers

- No Taxpayer dollars are used for any youth programs.
- Amesbury's summer camp Park Program (including field trips, entertainment and theme days) was offered at \$4.11 per hour- least expensive program in the area
- Amesbury Youth Division served over 1,300 youth.
- Amesbury Youth Division secured \$10,000 in grants last year.
- Amesbury Youth Division gave out \$20,000 in financial assistance to Amesbury

Finance and Administration

Finance and Administration

Mike Basque, Chief Financial Officer

The Department of Finance and Administration is responsible for the coordination of all financial services and activities and consists of the Treasurer/Collector, Assessor, Accountant and MIS offices. Finance and Administration remains committed to the responsible stewardship of the City's assets, finances, and records through sound financial managements principles and adherence to state regulations and professional standards.

By the Numbers

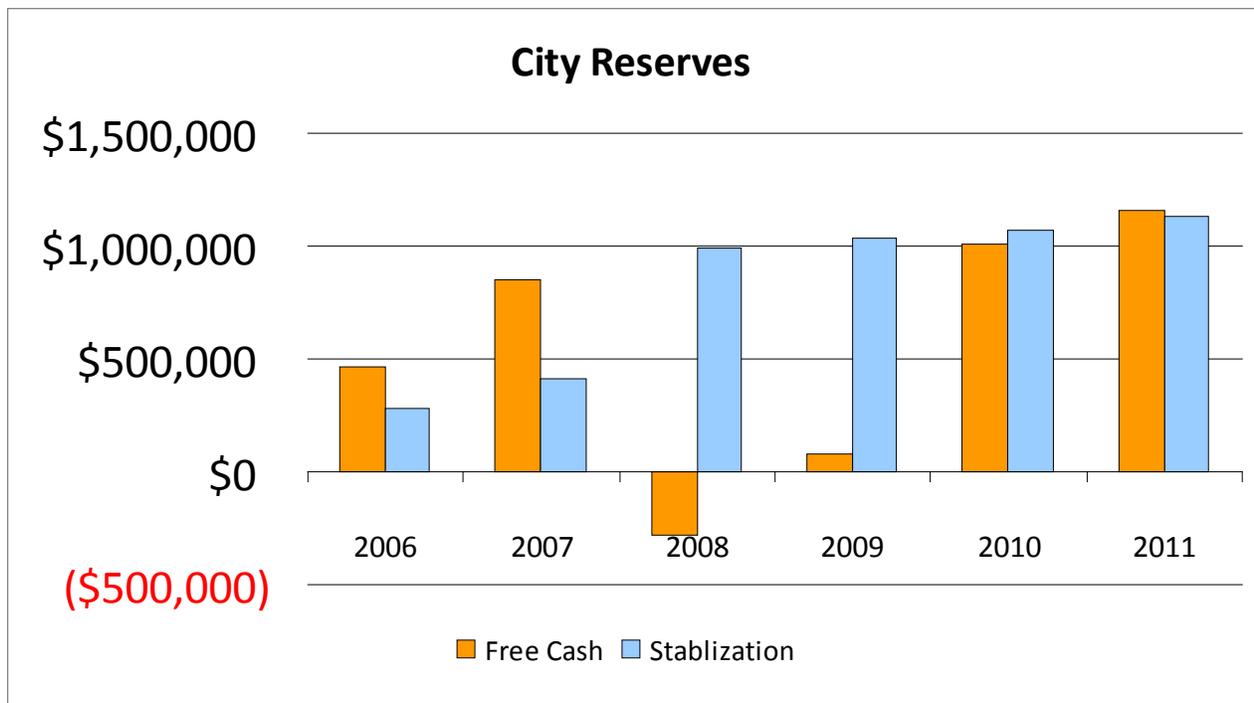
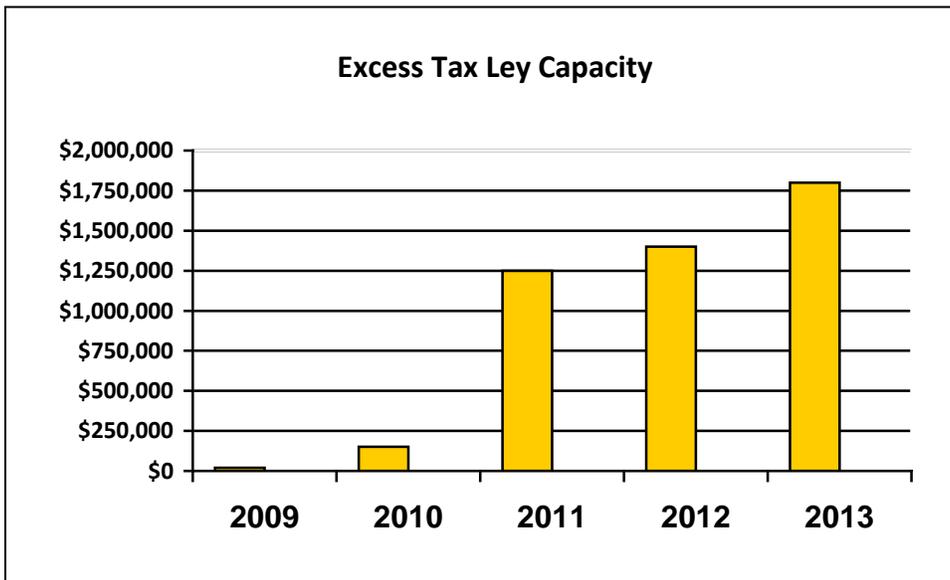
\$57.4M = total operating budget for FY2012

\$1,774,921,000 = total value of all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property in Amesbury

\$35.9M = total real estate and personal property taxes for FY2013

\$? = total long-term debt

"A+" = our City's bond rating from Standard & Poor's



Finance and Administration

Clerk and Records

Bonnijo Kitchin, City Clerk

Often considered the doorway to local government, the City Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for residents and citizens at large. The City Clerk serves as Chief Election Official, Recording Officer, Public Records Officer, Licensing Officer, Public Information Officer, Parking Clerk and Clerk to the City Council.

