

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. See 2,3,4* *Amount* _____
- b. Restructure LSSE* *Amount* _____
- c. Reduce capital to 4% to 7%* *Amount* _____
- d.* *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

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

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): Irv Rhodes