



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020
6:45 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85466871009>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda – **Revised 11/12/20****

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- November 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Budget Forum
- December 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – Four Towns Meeting
- December 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting, including State of the Town
- December 21, 2030, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: November 17, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: November 17, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: November 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: November 19, 2020 4:30 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

a. Tax Classification Public Hearing

- (1) Principal Assessor Elizabeth Duffy and Board of Assessors Chair Richard Morse

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 agenda items 8.c. and 8.g.
- 8.b. Adoption of Council Order FY21-05B
- 8.c. To adopt a minimum residential factor of one, equal tax rate for all classes of properties for Fiscal Year 2021 and that no open space discount be granted
- 8.c. To not adopt a Residential Exemption for Fiscal Year 2021
- 8.c. To not adopt a Small Commercial Exemption for Fiscal Year 2021
- 8.e. To amend Zoning Article 14 – Temporary Zoning
- 8.g. Adoption of the 2021 Town Council Meeting Schedule
- 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following boards/committees:
 - 9.a.(1) Community Safety Working Group
- 9.b.(1) Approval of Town Council Appointment of Four Towns Meeting Representative

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. COVID-19 Update
 - (1) Town Manager Paul Bockelman and Health Director Emma Dragon
 - (2) Council Discussion

8. Action Items

- a. North Common Presentation
 - (1) Presentation – Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Superintendent of Public Works Guilford Mooring, and Planning Director Christine Brestrup
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- b. Appropriation outside the annual budget – Council Order FY21-05B Purchase of a new ambulance – Second discussion – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Finance Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- c. Tax Classification – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motions and Votes
- d. Use of the Public Way – First Discussion

(1) Revision to Policy Regarding the Control and Regulation of the Public Ways

- (2) Public Information and Emergency Communication Signs
- (3) Bus Stop Improvements
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote

e. Amendments to Zoning Article 14 – Temporary Zoning – Second Reading
Charter Sec. 2.10(a) – Consent Agenda

- (1) Council Discussion
- (2) Motion and Vote

f. Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses
Bylaw – Second Reading *Charter Sec. 2.10(a)*

- (1) Council Discussion
- (2) Motion and Vote

g. 2021 Town Council Meeting Schedule – Consent Agenda

- (1) Council Discussion
- (2) Motions and Votes

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda

- (1) Community Safety Working Group
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote

b. Town Council Appointments – Consent Agenda

- (1) Four Towns Meeting Representative
 - 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 – *None*

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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