Vital Statistics Annual Report July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths Recorded	69	66	135
Births Recorded	82	67	149
Marriage Licenses Recorded			67
Marriage Intentions Recorded			73
Vital Records Certificates Issued			1,115
Dog Licenses Issued			1,232
Business Certificates Issued			148
Fence Applications			15
List of Residents			43
Miscellaneous Business Licenses			247



City of Amesbury Elections Report

July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

**Warrant for September 6, 2012 State Primary
City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend Street, Amesbury, MA 01913**

On Thursday, the Sixth Day of September, 2012, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

- Senator in Congress..... For This Commonwealth
- Representative in Congress..... Sixth District
- Councilor..... Fifth District
- Senator in General Court First Essex District
- Representative in General Court..... First Essex District
- Register of Deeds Essex District
- Clerk of Courts Essex County

Registered Voters 10,786
Cards Cast 1342 (12.44%)

Num. Report Precinct 6 - Num. Reporting 6 100.00%

SENATOR in CONGRESS	DEM		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted		840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes		750	
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ELIZABETH A WARREN		731	97.47%
Write-in Votes		19	2.53%

REP in CONGRESS	DEM		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted		840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes		709	
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JOHN F TIERNEY		698	98.45%
Write-in Votes		11	1.55%

COUNCILLOR	DEM		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %

Times Counted	840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes	611	
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DONALD BUMILLER	137	22.42%
EILEEN R DUFF	320	52.37%
DAVID W EPPLEY	84	13.75%
GEORGE T O'BRINE	69	11.29%
Write-in Votes	1	0.16%

SEN in GENERAL COURT	DEM	
		Total
Number of Precincts		6
Precincts Reporting		6
Times Counted	840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes	803	
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TIMOTHY J COCO	163	20.30%
K.A. O'CONNOR IVES	552	68.74%
WILLIAM M MANZI,III	86	10.71%
Write-in Votes	2	0.25%

REP in GENERAL COURT	DEM	
		Total
Number of Precincts		6
Precincts Reporting		6
Times Counted	840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes	726	
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MICHAEL A COSTELLO	721	99.31%
Write-in Votes	5	0.69%

CLERK of COURTS	DEM	
		Total
Number of Precincts		6
Precincts Reporting		6
Times Counted	840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes	631	
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THOMAS H DRISCOLL,JR	628	99.52%
Write-in Votes	3	0.48%

REGISTER of DEEDS	DEM	
		Total
Number of Precincts		6

Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	840/2960	28.4 %
Total Votes	646	
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JOHN L O'BRIEN, JR	643	99.54%
Write-in Votes	3	0.46%

SENATOR in CONGRESS	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440		34.9 %
Total Votes		499	
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SCOTT P BROWN		494	99.00%
Write-in Votes		5	1.00%

REP in CONGRESS	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440		34.9 %
Total Votes		457	
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RICHARD R TISEI		452	98.91%
Write-in Votes		5	1.09%

COUNCILLOR	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440		34.9 %
Total Votes		376	
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M. L. P. CIARDIELLO		375	99.73%
Write-in Votes		1	0.27%

SEN in GENERAL COURT	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440		34.9 %
Total Votes		472	
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SAM S MEAS	127	26.91%
SHAUN P TOOHEY	340	72.03%
Write-in Votes	5	1.06%

REP in GENERAL COURT	REP	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440	34.9 %
Total Votes	64	
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Write-in Votes	64	100.00%

CLERK of COURTS	REP	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440	34.9 %
Total Votes	51	
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Write-in Votes	51	100.00%

REGISTER of DEEDS	REP	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	502/1440	34.9 %
Total Votes	48	
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Write-in Votes	48	100.00%

**Warrant for November 6, 2012 State Election
Amesbury High School Cafeteria, 5 Highland Street, Amesbury, MA 01913**

On Tuesday, the Sixth Day of November, 2012, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

Electors of President and Vice President..... For This Commonwealth
 Senator in Congress..... For This Commonwealth
 Representative in Congress..... Sixth District
 Councilor..... Fifth District
 Senator in General Court First Essex District
 Representative in General Court..... First Essex District
 Register of Deeds Essex District
 Clerk of Courts Essex County

Registered Voters 11203
 Cards Cast 8523 (76.08%)

Num. Report Precinct 6 - Num. Reporting 6 100.00%

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	8446	
Times Blank Voted	77	
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JOHNSON & GRAY	101	1.20%
OBAMA & BIDEN	4863	57.58%
ROMNEY & RYAN	3427	40.58%
STEIN & HONKALA	34	0.40%
Write-in Votes	21	0.25%

SENATOR in CONGRESS		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	8467	
Times Blank Voted	56	
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SCOTT P BROWN	4386	51.80%
ELIZABETH A WARREN	4076	48.14%
Write-in Votes	5	0.06%

REP in CONGRESS

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	8201	
Times Blank Voted	322	
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JOHN F TIERNEY	4075	49.69%
RICHARD R TISEI	3626	44.21%
DANIEL FISHMAN	494	6.02%
Write-in Votes	6	0.07%

COUNCILLOR

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	7361	
Times Blank Voted	1162	
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M.L.P. CIARDIELLO	3280	44.56%
EILEEN R DUFF	4074	55.35%
Write-in Votes	7	0.10%

SEN in GENERAL COURT

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	7928	
Times Blank Voted	595	
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K.A. O'CONNOR IVES	3772	47.58%
SHAUN P TOOHEY	2068	26.08%
JAMES M KELCOURSE	1636	20.64%
PAUL A MAGLIOCCHETTI	449	5.66%
Write-in Votes	3	0.04%

REP in GENERAL COURT

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	6540	
Times Blank Voted	1983	
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MICHAEL A COSTELLO	6489	99.22%
Write-in Votes	51	0.78%

CLERK of COURTS

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	5871	
Times Blank Voted	2652	
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THOMAS H DRISCOLL, JR	5833	99.35%
Write-in Votes	38	0.65%

REGISTER of DEEDS

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	5906	
Times Blank Voted	2617	
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JOHN L O'BRIEN, JR	5875	99.48%
Write-in Votes	31	0.52%

QUESTION 1

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	7478	
Times Blank Voted	1045	
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YES	6620	88.53%
NO	858	11.47%

QUESTION 2

	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	8253	
Times Blank Voted	270	
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YES	4567	55.34%
NO	3686	44.66%

QUESTION 3

	Total
Number of Precincts	6

Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	8209	
Times Blank Voted	314	
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YES	5709	69.55%
NO	2500	30.45%

QUESTION 4		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	7130	
Times Blank Voted	1393	
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YES	5603	78.58%
NO	1527	21.42%

QUESTION 5		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Total Votes	7176	
Times Blank Voted	1347	
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YES	5325	74.21%
NO	1851	25.79%

**Warrant for April 30, 2013 Special State Primary
Amesbury High School Cafeteria, 5 Highland Street, Amesbury, MA 01913**

On Tuesday, the Thirtieth Day of April, 2013, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following office:

Senator in Congress..... For This Commonwealth

Registered Voters 11110
Cards Cast 1590 (14.31%)

Num. Report Precinct 6 - Num. Reporting 6 100.00%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	DEM		
		Polling	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted		1056/3070	34.4 %
Total Votes		1053	
Times Blank Voted		3	
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EDWARD J. MARKEY		677	64.29%
STEPHEN F. LYNCH		372	35.33%
All Others		4	0.38%
Write-in Votes		0	0.00%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	REP		
		Polling	
Number of Precincts		6	
Precincts Reporting		6	100.0 %
Times Counted		534/1487	35.9 %
Total Votes		532	
Times Blank Voted		2	
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GABRIEL E. GOMEZ		323	60.71%
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN		152	28.57%
DANIEL B. WINSLOW		56	10.53%
All Others		0	0.00%
Write-in Votes		1	0.19%

