



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/89994349870>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda – revised 11/5/20

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- November 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – Town Council Retreat
- November 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Special Town Council Meeting: Public Forum Regarding an Appropriation Not in the Annual Budget – Purchase of a new ambulance
- November 16, 2020, 6:45 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting, including Tax Classification Public Hearing
- November 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Budget Forum
- December 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting, including State of the Town

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: November 17, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: November 10, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: November 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: December 3, 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.

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

- 6.a. Small Business Saturday Proclamation
- 8.c. Adoption of the Master Plan
- 8.h. Amend Council Order 20-68: An Order Appropriating and Approving Borrowing for a Portion of the Town of Amherst FY2020 Capital Program – Elementary School Feasibility Study
- 9.a.1-4. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following boards/committees:
 - Community Safety Working Group
 - Council on Aging
 - Design Review Board
 - Munson Memorial Library Building Trustees
- 9.a.4. Designation of Community Safety Working Group members as Special Municipal Employees
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
 - October 19, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. Small Business Saturday Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. University of Massachusetts spring plans and COVID-19 management
 - (1) Vice Chancellor for University Relations John Kennedy
 - (2) Council Discussion

8. Action Items

- a. Appropriation outside the annual budget – Council Order FY21-05B Purchase of a new ambulance – First discussion
 - (1) Town Manager Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
- b. Amendments to Zoning Article 14 – Temporary Zoning – First Reading *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Presentation – Planning Director Christine Brestrup and Building Commissioner Rob Morra
 - (2) Planning Board Report – Planning Board Chair Jack Jemsek
 - (3) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (4) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (5) Council Discussion
- c. Master Plan – *Charter Sec. 9.8(b)* – Consent Agenda

- (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motions and Votes
- d. Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses Bylaw – First Reading *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Sponsor Presentation
 - (2) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (4) Council Discussion
- e. Wage and Tip Theft Bylaw – Second Reading *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
- f. Responsible Employer: Public Construction Contracts and Agreements for Tax Relief Bylaw – Second Reading *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
- g. Amend Council Order 20-68: An Order Appropriating and Approving Borrowing for a Portion of the Town of Amherst FY2020 Capital Program – Elementary School Feasibility Study – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Design Review Board
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Council on Aging
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (3) Munson Memorial Building Committee
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (4) Community Safety Working Group appointments and designation as Special Municipal Employees
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motions and Votes
 - 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. October 19, 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 – *None*
 16. Adjourn

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When prompted to enter your participant number press #

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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.