



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting**

Monday, August 26, 2019

6:30 p.m.

**Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Agenda Updated 8/26/2019

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
 - a. Introduction of Gabrielle Gould, Executive Director, Amherst Business Improvement District
3. Hearings
 - 6:30 p.m. - Public Hearing: Installation of Conduit on South Pleasant Street and Transformer on South Common:
Request by Eversource for permission to install an underground conduit duct bank across South Pleasant Street approximately 60 feet southerly of the centerline of Spring Street and a pad mounted transformer on the South Common approximately 48 feet easterly of the centerline of South Pleasant Street and 60 feet southerly of Spring Street.
4. General Public Comment - *General public comments on matters other than those under agenda items 6a, 7c, and 7e. Public comments on those Agenda items will be taken at the relevant time during the meeting. Residents are welcome to express their views for 1 to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Town Council President, based upon the number of people who want to speak. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during General Public Comments.*
5. Proclamations and Commemorations
 - a. Proclamation to Celebrate the Jewish Community of Amherst's 50th Anniversary
 - (1) Governance, Organization and Legislation Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
6. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Proposed purchase of Hickory Ridge Golf Course Land – Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek and Economic Development Director Geoff Kravitz

- b. Tax Classification Information Session – Principal Assessor David Burgess
7. Action Items
 - a. First Reading: Town Council Rules of Procedure Clarification of “Clerk” References
 - (1) Governance, Organization and Legislation Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - b. First Reading: Town Council Rules of Procedure 10.4 and 10.5 (Ad Hoc Committees and Work Groups)
 - (1) Governance, Organization and Legislation Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - c. Percent for Art Bylaw Work Group
 - (1) Governance, Organization and Legislation Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - d. Draft Affordable Housing Priorities Policy
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
 - e. Adoption of Town Manager Composite Evaluation Memo
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
 8. Appointments
 - a. Confirmation of Town Manager Appointments
 - (1) Design Review Board
 - (a) Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee Report
 - (b) Council Discussion
 - (c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Board of Assessors
 - (a) Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee Report
 - (b) Council Discussion
 - (c) Motion and Vote
 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Audit Committee
 - b. Bylaw Review Committee
 - c. Community Resources Committee
 - d. Council Goals Ad Hoc Committee
 - e. Finance Committee
 - f. Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee
 - g. Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee
 10. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 19, 2019
 11. Town Manager Report
 12. Town Council Comments
 - a. President report
 - b. Future agenda items

c. Councilor comments

13. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

14. Executive Session

a. *[MGL c.30A, s.21(a)3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Units SEIU, DPW, DPW Supervisors, Police Patrol and Police Supervisors), as the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.*

b. *[MGL c.30A, s.21(a)2] To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman*

c. *[MGL c.30A, s.21(a)2] To conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman*

Town Council will **not** reconvene in open session at the conclusion of these executive sessions.

15. Adjourn