



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/99245866469>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Town Council Primer and Public Forum on the Master Plan: September 29, 2020
 - Primer 6:30 p.m.
 - Public Forum 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: October 5, 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: October 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: September 29, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: September 22, 2020 2:30 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: October 7, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: September 24, 2020 6:30 p.m.

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

COVID-19 Call-in Number and Email:

The COVID-19 Concern Line (413) 259-2425 and email address:

covidconcerns@amherstma.gov are now available for residents to communicate their concerns about masks, social distancing, gatherings, etc.

The Community Preservation Act Committee has opened the call for proposals. Proposals are due October 12, 2020. See www.AmherstMA.Gov/CPA for details; propose a project online at: www.AmherstMA.Gov/3511/

3. Hearings – *None*

4. General Public Comment

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
 - Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.b. Participatory Budgeting Commission Extension of Deadline
 - 8.c. Ranked Choice Voting Commission Extension of Deadline
 - 11.a-c. Approval of Minutes:
 - August 17, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
 - August 31, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
 - September 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Community Safety
 - (1) Town Manager Presentation
 - (2) Town Council Discussion
 - b. Polling Locations
 - (1) Town Manager Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
8. Action Items
 - a. Percent for Art Bylaw – Second Reading – *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (2) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (3) Finance Committee Report
 - (4) Council Discussion
 - (5) Motion and Vote
 - b. Participatory Budgeting Commission Extension of Deadline – *Charter Sec. 10.10*
 - (1) Town Manager Recommendation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Ranked Choice Voting Commission Extension of Deadline – *Charter Sec. 10.11*
 - (1) Town Manager Recommendation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments
 - (1) Human Resources Director – *Charter Sec. 2.11(a)*
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Health Director – *Charter Sec. 2.11(a)*
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report

- b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Council Appointments - *None*
- 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. August 17, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
 - b. August 31, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
 - c. September 14, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
- 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
 - a. [MGL c.30A, s.21(a)7] To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements: to approve the Town Council executive session minutes of June 17, 2019, August 19, 2019, August 26, 2019, September 23, 2019 and August 31, 2020, and to release the Town Council executive session minutes of June 17, 2019, August 26, 2019, September 23, 2019, and August 31, 2020. The Town Council will not reconvene in open session following the executive session.
- 16. Adjourn

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To indicate you wish to make a comment click “raise hand”

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Call (646) 876-9923 or (312) 626-6799 Enter webinar ID when prompted: 992 4586 6469

When prompted to enter your participant number press #

*To indicate you wish to make a comment, press *9 on your telephone*

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.