



**Town of Amherst  
Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/97673445733>  
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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Joint Meeting of the Council and School Committee to hear a presentation on the Crocker Farm School Expansion Report: July 28, 2020 6:00 p.m.
- Special Town Council Meeting: July 28, 2020 7:00 p.m., if needed
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 3, 2020 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 17, 2020 5:00 p.m. \*note early start time
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 31, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: August 4, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: TBD
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: July 29, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: July 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.

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3. Hearings - *None*
4. General Public Comment - *to be concluded at or before 7:30 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. Consent Agenda
  - 11.a-e. Approval of Minutes:
    - June 17, 2020 Joint Town Council and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Meeting

- June 29, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
  - July 6, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Public Safety
  - July 13 Special Town Council Meeting - Library Update
  - July 13 Joint Finance Committee/Council Budget Hearing
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
  7. Presentations and Discussion
    - a. COVID-19 Update
      - (1) Town Manager Update
      - (2) Council Discussion
    - b. Election Timeline and Locations - Primary and General Elections
      - (1) Town Clerk Update
      - (2) Council Discussion
    - c. Town Manager Evaluation
      - (1) Town Manager Self-Evaluation
      - (2) Council Discussion
  8. Action Items
    - a. FY21 Budget – *Charter Sec. 5.5(c)*
      - (1) Finance Committee Report
      - (2) Council Discussion
      - (3) Motion and Vote
    - b. Valley CDC Project at 132 Northampton Road - Local Option
      - (1) Brief presentation
      - (2) Council Discussion
      - (3) Motion and Vote
    - c. Zoning Bylaw 11.250 Amendment – First Reading, *Charter 2.10(a)*
      - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
      - (2) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - (3) Planning Board Report
      - (4) Council Discussion
  9. Appointments
    - a. Town Manager Appointments - *None*
    - b. Town Council Appointments
      - (1) Non-Voting Members of Finance Committee
        - a) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
        - b) Council Discussion
        - c) Motion and Vote
  10. Committee and Liaison Reports
    - a. Community Resources Committee
    - b. Finance Committee
    - c. Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
    - d. Joint Capital Planning Committee
    - e. Town Services and Outreach Committee

- f. Liaison Reports: Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Board of License Commissioners, Community Preservation Act Committee, Council on Aging, Disabilities Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee
11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
  - a. June 17, 2020 Joint Town Council and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Meeting
  - b. June 29, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
  - c. July 6, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Public Safety
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  - e. July 13 Joint Finance Committee/Council Budget Hearing
12. Town Manager Report
13. Town Council Comments
  - a. President Report
  - b. Future Agenda Items
  - c. Councilor Comments
14. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
15. Executive Session – *None*
16. Adjourn

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*During the public comment period, the Council President will recognize members of the public. When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name and address.*