



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/96342444238>
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Regular Town Council Meeting: June 1, 2020 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: June 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: May 19, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: May 20, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: June 1, 2020 9:30 a.m.
- Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee: June 8, 2020 9:30 a.m.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at www.amherstma.gov/calendar

3. Hearings – *None*
4. General Public Comment - *to be concluded at or before 7:15 p.m.*
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.
To participate in public comment, see instructions below.
5. Proclamations and Commemorations – *None*
6. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. COVID-19 Status Update
 - (1) Legislative Update – State Representative 3rd Hampshire District Mindy Domb
 - (2) Town Update – Town Manager Paul Bockelman
 - (3) Council Discussion
 - b. Reopening the Local Economy

- (1) Proposal to Expedite Permitting of Local Business Requests
- (2) Council Discussion
- (3) Motion and Vote

7. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

- (1) Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 7.b. Long-Term Reservation of Public Ways: Town Commons, Parking, Roads and Sidewalks – Amherst Farmer’s Market
 - Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Policy Guidelines
- (2) 7.g. Referral of proposed Noise Violation Bylaw to Community Resources Committee
- (3) 10.a-b. Approval of Minutes: May 4, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes, May 11, 2020 Special Joint Town Council, School Committee, and Library Trustees Meeting minutes

b. Long-Term Reservation of Public Ways: Town Commons, Parking, Roads and Sidewalks

- (1) Amherst Farmer’s Market
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote

c. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Policy Guidelines

- (1) Finance Committee Report
- (2) Council Discussion
- (3) Motion and Vote

d. Permanent Change to Public Ways: Roads and Sidewalks

- (1) One University Drive South
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion and Vote

e. Amendment to Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 4.2, Proposed rule 4.6 regarding use of Consent Agenda – *First Reading, Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 1.6*

- (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
- (2) Council Discussion

f. Community Activity Forms – *Second Discussion, Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4*

- (1) Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee Report
- (2) Council Discussion
- (3) Motion and Vote

g. Noise Violation Bylaw – Consent Agenda

- (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
- (2) Council Discussion

- (3) Motion and Vote
- 8. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
 - b. Town Council Appointment – *None*
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Community Resources Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
 - d. Joint Capital Planning Committee
 - e. Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Ad Hoc Committee
 - f. Town Services and Outreach Committee
- 10. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
 - a. May 4, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - b. May 11, 2020 Special Joint Town Council, School Committee, and Library Trustees Meeting minutes
- 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 – *None*
- 15. Adjourn

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