



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
 - Master Plan Public Forum:
 - October 28, 2019
 - 5:30 p.m. Primer on the Master Plan
 - 6:30 p.m. Public Forum on the Master Plan
 - 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting
 - Town Room, Town Hall
 - Four Boards Meeting
 - November 7, 2019
 - Time & Location - TBD
 - State of the Town Address
 - December 2, 2019
 - 5:30 p.m., followed by Town Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - Town Room, Town Hall
 - Four Towns Meeting
 - December 7, 2019
 - 9:00 a.m.
 - Amherst Regional Middle School Library
3. Hearings
 - 6:30 – Tax Classification Public Hearing
 - See the Town Council Tax Classification Information Session at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzF2G4CIFTQ&feature=youtu.be>
 - For the purpose of determining this current year’s tax allocation between the five classes of taxable property: residential, open space, commercial, industrial and personal property.
4. General Public Comment
 - General public comments on matters other than those under agenda items 7.b. and 7.c. Public comments on those agenda items will be taken at the relevant time during the meeting. Residents are welcome to express their views for up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Town Council President,*

based upon the number of people who wish to speak. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during General Public Comment.

5. Proclamations and Commemorations - *None*
6. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Proposed Approach to Four Major Capital Investments
 - b. General Bylaw Review Process Timeline
7. Action Items
 - a. Tax Classification
 - (1) Town Manager, Principal Assessor, and Board of Assessors Recommendation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Centennial Water Treatment Facility Borrowing Authorization
 - (1) Finance Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Amendments to Rules of Procedure Rule 8, relating to proclamations, commemorations, and citations – Second Reading
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - d. Revision of Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Charge
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Amendment to Rules of Procedure Rules 10.4 and 10.5, relating to ad hoc committees and work groups – First Reading
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - f. 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
8. Appointments
 - a. Confirmation of Town Manager Appointments [*Charter, Sec 2.11(b)*]
 - (1) Council on Aging
 - a. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - b. M.G.L. Ch. 268A §19(b)(1) Exemption Request
 - (1) Planning Board Member Maria Chao
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote
 - (2) Planning Board Member David Levenstein

- a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Audit Committee
 - b. Bylaw Review Committee
 - c. Community Resources Committee
 - d. Town Manager and Council Goals Ad Hoc Committee
 - e. Finance Committee
 - f. Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee
 - g. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee
 - h. Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee
- 10. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 7, 2019 – Regular Town Council Meeting
- 11. Town Manager Report – *no written 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 - *None*
- 15. Adjourn