



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85979897566>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:

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Agenda – revised 1/22/21

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- February 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – Four Towns Meeting
- February 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting
- February 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting, Presentation by Jones Library Trustees

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: January 26, 2021, 2:00 p.m., February 3, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with Planning Board
- Finance Committee: January 26, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: February 3, 2021 9:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee, and Committee of the Whole for discussion regarding North Commons: January 28, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming District Meetings:

- District 1: TBD
- District 2: February 11, 2021, 7:00 pm
- District 3: February 18, 2021, time TBD
- District 4: February 1, 2021, 6:30 pm
- District 5: TBD

Upcoming Special School Committee Meeting:

- February 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Open Meeting of the Residents

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

- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda item 8.c. Amendments to Town Manager Goals
- 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - December 5, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Four Towns Meeting
 - December 21, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - ~~January 4, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes~~

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

- a. Resolution Condemning the January 6, 2021 Insurrection and Violence at the U.S. Capitol
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. Community Safety Working Group Update
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
- b. Anti-Racism Training for Councilors
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion

8. Action Items

- a. Belchertown Road Property Acquisition for Affordable Housing
 - (1) Finance Committee Report
 - (2) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (3) Council Discussion
 - (4) Motion and Vote
- b. Pomeroy Village MassWorks Grant
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote to Refer
- c. Amendments to Town Manager Goals
 - (1) Housing Affordability Goal
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Public Safety Goal

- a) Presentation
- b) Council Discussion
- c) Motion and Vote

9. Appointments

- a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
- b. Town Council Appointments
 - (1) Joint Capital Planning Committee
 - a) President Memo
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Budget Coordinating Group
 - a) President Memo
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (3) Liaisons to Multiple Member Bodies
 - a) President Memo
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
- c. President Appointments
 - (1) Community Resources Committee
 - (2) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
 - (3) Finance Committee
 - (4) Town Services and Outreach Committee

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Community Resources Committee
- b. Elementary School Building Committee
- c. Finance Committee
- d. Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- e. Joint Capital Planning Committee
- f. Town Services and Outreach Committee
- g. 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

- a. December 5, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Four Towns Meeting
- b. December 21, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
- ~~c. January 4, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes~~

12. Town Manager Report

13. Town Council Comments

- a. President Report
 - (1) Monthly Report
 - (2) Update on 2021 Calendar and Agenda Items

- 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 #

*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.