



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/82086115918>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda – Revised 12/4/2020

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- December 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting
- January 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: December 15, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: December 8, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: December 16, 2020 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: December 17, 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. Adoption of Human Rights Day Proclamation
 - 6.c. Adoption of Official Citation in Honor of Marilyn V. Patton
 - 8.b.(1) Amendment to section 4 of the Town Council Policy Regarding the Control and Regulation of the Public Ways

- 8.b.(2) Approval of the One-Year Pilot Soofa Solar Information and Communication Signs Project
- 9.a.(1) Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following multiple-member bodies:
 - Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. November 9, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes - Financial Indicators
 - b. November 9, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - c. November 14, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - d. November 16, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Public Forum on Ambulance Appropriation
 - e. November 16, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - f. November 19, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Budget Forum
- 6. Resolutions and Proclamations
 - a. Human Rights Day Proclamation – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Resolution Affirming the Town of Amherst’s Commitment to End Structural Racism and Achieve Racial Equity for Black Residents
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Official Citation in Honor of Marilyn V. Patton – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- 7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. State of the Town Address – *Charter Sec. 2.2(c)*
 - (1) Council President, Town Manager, School Committee Chair, and Chair of the Library Board of Trustees
 - b. Annual Charter Requirements
 - (1) Receipt of Annual Reports
 - a) School Committee – *Charter Sec. 4.2(d)*
 - b) Library Board of Trustees – *Charter Sec. 4.3(d)*
 - c) Housing Authority – *Charter Sec. 4.4(d)*
 - d) Oliver Smith Will Elector – *Charter Sec. 4.5*
 - e) Board of License Commissioners – *Charter Sec. 6.3*
- 8. Action Items
 - a. Ranked Choice Voting – *Charter Sec. 10.10* – First Discussion

- (1) Presentation – Ranked Choice Voting Commission Chair Tanya Leise
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Use of the Public Way
 - (1) Revision to Section 4 of the Policy Regarding Control and Regulation of the Public Ways –Second Discussion – Consent Agenda
 - a) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - b) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - c) Council Discussion
 - d) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Public Information and Emergency Communication Signs – Second Discussion – Consent Agenda
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - e. ~~Budget Guidelines~~
 - ~~(1) Finance Committee Report~~
 - ~~(2) Council Discussion~~
 - ~~(3) Motion and Vote~~
 - d. Retreat Follow-Up
 - (1) Memo to Library Trustees re: Repair, Renovation, and Addition
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Memo to the Town Manager re: DPW and Fire/EMS Headquarters
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion and Vote
 - (3) Referral of “Future Agenda Items” to Council Committees
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motions and Votes
 - e. Zoning Priorities – First Discussion
 - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments
 - (1) Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee – Consent Agenda
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Personnel Board
 - 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, Disability Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
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- 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 President 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.