



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/94944374648>
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Special Joint Town Council, School Committee, and Library Trustees Meeting - Financial Indicators: November 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: November 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: November 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- Budget Forum: November 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- State of the Town: December 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: October 27, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: October 20, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: October 21, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: October 22, 2020 6:30 p.m.
- Joint Community Resources Committee and Planning Board Hearing on Zoning Bylaw Article 14: November 4, 2020, 8:00 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.

Town Opens 2nd Round of COVID-19 **Emergency Rental Assistance Funding**. The Town of Amherst and the Amherst Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund announce the availability of Round Two for short-term emergency rental assistance available for Amherst renters experiencing a loss or reduction of income due to COVID-19. Rental assistance is available for up to 3 months.

3. Hearings
 - a. Public Hearing on the Master Plan - *Charter Sec. 9.8(b)*
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
 - 6.a. Adoption of the Resolution Supporting the East-West Passenger Rail
 - 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following boards/committees:
 - Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
 - Cultural Council
 - Design Review Board
 - 9.b. Appointment of Councilor De Angelis as liaison to Affordable Housing Trust
 - 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
 - October 6, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
 - a. Resolution Supporting the East-West Passenger Rail
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Report on Zoning Bylaw Article 14
 - (1) Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, and Building Commissioner Rob Morra
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - b. COVID-19 Update
 - (1) Town Manager Paul Bockelman and Acting Health Director Jennifer Brown
 - (2) Council Discussion
8. Action Items
 - a. Adoption of the Master Plan – First Discussion
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - b. Wage and Tip Theft Bylaw – First Read, *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Sponsor Presentation
 - (2) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - (3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (4) Council Discussion

- c. Responsible Employer: Public Construction Contracts and Agreements for Tax Relief Bylaw – First Read, *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Sponsor Presentation
 - (2) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - (3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (4) Council Discussion
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Cultural Council
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (3) Design Review Board
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Council Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Liaison to Affordable Housing Trust
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) 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. October 5, 2020 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)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. **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: 949 4437 4648

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.