



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
3. Hearings - *None*
4. General Public Comment
General public comments on matters other than those under agenda items [6.a., 6.b., and 7.a.]. 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 up on 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
 - a. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
6. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Massachusetts School Building Authority Process Overview
 - (1) Town Manager Paul Bockelman and Superintendent of Schools Michael Morris
 - (2) Councilor Questions
 - (3) Public Comment
 - b. Studio Apartment Supportive Housing by Valley Community Development Corporation at 132 Northampton Road: Update
 - (1) Presentation – Valley CDC Representatives: Executive Director Joanne Campbell and Real Estate Project Manager Laura Baker
 - (2) Councilor Questions
 - (3) Public Comment
 - c. Role and Duties of President and Vice President, Relationship to Committees, etc.

- (1) Review of Relevant Charter and Council Rules of Procedure Sections
 - (2) Council Discussion
7. Action Items
- a. Community Choice Aggregation
 - (1) Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Public Comment
 - (4) Motion and Vote
 - b. General Bylaws - Second Reading
 - (1) Bylaw Review Committee Report
 - (2) Council discussion
 - (3) Motions and Votes
 - (4) Referral of Future Considerations
 - (5) Dissolution of Bylaw Review Committee
 - c. Town Manager Goals - Second Reading
 - (1) Town Manager and Council Goals Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - d. Amendment to Rules of Procedure Rule 10.5h, regarding public comment at special meetings, Second Reading
 - (1) Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - (2) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (3) Council Discussion
 - (4) Motion and Vote
 - e. Recommendation on a process for updating and adopting the Master Plan in accordance with Charter Sec. 9.8 – Community Resources Committee - First Discussion – Rule 8.4
 - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - f. Proposed Reorganization of Standing Committees, Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee - First Discussion – Rule 8.4
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - g. Proposed Committee Liaisons, Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee - First Discussion – Rule 8.4
 - (1) Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
8. Appointments
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. December 12, 2019 – Special Council Meeting, State of the Town Address
 - b. December 16, 2019 – Special Council Meeting, Public Forum Regarding Appropriations not in the Annual Budget
 - c. December 16, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting
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. Election of Officers [*Charter Sec 2.2(b)*]
- a. President – For a term to expire January 4, 2021
 - (1) Nominations and Acceptance of Nomination
 - (2) Nominee Comments
 - (3) Councilor Comments
 - (4) Vote
 - (5) Swearing-in of President
 - b. Vice President – For a term to expire January 4, 2021
 - (1) Nominations and Acceptance of Nomination
 - (2) Nominee Comments
 - (3) Councilor Comments
 - (4) Vote
 - (5) Swearing-in of Vice President
15. Executive Session – *None*
16. Adjourn