



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2021
6:45 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85150681911>
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- June 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Special Meeting of the Community Resources Committee – Zoning Board of Appeals Candidate Interviews: June 23, 5:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: June 10, 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: June 16, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: June 10, 7:30 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

- Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 6.a. Juneteenth Proclamation
- 6.a. Adoption of Juneteenth Proclamation

- 6.b. Adoption of Resolution in support of HR40/S40 Bills in Congress, Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act
 - 6.c. Adoption of Resolution in support of H. 912 An Act Relative to Forest Protection and H. 1002 An Act to Increase Protection of Wildlife Management Areas
 - Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda items 8.c.(1-2) Requests for Permanent Changes to the Public Way
 - 8.e. Referral of Optional Tax Exemption to Finance Committee
 - 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - May 24, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
- a. Juneteenth Proclamation
 - (1) Sponsor Remarks
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motions and Votes
 - b. Resolution in support of HR40/S40 Bills in Congress, Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Sponsor Remarks
 - (3) Council Discussion
 - (4) Motion and Vote
 - c. Resolution in support of H. 912 An Act Relative to Forest Protection and H. 1002 An Act to Increase Protection of Wildlife Management Areas
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Sponsor Remarks
 - (3) Council Discussion
 - (4) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
- a. Update on Governor’s Order/Remote Meetings
8. Action Items
- a. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.011 – Accessory Dwelling Units
 - (1) Planning Department Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and vote to refer to Planning Board and Community Resources Committee
 - b. Proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.3241 and Article 12 – Converted Dwelling
 - (1) Sponsor Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and vote to refer to Planning Board and Community Resources Committee

- c. Requests for Permanent Changes to the Public Way
 - (1) North Pleasant Street and McClellan Street Intersection Crosswalks
 - a) Department of Public Works Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and vote to refer or suspend rule 8.4 and vote
 - (2) South Pleasant Street/West Street/Mill Lane Intersection Improvements and Mill Lane Multi-use Path
 - a) Department of Public Works Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and vote to refer or suspend rule 8.4 and vote
- d. FY22 Budget
 - (1) Finance Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
- e. Optional Tax Exemption – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Finance Department Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and vote to refer to Finance Committee
- 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. 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, Recreation Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 24, 2021 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 called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name and address.