**Warrant for June 25, 2013 Special State Election
Amesbury High School, 5 Highland Street, Amesbury, MA 01913**

On Tuesday, the Twenty-Fifth Day of June, 2013, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Election for the candidates for the following office:

Senator in Congress..... For This Commonwealth

Registered Voters 10986
Cards Cast 2793 (25.42%)

Num. Report Precinct 6 - Num. Reporting 6 100.00%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	2793/10986	25.4 %
Total Votes	2792	
Times Blank Voted	1	
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GABRIEL E. GOMEZ	1387	49.68%
EDWARD J. MARKEY	1387	49.68%
RICHARD A. HEOS	13	0.47%
Write-in Votes	5	0.18%



City of Amesbury

Members and Terms of Boards, Committees and Commissions

July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

MAYOR

Term to Expire 2013

Thatcher W. Kezer III

CITY COUNCIL

Terms to Expire 2013

Anne R. Ferguson, Councilor at Large, President

Robert L. Gilday, District 1, Vice President

James Kelcourse, Councilor at Large

Allen R. Neale, Councilor at Large

Christian Scorzoni, District 2

Donna McClure, District 3

Robert Lavoie, District 4

Joseph W. McMilleon, District 5

Derek T. Kimball, District 6

CITY ROLES

Animal Control Officer	Harold Congdon (July, 2013)
Animal Control Officer (<i>after hours</i>)	Tina Boucher (July, 2013)
Assessor	Mary Marino
Chief Financial Officer	Michael Basque
Chief of Staff	Eric Gregoire
City Attorney	Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
City Clerk/Clerk to City Council	Bonnijo Kitchin
Council on Aging Director	Annmary Connor
Emergency Management Director	Jonathan Brickett
Fire Chief	Jonathan Brickett
Health Nurse	Kathy Vichill
Housing Authority Executive Director	Robert Mazzone
Library Director	Patty DiTullio
Office of Community & Economic Development	Joseph Fahey
Police Chief	Mark Gagnon (June, 2013), Kevin Ouellet
Public Works Director	Robert Desmarais
Regional Health Director	Jack Morris
Retirement	Sheryl Trezise (August, 2012), Kevin Caira
Treasurer/Collector	Donna Cornoni
Veterans' Agent	Kristen Lucier (March, 2013), Kevin Hunt
Zoning Officer / Building Commissioner	Denis Nadeau

ELECTED BOARDS

AMESBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lawrence J. Quinn (2015)
Raymond Shockey (2014)

Phillip Dandurant (2015)
David Hildt (2015)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer III, (Chair)
Debra LaValley, (Vice Chair), (2015)
Stanley Schwartz (2015)
Bonnie Schultz (2015)

Thomas McGee (2014)
Peter B. Hoyt (2014)
Gale Hanshaw (2014)

AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Johanna Hoyt Kimball (Chair), (9/2012)
Gail Browne (2015)
Mary Dunford (2015)
David Pressley (2014)
Jane Ward (2014)

Peter Sheridan (Chair), (2014)
Laura Buckley (2015)
Philip Merrill (2014)
Jonathan Sherwood (2013)

PLANNING BOARD

David Frick, (Chair), (2015)
Howard Dalton, (Vice Chair), (2014)
David Dragonas (2014)
Theodore T. Semesnyei (2014)

Ara Sanentz (Vice Chair), (2015)
Karen Solstad (2014)
Stephen Dunford (2014)

APPOINTED BOARDS

APPEALS BOARD

Matthew J. Sherrill, (Chair), (2015)
Donna Collins (2014)
Olyce Moore (2018)
Benjamin Osgood (5/2013)

Robert Orem (2018)
Sharon McDermot (2016)
Willilam Lavoie (2016)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John Cena (2015)
Bradford Swanson (2014)

Damian A. Johnson (2016)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

William J Croteau, Jr., (Chair), (2015)
Normand W. Pare (2016)

Robert E. Gaudet (2016)
Bonnijo Kitchin, Ex Officio (2015)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Amy Courtney, (Chair), (2014)
Matthew Steinel (2014)
Douglas Joslin (2016)

Lorri Fucile (2016)
Dr. James Schaepe (2016)

HEALTH CARE TRUST COMMISSION

Rosemary Werner (2016)
Joanne McCarthy (2016)
Raymond Drouin (5/2013)

Sandra Jutrus (2016)
Kathleen Lucy (2015)

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Joseph Sielicki (2015)

Geoffrey Butler (2016)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Bik (2013)
Steven Langlois (Chair) ,(2015)
Madeleine Howard (8/2013)

Jack Tremblay (9/2013)
Jim Chapman (2014)
John Lopez, Agent

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lea Cabeen (2014)
Beverly Drew (2014)
Mary Lee Ford (2015)
Gayle Yarnell (2016)
Marcia Gilmore (2015)
Frankie Lallemand (2016)

Cynthia Costello (2015)
Paul C. Rogers, Jr. (2016)
Joanne Peatfield (2014)
Teresa Axten (2014)
Carol A. Casey, (Chair) (2014)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Mary Hichborn (2014)
David Andrews (2014)
Robert LaPlante (2014)
Rachel Kohn (2014)
Renee Schneider (2014)
Nancy Platt (2015)

Carley Monell (2016)
Leah T. Hill (2014)
Alison McGonagle (6/2013)
Pamela Gilday (4/2012)
Steven Robinson (2015)
Bryan Riley (2015)

FENCE VIEWERS

Bret Green (2016)

M. Bernice Nagle (2016)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jay S. Williamson (2015)
Steven A. Klomps (2014)
Juliann MacDonald (2016)

Joseph Finn (Chair), (2016)
R. Scott Penoyer (2015)

LAKES & WATERWAYS

Bruce Georgian, (Chair), (2016)
Ken Aspeslagh (2016)
Alexander Tavis Pooler (2015)

Jay Knapp (2015)
Laura Pooler (2016)
John Vigliotti (2014)

LANDRY STADIUM MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Jeffrey Chaisson (2014)
Stephen G. Bibeau (2013)
Francis Notorgiacomo (6/2012)

David E. Randall (2014)
Les Anderson (Chair) (2014)

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Derek Balaam (2015)
Russell Saboo (2015)

James O’Leary (Chair) (2013)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Karen Davis (2013)
John Maneikis (2014)

Mark P. Tanzella (2013)

RETIREMENT BOARD

Charles Benevento
Michael Basque, Ex-officio
Mary Marino

Donna Cornoni, Treasurer
Michael Cronin

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Appointed By City Council)

Glenn Chaput
James M. Kelcourse
Craig Berard

Stephen Buonomo
Eric Eby

TRUSTEES OF WAR MEMORIAL

John B. Brohel (2015)
John R. Carter (2013)

Harold A. Burke (2014)
Lillian J. Eaton (2015)

TREE BOARD

Ryan Guilbault (2014)
Michael Towle (2013)

Bruce Bourassa (2015)



City of Amesbury City Council Annual Report

July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments -

2012-59 2012 Re-appointments to various boards and committees.

