



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/81377784552>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda – revised 2/4/2021

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- February 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting, Presentation by Jones Library Trustees
- March 3, 2021, 6:00 PM – Public Forum, Jones Library Options
- March 6, 2021, 2:00 PM – Public Forum, Jones Library Options
- March 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: February 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole: February 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: February 17, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: February 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- Joint Capital Planning Committee: February – Date TBD

Upcoming District Meetings:

- District 1: February 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- District 2: February 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
- District 3: February 18, 2021, 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

- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.b. Authorization of Council President to sign letter to Community Safety Working Group
 - 8.d. Approval of Extension of Temporary Appointment of Town Clerk
- 6.a. Adoption of the Resolution Opposing the Palmer/Springfield Biomass Power Plant
- 6.b. Adoption of the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival Celebration Proclamation
- 8.d. Approval of Extension of Temporary Appointment of Town Clerk
- 8.f. Withdrawal of Measure – Proposed Prohibition on the Municipal Use of Face Recognition Technology Bylaw
- 9.a.1-3. Approval of Town Manager Appointments:
 - Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees
 - License Commissioners
 - Public Shade Tree Committee
- 11.a-d. Approval of Minutes:
 - January 4, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting
 - January 4, 2021 Town Council Public Forum
 - January 4, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. Resolution Opposing the Palmer/Springfield Biomass Power Plant
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- b. Lunar New Year/Spring Festival Celebration Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. UMass and COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations Update
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
- b. Energy and Climate Action Committee Update
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion

8. Action Items

- a. Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendations

- (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Automatic Referral to Finance Committee
 - b. Letter to Community Safety Working Group
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
 - c. Use of the Public Ways
 - (1) Wayfinding Signs
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote to Refer
 - d. Extension of 150 Day Appointment of Temporary Town Clerk – *Charter Sec. 3.3(b)* – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Town Manager Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Amendments to Town Council Rules of Procedure rules 2.1, 4.3, 5.7, 6.3, 8.1, 9.5, and adding Appendix B – *First Discussion*
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - f. Withdrawal of Measure – Proposed Prohibition on the Municipal Use of Face Recognition Technology Bylaw – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Sponsor Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments - Consent Agenda
 - (1) Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) License Commissioners
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (3) Public Shade Tree Committee
 - 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. 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 – Consent Agenda
- a. January 4, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting
 - b. January 4, 2021 Town Council Public Forum
 - c. January 4, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting
12. Town Manager Report
13. Town Council Comments
- a. President Report
 - (1) Update on 2021 Calendar and Agenda Items
 - b. Future Agenda Items
 - c. Councilor Comments
 - (1) Update on Anti-Racism Training
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.