



**Amherst Board of Health
Notice of Public Hearing
Thursday, April 8, 2021
5:00 PM**

The Amherst Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Thursday April 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm to review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled “Prohibiting Smoking in Workplace and Public Places”. Please note, this meeting will be conducted virtually and will accommodate public comment to the extent practical. A hyperlink to the hearing will be posted on the Town’s online calendar. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

<https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/84792451111>

Or join by phone: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923

Webinar ID: 847 9245 1111

Proposed policies in the draft regulation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Protect the health of employees in their workplaces from exposure to secondhand smoke
- protect the health of the general public from extended exposure to secondhand smoke in places where they congregate
- It shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide a smoke and vape free environment for all employees working in an enclosed workplace as well as those workplaces
- The use of e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited per M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22

A draft of the regulation is available for review at the Town of Amherst web site: www.amherstma.gov or the Amherst Public Health Department located at the Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst. For more information, contact Health Director Emma Dragon at 413-259-3077.

PUBLISH DATE: Thursday, March, 18, 2021

Agenda for the Public Hearing:

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing
3. Public Comment
4. Closing remarks from Board of Health
5. Adjourn

Public participation & public comment instructions:

To join the Board of Health meeting via Zoom teleconferencing:

Go to: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/84792451111>

To indicate you wish to make a comment click "raise hand"

To join the meeting via telephone: US: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 Enter Webinar ID: 847 9245 1111 when prompted,

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 Chair will recognize members of the public. When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name and address

Agenda for POSTED Board of Health Meeting on April 8, 2021

BOARD OF HEALTH

April 8, 2021

Room 101 – Zoom Online (same Zoom link as above:

<https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/84792451111>)

5:00 Meeting Opens

5:02 Public Hearing

1. Review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled "Prohibiting Smoking in Workplace and Public Places."
2. Public Comment
3. Closing Remarks from the Board of Health

5:20 Review & Receive

1. Meeting Minutes from March 3rd, 2021– DRAFT

5:25 Old Business

1. Tobacco Handlers quiz, review and discuss the fact sheet
2. Update from Health Inspections - outdoor dining, farmers market, inspections, etc.

5:40 New Business

1. New well at 822 East Pleasant Street
2. Board of Health member appointments

6:00 Directors Reports:

1. Covid – 19 Update
2. Clinics, outreach for equity, homebound immunizations, adverse reactions to vaccine, etc.

6:20 Topics not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting

6:25 Adjourn.