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2012-059 as submitted, Councilor Neale second.

Vote – Unanimous

Amesbury Industrial Development Financing Authority

Peter Suorsa (2014)
Robert Gonthier (2014)

Board of Health

Matthew Steinel (2015)
Lorri Fucile (2015)

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Joseph Sielicki (2015)

Conservation Commission

Steven J. Langlois (2015)

Council on Aging

Mary Lee Ford (2015)
Marcia Gilmore (2015)

Educational Access Committee

Russ Monroe (2014)

Fence Viewer

Bret Green (2013)
M. Bernice Nagle (2013)

Historical Commission

Jay Williamson (2015)
R. Scott Penoyer (2015)

Lakes & Waterways

Jay Knapp (2015)

Registrar of Voters

William Croteau (2015)

Trustees of War Memorials

John B. Brohel (2015)
Lillian J. Eaton (2015)

2012-064 Appointment to the Cultural Council

Alison McGonagle (2013)

Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2012-064, Councilor Gilday second. Voted - Unanimous

Licenses & Permits:

2012-063 Pole Hearing – Macy Street

Councilor moved conditional granting of petition subject to conditions outlined in City Engineer's memo. Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted Unanimous 9-Yes

2012-057 Automatic Amusement – Friendly Ice Cream, 111 Macy St. - Approved

2012-058 Common Victualler – Friendly Ice Cream, 111 Macy St. - Approved

2012-068 General Business – The Piano Room, 14 Cedar Street Mills - Approved

2012-060 Warrant for Sept. 6, 2012 State Primary - Approved

2012-062 Request to change polling location – Councilor Ferguson sponsor
Councilor Neale moved to approve the polling location from City Hall to the Amesbury High School Cafeteria, effective November 6, 2012. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted Unanimous - 9 Yes

2012-61 Resignation of Stephen Dunford from Ordinance Committee - Accepted

2012-041 An Order to request the Municipal Council to vote to appropriate \$5,900,000 for the purchasing of a parcel of land and for the designing, engineering, construction, reconstructing, equipping and furnishing of such building for use as a Department of Public Works Facility. - Mayor sponsor

Councilor Gilday moved the finance committee recommendation to approve 2012-041 Ordered that \$5,900,000 is appropriated to pay costs of (i) acquiring by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, a parcel of land located at 39 South Hunt Road and shown as Lot 14 on Assessors Map 95, together with the building, thereon, and also a portion of the parcel of land shown as Lot 5 on Assessors Map 95, for use as a Department of Public Works Facility, and (ii) designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, equipping and furnishing such building for use as a Department of Public Works Facility, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$5,900,000 under G.L. c.44 §7 or any other enabling authority; that the Mayor be authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain the fee in and to the properties described herein and to award as damages for any taking thereof the sum of \$1,100,000, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary to effectuate such acquisition; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote 8-Yes, Scorzoni, Lavoie, Gilday, Neale, McMilleon, Kelcourse, Kimball, Ferguson and 1-No, McClure

2012-67 A Resolution to explore the feasibility of establishing wireless internet technology at the City Hall auditorium for public meetings. – Councilor Scorzoni sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to accept the Resolution to explore the feasibility of establishing wireless internet technology at the City Hall auditorium for public meetings as submitted. Councilor McClure seconded. Voted 8 – Yes, Councilor McMilleon not present.

Amesbury City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2012
City Hall Auditorium

2012-065 Accept a \$583,772 grant from 2011 Assistance to Firefighters SAFER program.

Councilor Neale moved the Finance Committee recommendation to accept the \$583,772 grant from 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Safer program as submitted. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call

Vote – Neale - Yes, Gilday - Yes, Kimball - Yes, McClure - Yes, McMilleon - Yes, Ferguson – Yes; Kelcourse –Yes; Lavoie - Yes. Voted 8-Yes

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Licenses & Permits

Licenses & Permits

2012-070 Junk Dealer License – Mill 77 Trading Co., 49 Macy St. (address change)
Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-071 Common Victualler License – Riverside Lounge, 37 Main St
Councilor Neale motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kelcourse second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-072 Dine, Dance & Entertainment – Riverside Lounge, 37 Main St
Councilor Neale moved to accept 2012-072 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-073 Automatic Amusement – Riverside Lounge, 37 Main St
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2012-073 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted -Unanimous

2012-074 General Business License – JNP Dance Academy, 58 Macy St, Unit #5
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2012-074 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-075 Common Victualler License – Subway, 105 Main St (change of ownership)
Councilor Neale motioned to approve 2012-075 per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-081 General Business License – Carriagetown Upholstery, 54 Main Street
Matthias Gottwald, 27 Pond Street attended to represent Carriagetown Upholstery.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept as per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second.
Voted – Unanimous

Mayoral Appointments

2012-082 Nancy Platt – Cultural Council term to expire 6/30/2015
Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept 2012-082 as presented, Councilor Neale second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-083 Raymond Drouin – Health Care Trust Commission term to expire 6/30/2015
Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept 2012-083 as submitted, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-66 A Resolution to inform the Mayor as to the Council's expectations for the Administration's activities with the relocation of the DPW's Water St. facility – Councilor Lavoie sponsor
Councilor McMilleon moved to approve as amended. Councilor McClure seconded. Roll Call Vote - Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Licenses & Permits

2012-087 Class II Auto License – Smart Mart Auto, 17 Haverhill Rd.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve as per the usual stipulations, Councilor McClure second.
Voted – 8 Yes - Unanimous

2012-086 General Business License – Lectric Connection, 79 Elm Street
Councilor Kimball motioned to accept 2012-086 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Scorzoni second.
Voted – 8 Yes – Unanimous

2012-061 Ordinance Committee - vacancy
Councilor McClure nominated James Thivierge, Councilor Neale second.
Councilor Lavoie nominated Sheila Casey, Councilor Gilday second.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thivierge – (Kelcourse, McClure, Neale) 3 Yes
Ms. Casey – (Scorzoni, Kimball, Lavoie, McMilleon, Gilday, Ferguson) **6 Yes**

2012-085 November 6, 2012 State Election Warrant
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2012-085 as presented, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted – Unanimous

