



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
3. Hearings
4. General Public Comment
General public comments on matters other than those under agenda item 7.b. Public comments on that 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. Resolution in Support of Right to Counsel in Eviction Cases and Eviction Sealing to Promote Housing Opportunity and Mobility
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Tibet Day Proclamation & Flag Raising
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
6. Presentations and Discussion
7. Action Items
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - (1) Town Manager Appointments
 - a. Public Shade Tree Committee
 - b. Energy and Climate Action Committee
 - (2) Minutes
 - a. February 10, 2020 Public Forum
 - b. February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

- b. Open Containers Bylaw Amendment – First Discussion Rule 8.4
 - (1) Council Discussion
- c. Szala Property Ch61A - Right of First Refusal
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
- d. Process for Filing Vacancies in Elected Bodies of the Town
 - (1) Council Discussion
- e. Proposed Committees for Council Liaisons [*Charter Sec. 2.9(d)*]
 - (1) Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- f. Reorganization of Standing Committees
 - (1) Dissolution of Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee
 - (2) Establishment of Town Services and Outreach Committee; changes to Community Resources Committee and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
 - a. Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
- g. Council Statement on Project Eligibility - Proposed Studio Apartment Supportive Housing at 132 Northampton Road
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
- h. Proposed Wage Theft Bylaw
 - (1) Automatic Referral to Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- 8. Appointments - Consent Agenda
 - a. Town Manager Appointments
 - (1) Public Shade Tree Committee
 - a. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - (2) Energy and Climate Action Committee
 - a. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Community Resources Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee

- d. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee
 - e. Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee
10. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
 - a. February 10, 2020 Public Forum
 - b. February 10, 2020 Regular 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. Executive Session – *In accordance with MGL c. 30A§21(a)6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.*
 15. Adjourn