



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021**

6:45 p.m. or immediately following the 6:30 Public Forum

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/82490061130>

**Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
bit.ly/ACTVChannel17**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- April 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting
- April 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: March 23, 3:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: March 30, 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: March 31, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee Public Forums on Pomeroy Village intersection:
 - Thursday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 27, 2:00 p.m.
- Joint Capital Planning Committee: March 25, 7:00 p.m., April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Flag-raising Ceremony for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month:
April 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in front of Town Hall

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 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.e. Adoption of Financial Orders FY21-12, FY21-13, and FY22-07
 - 8.f. Inter-governmental Agreements
 - 8.g. Authorization for Superintendent - Foster Care Transportation
- 6.a. Adoption of 2021 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation
- 8.e. Adoption of the following Financial Orders:
 - FY21-12 Free Cash to Stabilization Fund
 - FY21-13 Rescind Authorized Unissued Debt
 - FY22-07 Community Preservation Act Project Allocations
- 8.f. Authorization for Town Manager to enter in the following Inter-governmental Agreements:
 - Ambulance services with Pelham, Shutesbury, and Leverett
 - Sealer of Weights and Measures
 - Municipal Hearing Officer
 - Veterans Services
- 8.g. Authorization for Superintendent - Foster Care Transportation
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
 - March 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. 2021 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. Major Capital Projects Update
 - (1) Massachusetts School Building Authority Update
 - (2) Response to Jones Library additional questions
 - (3) Options for Fire and Department of Public Works
- b. Update on Review of Jones Library Options
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Finance Committee Report
 - (3) Council Discussion
- c. Update on Funds Appropriated to Address Systemic Racism
 - (1) Town Manager Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion

8. Action Items

- a. North Common
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Reports on Outreach
 - (3) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report

- (4) Council Discussion
 - (5) Public Comment
 - (6) Motion and Vote
 - b. Proposed Temporary Building Moratorium Bylaw
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Town Council Anti-Racism Training
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
 - d. Districting Advisory Board – *MGL Chapter 54, Section 1 and Charter Sec. 7.4*
 - (1) Presentation of Draft Charge
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Financial Orders – Consent Agenda
 - (1) FY21-12 Free Cash to Stabilization Fund
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (2) FY21-13 Rescind Authorized Unissued Debt
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - (3) FY22-07 Community Preservation Act Project Allocation
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - f. FY21 and FY22 Inter-governmental Agreements – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Ambulance services with Pelham, Shutesbury, and Leverett
 - (2) Sealer of Weights and Measures
 - (3) Municipal Hearing Officer
 - (4) Veterans Services
 - a) Town Manager Memo
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - g. Authorization for Superintendent - Foster Care Transportation – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Town Manager Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments - *None*
 - 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. March 8, 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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To indicate you wish to make a comment click “raise hand”

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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.