2012-046 **An Order to** accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C, establishing a municipal affordable housing trust fund and establish the Amesbury Housing Trust – Councilor Lavoie, McMilleon sponsor
Councilor Lavoie motion to amend bill 2012-046 to add the following paragraph:
Provided, however, that the Trustees of the proposed Amesbury Housing Trust shall receive no salary and shall remain uncompensated for their services, and that the Amesbury Housing Trust contain a ten-year sunset clause terminating the trust on December 31, 2022 unless the duration of the Amesbury Housing Trust is extended by a majority vote of the City Council and Mayoral approval in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, S 55C as set forth on the attached revision to the Amesbury Housing Trust. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes (Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Ferguson)

2012-076 Appropriate \$42,000 to fund FY2013 employment agreement with the Amesbury Police Officers Union 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2015 – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to approve as submitted: Ordered: that \$42,000 be appropriated to fund the FY2013 employment agreement dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 between the City of Amesbury

and the Amesbury Police Officers Union, I.B.P.O., Local 629. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll call 8-Yes, 1- No, McClure

2012-077 Appropriate \$30,500 to fund the FY2013 employment agreement with the International Association of Firefighters 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2015 – Mayor Kezer sponsor Councilor Gilday moved for approval of 2012-077 as submitted; Ordered: that \$30,500 be appropriated to fund the FY2013 employment agreement dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 between the City of Amesbury and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1783, I.A.F.F. Councilor Lavoie seconded. Roll Call Vote 8-Yes, 1-No, McClure

2012-078 Appropriate \$24,400 to fund the FY2013 employment agreement with the Office and Professional Employees International Union 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2015 – Mayor Kezer sponsor Councilor Gilday moved for approval of 2012-078 as submitted; Ordered: that \$24,400 be appropriated to fund the FY2013 employment agreement dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 between the City of Amesbury and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 6, AFL-CIO. Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote 8-Yes, 1-No, McClure

2012-079 Appropriate \$23,500 to fund the FY2013 employment agreement with the AFL-CIO Local 939 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2015 – Mayor Kezer sponsor Councilor Gilday moved for approval as submitted; Ordered: that \$23,500 be appropriated to fund the FY2013 employment agreement dated July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 between the City of Amesbury and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 939, Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote - 7-Yes, 1-No, McClure, 1-Recuse, Kimball

2012-080 Melanson Heath & Co. 3 year agreement 2012-2014 – Councilor Neale sponsor Councilor McMilleon motioned to accept Melanson Heath & Co. to conduct the Audit for FY2012 through FY2014, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted Unanimous 9 Yes

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments

2012-090 Appoint Helene Fowler – Representative to Community Action term exp 6/30/15 Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2012-090, Councilor McMilleon second.
Voted - Unanimous

Licenses & Permits

2012-089 General Business License – Jonathan P. Mooers, 19 Main St. Councilor Scorzoni motioned to approve 2012-089, Councilor McClure second.
Voted - Unanimous

2012-096 General Business License – In Good Hands Therapeutic Massage, 110 Haverhill Road Councilor Kimball motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second.

Voted - Unanimous

2012-088 Accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N - Veterans Tax Bill – Councilors Kelcourse & Lavoie sponsor

Councilor Neale moved the Finance Committee recommendation to accept 2012-088 as submitted with the following change to adjust the exemption in this clause by: (1) allowing an approved representative for persons physically unable to provide such services to the city or town; and (2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$1,000.00. Councilor Gilday seconded. Voted Unanimous - Roll Call - Kelcourse, Kimball, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Ferguson -Yes, Councilor Lavoie absent.

2012-095 – A Resolution to accept a donation of playground equipment from the Park Renovation Committee – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday moved to accept the donation of playground equipment at the Amesbury City Park from the Park Renovation Committee as submitted. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted Unanimous - 8-Yes, Councilor Lavoie was absent.

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

2012-084 Joint meeting with Board of Library Trustees to fill vacancy

Mary Dunford nominated Roger Deschenes, Jane Ward seconded. Board of Library Trustees voted Unanimous - 7 Yes; Municipal Council voted Unanimous – 9 Yes

Mayoral Appointments -

2012-106 Appoint Bryan Riley to the Cultural Council for a term to expire 6/30/15

Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept 2012-106, Councilor Gilday second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-107 Appoint Joanne Sullivan to the Tree Board for a term to expire 6/30/13

Councilor Scorzoni motioned to accept 2012-107, Councilor Gilday second. Voted – Unanimous

Licenses & Permits

2012-103 General Business License – Glow Skin Care, 36 Main St.

Councilor Kelcourse moved to approve 2012-103 with the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second. Voted Unanimous

2012-104 Common Victualler License – Rt 110 Roastbeef, 66 ½ Haverhill Rd. (transfer)

Councilor Kelcourse moved to approve the transfer as submitted with the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted Unanimous

2012-105 General Business License – The Junk Wizard, 45 Macy St.

Councilor Lavoie moved for approval with the usual stipulations as well as the Building Commissioners stipulations that no debris or material will be stored on sight. Councilor Gilday seconded. Voted Unanimous

2012-97 Common Victualler License - 2013 Renewals

Rt 110 Roast Beef & Seafood	Acapulcos Mexican Family Restaurant
Amesbury Golf & Country Club Lounge Inc	Amesbury Jets Youth Football & Cheering
Amesbury LLC dba Dunkin Donuts	Amesbury Soccer Association
Andyman Dessert & Baking Co.	Barking Dog Bar & Grill
Barking Dog Ale House	Bennie's Catering
MJK Capaccio Inc	McDonald's Restaurant
Carriage Wheel Pub	Cherry Bomb Ice Cream Inc
Circle K MA LLC #7501	Crave Brasserie & Wine Bar
Flatbread Amesbury, Inc	Hodgie's Ice Cream
Jade III	Subway
Jenny's Wedding Cakes	China Star Restaurant
K&L Ventures dba The Barn	Lafayette Naturalization Club, Inc
Maggie Sundae	Monstah Dawgs Inc
Morning Buzz Café	Naples Pizza
The Neighborhood Deli	Northeast Ice Cream LLC
Ovedia Artisan Chocolates	Papa Gino's Inc
Pattens Hollow Café, Inc	Phat Cats Bistro
Pizza Factory	Polish National Alliance
Amesbury One Stop	Amesbury One Stop II
Charlie's Pizza	Stage Two Cinema Pub, Inc
Mandarin Amesbury	Richdale
Tony G's	Tropical Hot Dog
Busy Bee Pizza & Subs	Wild Bites
Wild Garlic	Ristorante Molise
Stop & Shop Supermarket	Amesbury Sports Park - Corner Kick Pub
Heavenly Donuts	Burger King
Friendly's Ice Cream	Riverside Lounge, LLC

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor McMilleon seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-98 General Business License – 2013 Renewals

