



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

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/87061401068>  
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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- January 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Special Town Council Meeting – Public Forum on an Appropriation Outside the budget
- January 4, 2021, 6:45 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting
- January 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: January 12, 2021 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: December 22, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: January 6, 2021 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: January 7, 2021 6:30 p.m.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at [www.AmherstMA.gov/Calendar](http://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](mailto: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

- 8.g.(2) To authorize the President to send the Memo to the Town Manager re: DPW and Fire/EMS Headquarters

- 8.g.(3) To authorize the President to send the Memo to the Memo to Town Manager re: Update of Financial Model for Capital Projects
  - 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following multiple-member bodies:
    - (1) Agricultural Commission
    - (2) Community Safety Working Group
    - (3) Disability Access Advisory Committee
    - (4) Public Art Commission
  - 11. Approval of Minutes:
    - a. December 7, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations - *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion – *Note: these Council discussions will follow action items*
- a. Discussion on the role of the President/Vice President
    - (1) Council Discussion
  - b. Council Agenda Items for 2021
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
8. Action Items
- a. Ranked Choice Voting – *Charter Sec. 10.10* – Second Discussion
    - (1) Council Discussion
    - (2) Motion and Vote
  - b. Belchertown Road Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - c. Zoning Priorities – Second Discussion
    - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - d. Budget Guidelines
    - (1) Finance Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - e. Stormwater Management Bylaw
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - f. Illicit Discharge Bylaw
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - g. 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
      - Consent Agenda
        - a) Council Discussion
        - b) Motion and Vote
    - (3) Memo to Town Manager re: Update of Financial Model for Capital Projects – Consent Agenda
      - a) Council Discussion
      - b) Motion and Vote
    - (4) Referral of “Future Agenda Items” to Council Committees
      - a) Council Discussion
      - b) Motions and Votes
  - h. Charter Sec. 8.1 – Guidelines for Requests
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
  - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
    - (1) Agricultural Commission
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (2) Community Safety Working Group
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (3) Disability Access Advisory Committee
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (4) Public Art Commission
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
  - b. Town Council Appointments
    - (1) Non-Voting Resident Member of Finance Committee
      - a) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) 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, Disability Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee
11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
    - a. December 7, 2020 Regular 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 President 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.*