



TOWN OF AMHERST

TOWN OF AMHERST SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR COMMISSION TO REVIEW TERM LIMIT LOCAL LAW

Responses due by Monday, April 6

(Amherst, NY) – The Amherst Town Board is seeking applicants for the Town of Amherst Commission on Term Limits in response to a court decision that may impact the effectiveness of the Town’s 2006 Term Limit Local Law. The Town is assembling a commission of seven (7) members who will be appointed by town officials. The Supervisor; each member of the Town Board; the Town Clerk; and Highway Superintendent will each appoint one member to create the seven-member Commission, which will review the Court of Appeals’ decision and whether it impacts the Town’s Local Law on Term Limits. If the Commission determines that the decision impacted the Town’s Local Law, the Commission will be asked to discuss options for moving forward and make recommendations to the Board based on its review.

The Town of Amherst’s Term Limits Law (Chapter 55 of Town Code) was adopted on August 21, 2006 by a majority vote of the Town Board and stated, “No elective public officer of the Town of Amherst shall have more than two consecutive terms of four years each in the same public office.” In 2024, the New York State Court of Appeals issued a ruling that held, in part, that term limit local laws are subject to voter referendum.

“Based on the ruling from the Court of Appeals and recent inquiries from Town residents, the Town of Amherst is seeking a determination on whether the Town’s term limits law remains in effect. The Town is assembling a citizen’s commission to review this issue and report its findings and any recommendations to the Town Board,” said Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

Anyone who is interested in serving on the commission should email toainfo@amherst.ny.us with your name, address, email address, phone number, place of employment (*If retired, where you last worked), and prior civic involvement. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 6. For questions, please call 716-631-7160.

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