Amesbury Lubrication Center dba Prolube	Bertram & Oliver Booksellers
Carriagetown Upholstery	Cody Brewing Company LLC
Felco Car Wash, LLC	Felco Mini Mart, LLC
Fourgates Healing Center	Hive Hair Studio
In Good Hands Therapeutic Massage	Incontri Accounting Services
JNP Dance Academy	Jonathan P. Mooers
Lectric Connection	Custard Shoppe
Northstar Land Survey Services	Picket Fence
Precision Powersports & Marine	Colorful Kids
Simply Foot Care	Stockbridge Corp.
The Healing Arts Massage Studio	The Piano Room
Whole Music Enterprises, LLC	The Junk Wizard
Glow Personalized Skin Care	

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-099 Sunday Jukebox License – 2013 Renewals

The Barn Pub & Grille	Carriage Wheel Pub
Lafayette Naturalization Club	Mandarin Amesbury

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-100 Automatic Amusement License – 2013 Renewals

Lafayette Naturalization Club	Mandarin Amesbury
Riverside Lounge	Papa Gino's
The Barn Pub & Grille	Leo's Superbowl
Friendly's Ice Cream	

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-101 Dine, Dance & Entertainment – 2012 Renewals

Barking Dog Ale House	Barking Dog Bar & Grill
Flatbread Amesbury, Inc	Mandarin Amesbury
The Barn Pub & Grille	Amesbury Sports Park
Riverside Lounge	

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-102 Auto Class I, II & III – 2013 Renewals

Class I	Amesbury Chevrolet
Class II	Absolute Auto
Berry's Auto Body	Amesbury Coach Inc
Amesbury Foreign Auto	Auto Plus
Byblos Automotive Services	Amesbury Auto Center
Gorilla Tire & Brake LLC	Martin Road Salvage Inc
Smart Mart Auto	
Class III	Hall's Garage
NA Nichols Co Inc	Martin Road Salvage Inc

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded.
Voted Unanimous

2012-111 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule Councilor Neale
moved to approve the 2013 Regular Meeting Schedule. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted
Unanimous

Public Hearings

2012-092 Annual Classification Hearing – Mayor Kezer sponsor

1. Councilor Neale moved the finance committee recommendation for a residential factor of 1. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call 8-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson; 1-Present, McClure

2. Councilor Lavoie moved to not establish an open space discount. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call Vote 9-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

3. Councilor McMilleon moved to not accept a residential exemption. Councilor Lavoie seconded. Roll Call Vote 9-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

4. Councilor McMilleon moved to not accept a commercial exemption. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote 9-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

2012-093 - Vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants – Mayor Kezer sponsor Councilor McMilleon moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote 9-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

2012 – 094 - To appropriate \$114,000 of water retained earnings. Councilor Lavoie moved the finance committee recommendation for approval as submitted. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote 9-Yes, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Gilday, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Licenses & Permits

2013-002 Weekday Pool/Bowling - Riverwalk Lanes & Games, 11 High Street

2013-003 Sunday Pool/Bowling – Riverwalk Lanes & Games, 11 High Street

Councilor Neale moved to approve 2013-002 and 2013-003 Riverwalk Lanes & Games Weekday and Sunday Bowling as submitted subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Voted Unanimous

2013-006 General Business License – Kitchen Local, LLC – 14 Cedar Street
Councilor Kimball moved to approve 2013-006 as submitted subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Gilday seconded. Voted Unanimous

Public Hearings

2012-091 Adopt the Stretch Energy Code in the City of Amesbury – Councilor Scorzoni, Council President Ferguson and Councilor Lavoie sponsor
Councilor McMilleon moved for approval as submitted. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll call Vote: 7-Yes, Gilday, Kimball, Lavoie, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Ferguson, 2-No, Kelcourse, McClure

2012-109 Order to Accept a grant in the amount of \$58,910 from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation Inc. – Mayor Kezer cont.
Councilor Gilday moved the Finance Committee recommendation for approval as submitted noting there is no city match. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call Vote - Unanimous (9 members present)

Amesbury City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments

2013-015 Douglas Joslin – Board of Health –unexpired term to expire 6/30/13
Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2013-015 as submitted, Councilor Kimball seconded.
Voted – Unanimous

2013-016 Frankie Lallemand – Council on Aging – term to expire 6/30/13
Councilor Gilday motioned to accept 2013-016 as submitted, Councilor Neale seconded.
Voted - Unanimous

2013-017 Laura Pooler – Lakes & Waterways – term to expire 6/30/13
Councilor Kimball motioned to accept 2013-017 as submitted, Councilor McClure seconded.
Voted - Unanimous

Licenses & Permits

2013-007 Common Victualler – Burger King Northeast Foods, 133 Macy St. (new owner)
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded.
Voted - Unanimous

2013-008 Common Victualler – Alex’s Whey, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2013-008 per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted - Unanimous

2013-009 Common Victualler – Fresh Beginnings, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2013-009 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday seconded. Voted – Unanimous

2013-012 Common Victualler – Grillicious, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2013-012 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted - Unanimous

2013-010 Common Victualler – Habib’s Home Cooking, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2013-010 as submitted per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded . Voted - Unanimous

2013-011 Common Victualler – 19 Steps Bake Shop, 14 Cedar St.

Councilor Neale motioned to accept as submitted as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted - Unanimous

2013-013 General Business - Ed Justen dba Workspace Ventures, 71 Main St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept as submitted per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted - Unanimous

2013-014 General Business – Web Wellness – Therapeutic Massage, 111 Main St.
Councilor Neale motioned to accept as submitted per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted – Unanimous

Public Hearings

2012-108 Request to Transfer \$165,000 from Ambulance Receipts - Fund (4120) for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance and/or chassis
Councilor Gilday moved to Transfer \$165,000 from Ambulance Receipts - Fund (4120) for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance and/or chassis, Councilor Scorzoni seconded.
Roll Call Vote – 8 Yes (Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Ferguson) 1 No (McClure)

2013-004 Amend Official City seal by deleting “Town” replacing it with “City” – Mayor Kezer
Councilor McMilleon moved to approve 2013-004, Councilor Kelcourse seconded.
Voted - Unanimous

2013-005 To Amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Neale moved to approve 2013-005, Councilor Gilday second.
Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes (Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Ferguson)

2012-110 Request to Amend the Amesbury Zoning Map, Map 54, Lot 14 and 14A from Open Space to R8 – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Neale motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to 2012-110 as submitted, Councilor Kimball second. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes (Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Ferguson)

2013-020 A Resolution to recommend that the Mayor surplus the condominium at 37 Mill Yard Unit 1 – 107 – Councilor Lavoie sponsor
Councilor Kelcourse motioned to adopt 2013-020, Councilor Gilday second. Voted – 8 Yes, 1-No (McMilleon)

Amesbury City Council Agenda
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Licenses & Permits

2013-021 Common Victualler – Adele Faso dba Golosi Catering, working out of Kitchen Local 14 Cedar St

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve 2013-021 per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – 7 Yes

2013-022 Common Victualler – Bienville Catering, working out of Kitchen Local 14 Cedar St
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2012-022 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted – 7 Yes

2013-023 Common Victualler – Delta One Corp, working out of Kitchen Local 14 Cedar St
Councilor Kimball motioned to approve 2012-023 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – 7 Yes

2013-024 General Business – Cooper Coach LLC, 39 Millyard #309
Councilor Kimball motioned to approve 2013-024 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted – 7 Yes

2013-027 2013 Election Calendar for the City of Amesbury approved to be posted

Public Hearings

2013-018 An Order to accept a \$5,225.00 grant from Mass Dept. of Fire Services – Mayor Kezer sponsor.

