

**AMHERST TAXPAYERS FOR RESPONSIBLE CHANGE SELECT BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE**

**1. List specific budget solutions , including the amounts for each , for closing the projected FY 09 budget gap of \$600,000**

- a. Roll Back top salaries* *Amount* \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Freeze Positions* *Amount* \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Why Assistant Town Manager* *Amount* \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Why raises still* *Amount* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Some neighboring communities contract out services to reduce their personnel costs. The Amherst Town Manager recently contracted out some of the wiring inspections the Town must conduct.**

- **Given our continuing structural deficit, are you in favor of the Town exploring privatization of some additional Town functions ?**

**Please circle one: (Yes ) No**

**3. Past and future budget projections have shown that health insurance and employee compensation ( steps, cost of living increases, longevity benefits ) contribute significantly to the on-going structural deficit.**

- **Do you favor reducing future employee compensation rates of growth ?**

**Please circle one (Yes) No *No new hires!***

**Amherst pays 75% of health insurance premiums while the employees pay 25%.**

- **Do you favor increasing the employee's share of premiums to 30% for those employees earning above \$50,000 and 35% for those earning above \$80,000?**

**Please circle one: (Yes) No *Why not include all benefits ? why take home vehicles?***

**4. Amherst provides ambulance services to five neighboring towns and to higher education institutions . Over the past 4 years, Amherst Taxpayers have subsidized this service in the amount of \$694,658 on average per year.**

- Do you believe Amherst Taxpayers should subsidize ambulance services to other Towns and institutions? Please circle one: Yes ( No)**

**Candidates name ( Print ): David Keenan**