Councilor McClure moved to accept a grant in the amount of \$5335.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services as submitted. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call - 7 - YES, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, McMilleon, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Ferguson

Second Readings

2013-019 An Order to Amend City Council Rules and Procedures 5D – Councilor Lavoie sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to amend the first sentence in the City Council Rules and Procedures Rule 5D to read: Any item of business to be presented to the City Council at its regular meeting for action shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Council no later than 12:00 PM, eight calendar days preceding the regular council meeting. Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Voted 5-Yes, 2-No, McClure, McMilleon

2013-026 A Resolution to request that the Mayor timely update the Council's 2010 Citizens Study on spending comparisons – Councilor Kelcourse sponsor

Councilor McMilleon moved the main motion as amended. Councilor Lavoie seconded. Voted Unanimous - 7 Members.

2013-032 Establishment of the Lower Millyard Revitalization Task Force – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to appoint Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Ferguson as the City Council representatives on the Lower Millyard Revitalization Task Force. Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted Unanimous.

Amesbury City Council Agenda
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

2013-050 James Humphries – Constable term to expire 6/30/2016
Councilor McClure motioned to approve 2013-050, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted – 8 Yes, (Kelcourse not present)

Licenses & Permits

2013-039 Junk Dealers License – Friend St. Bookstore, 15 Friend St.
Councilor Kimball motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Lavoie second.
Voted – 8 Yes, 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-044 Common Victualler – Jodi Bee Bakes, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 7 Yes, 1 recuse (Neale), 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-040 Common Victualler – Kernos Mediterranean Kitchen, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-040 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 8 Yes, 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-041 Common Victualler – Stone Oven Catering, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-041 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 8 Yes, 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-042 Common Victualler – Tangerine Custom Cakes and Fine Pastries, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-042 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 8 Yes, 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-043 Common Victualler – Exclusivechefs, 14 Cedar St.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-043 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 8 Yes, 1 not present (Kelcourse)

2013-046 General Business – Antonia Smith – At the Lighthouse, 137 Haverhill Rd.
Councilor Lavoie motioned to refund \$25.00, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2013-047 General Business – Diana’s Studio, 75 Main St, #69, 71
Councilor Kimball motioned to accept 2013-047 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second.
Voted –8 Yes, 1 abstain (Kelcourse)

2013-048 General Business – 83 West Studio, Inc., 75 Main St, #73
Councilor Neale motioned to accept as per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second.
Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-49 General Business – Ed Justen d/b/a Workspace Ventures, 36 Main St (address change only)
Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2013-049 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-052 2013 Renewals – Weekday/Sunday Pool Table & Bowling Licenses

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2013-052 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second. Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-053 2013 Renewals – Junk Dealer/Antique/Second Hand Licenses

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-053 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second. Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-054 2013 Renewal – Auctioneer

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2013-054 as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second. Voted - 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-055 Automatic Amusement – Riverwalk Lanes & Games, 11 High Street

Councilor Kimball motioned to approve 2013-055 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second. Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

2013-051 Election Warrant – April 30, 2013 – Senator in Congress

Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept 2013-051 as submitted, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – 9 Yes, Unanimous

Amesbury City Council Agenda
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
7:00PM City Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments -

2013-062 Certificate of Appointment, Stephen Noce, 25 Pond Street/Landry Stadium Committee

Councilor Kimball moved to accept the appointment. Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous

2013-063 Certificate of Appointment, Andrea Bailey/Cultural Council-withdrawn application.

Licenses & Permits -

2013-045 General Business -Megahertz Computer Inc. D/B/A Amesbury Duplicate Bridge Club– 19 Macy Street

Councilor Neale moved to accept 2013-045 with the usual stipulations. Councilor Kimball seconded and it was voted Unanimous

2013-058 Common Victualler – Quinns Canine Café - 14 Cedar Street

Councilor Kimball moved to accept 2013-058 with the usual stipulations. Councilor Neale seconded and it was voted Unanimous

2013-059 Common Victualler – Busta Browns, LLC - 14 Cedar Street

Councilor Kimball moved to accept 2013-059 with the usual stipulations. Councilor Neale seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2013-061 Common Victualler – Crave- 32 Elm Street -Transfer to New Owner
Councilor Neale moved to accept 2013-061 with the usual stipulations. Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2013-057 Pole Hearing - Verizon & National Grid at South Hunt Road
Councilor Gilday moved to accept 2013-057 for Verizon/National Grid to set a new pole for DPW Pumping Station and Compost. Councilor Neale seconded and it was vote Unanimous

2013-064 Common Victualler – Zac and Ani’s, 14 Cedar St
Councilor Gilday moved to accept 2013-064 with the usual stipulations. Councilor Neale seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Public Hearings

2013-030 An Order that the City Council vote to accept the Quitclaim deed from Yvon Cormier Construction Corporation for land off of Goss Avenue. – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to accept the Ordinance Committee recommendation to approve as submitted. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote - 9 Yes

2013-031 An Order to transfer and convey the Horace Mann School located at 8 Congress Street and 10 Congress Street. – Mayor Kezer sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved that the City Council vote to surplus and transfer control of the property located at 8 Congress St. and 10 Congress St. to the Mayor and authorize the Mayor to convey said parcels on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Mayor may deem appropriate in accordance with applicable Massachusetts law and applicable Amesbury ordinances for surplus property, subject to conditions. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote: 9-Yes

2013-025 A Request to Establish A Local Option Meals Tax – Councilors Scorzoni, Gilday and Lavoie sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved Ordered: I. That the City of Amesbury accept M.G.L. Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a local meals excise tax. And Further Ordered: II. That a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Sidewalk and Road Repairs be created under Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.
Councilor Scorzoni seconded. Roll Call Vote: 5-Yes, Gilday, Neale, Lavoie, Scorzoni, Ferguson; 4-No McMilleon, Kimball, Kelcourse, McClure

Amesbury City Council Agenda
Tuesday, June 11, 2013
City Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments

2013-074 Certificate of Appointment, Robert Gaudet, Board of Registrars for a term to expire on March 31, 2016.

Councilor Neale moved to accept the re-appointment of Robert Gaudet to expire March 31, 2016

Licenses & Permits

2013-066 Common Victualler- The Traveling Chef at Kitchen Local, 14 Cedar St., Amesbury, MA, Robert Vandenbulcke of 1 Commonwealth Ave, Salisbury, MA
Councilor Lavoie moved to accept 2013-066 subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor Kimball seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2013-067 Mobile Vendor License-Jolly Ice Cream, Christina Manemanus, 11 Old County Rd, Plaistow, NH
Councilor Kimball moved to accept 2013-067 subject to the usual stipulations. Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2013-065 Election Warrant – June 25, 2013 – Senator in Congress
Councilor Lavoie moved to accept 2013-065 as submitted. Unanimous

Public Hearings

2013-056 An Ordinance to increase the local hotel tax from 4% to 6% - Councilor McClure sponsor
Councilor Neale moved that the City of Amesbury amend its local room occupancy excise under G.L. c.64G.3A to increase the rate from 4 percent to 6 percent to be effective October 1, 2013. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call Vote 7-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, Ferguson; 1-No, Kelcourse (Gilday not present)

Special City Council Meeting
City Hall Auditorium
Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Public Hearing

2013-001 FY14 Annual Budget
Councilor Neale moved to accept all unquestioned budget line items as submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote – 9 – Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McClure and President Ferguson

An Order to vote to adopt an Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows: that the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 be approved as follows:

City Council	\$	91,085
Mayor	\$	203,681
Reserve Funds	\$	50,000
Administration & Finance	\$	292,863

Assessor	\$	218,635
Collector/Treasurer	\$	208,607
Legal Services	\$	100,300
Mgmt Information Systems	\$	279,833
Central Supply	\$	72,000
City Clerk	\$	158,987
Elections	\$	39,016
Conservation Commission	\$	47,733
Community & Economic Development	\$	353,065
Councilor Neale moved the Mayor's recommendation for \$353,065. Councilor Gilday seconded Roll Call Vote - 6-Yes, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kimball, Lavoie, Ferguson, 3-No, McMilleon, Kelcourse, McClure		
Planning Board	\$	15,728
Board of Appeals	\$	5,891
Municipal Buildings	\$	165,986
Councilor Neale moved the Finance Committee recommendation of \$165,986, Scorzoni seconded. Roll Call Vote - 5 -Yes, Neale, Scorzoni, Kimball, Lavoie, Ferguson, 4 - No, McMilleon, Gilday, Kelcourse, McClure		
Police Department	\$	3,740,871
Councilor McMilleon moved the Finance Committee recommendation of \$3,740,871. Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Roll Call Vote - 8-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, Ferguson, 1-No, McClure		
Fire Department	\$	2,994,470
Councilor McMilleon moved the Finance Committee recommendation of \$2,994,470. Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote - 8-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, Ferguson, 1-No, McClure		
Inspections	\$	199,127
Weights & Measures	\$	4,500
Harbormaster	\$	7,500
Department of Public Works	\$	1,358,277

Councilor McMilleon moved the Finance Committee recommendation of \$1,358,277. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote - 8-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kelcourse, Lavoie, McClure, Ferguson, 1-Abstain, Kimball

Snow & Ice	\$	225,000
Outdoor Lighting	\$	174,000
Refuse/Recycling	\$	878,920
Regional Health Department	\$	161,977
Council on Aging	\$	137,182
Veterans Services	\$	441,360
Library	\$	768,713
Youth	\$	304,684
Debt Services	\$	2,251,222
Other Assessments	\$	856,790
Employee Benefits	\$	4,805,967
Insurance Expense	\$	278,300
School	\$	27,348,496

Councilor Neale moved the Finance Committee recommendation of \$27,348,496. Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote - 7-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kelcourse, Lavoie, Ferguson, 1-No, McClure, 1 - Recuse, Kimball

Councilor Neale moved the following:

For a total appropriation of: \$ 49,240,766

That to fund said appropriation, the City Council approves \$48,207,582 to be raised by taxation and other revenue sources and further that \$ 1,033,184 be applied from the sources detailed below:

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 9,000
Ambulance Receipts	650,000
Youth Revolving	304,684
Cemetery Interest	12,000
Waterways Improvement	7,500
Regional Health	50,000

Further voted that the City Council approves the following enterprise fund budgets:

Landry Stadium	\$ 9,000	Total Landry
Sewer Department	\$ 2,790,362	Total Sewer
Water Department	\$ 3,815,093	Total Water

Therefore, the City Council hereby appropriates the following:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$ 55,855,221

Councilor Gilday seconded. Roll Call Vote: 6-Yes, Neale, Scorzoni, Gilday, Kimball, Lavoie, Ferguson, 3-No, McMilleon, Kelcourse, McClure

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Public Hearings

2013-068 An Order to provide for salary increases for the City Councilors

Councilor Lavoie moved to table this order indefinitely. Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote - 8-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, Ferguson. Scorzoni - absent

2013-069 An Ordinance to establish an increased annual salary for the Mayor.

Councilor Lavoie moved to table this order indefinitely. Councilor Neale seconded. Roll Call Vote - 8-Yes, McMilleon, Neale, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, Lavoie, McClure, Ferguson. Scorzoni - absent

Additional Information and Resources

The city publishes other useful and informative reports on topics of interest to our citizens. The reports are available at the Public Library, Amesbury Town Hall or online at www.amesburyma.gov, Forms and Documents section.

Annual Budget: Contains a detailed breakdown of the fiscal year's anticipated expenditures by department, category and line item. The budget contains a financial summary, revenue details, and prior-year comparisons. The Annual Budget is published in May.

Capital Improvement Plan: Contains all of the known capital investment needs for the city, including proposed implementation schedules, cost estimates, and anticipated outcomes of projects. Spending on each budget is approved either with the annual operating budget vote or on an individual basis if projects cannot be funded through normal operations. The Capital Improvement plan is published in February.

Audit Report: Contains a statement of the city's balance sheet, assessment of its financial management policies, and an independent report of the city's books.

Wages Report: Contains the gross salaries for all employees of the city by fiscal year and includes all reportable wages including regular wages, overtime, details (paid for privately), and stipends applicable with IRS code. The Wages Report is published in September.

Consumer Confident Report: Contains information about drinking water quality, and updates and notices regarding water treatment. The Consumer Confidence report is published in July.

Revenue Projections and Financial Report: Contains revenue projections for the coming five years, and the financial statements for the city's water and sewer enterprise funds. The Revenue Projections and Financial Report is published in February.

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