



**Town of Amherst  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday, June 21, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
Town Room, Town Hall  
4 Boltwood Avenue**

**Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:  
[bit.ly/ACTVChannel17](https://bit.ly/ACTVChannel17)**

**And on Zoom at: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/83826755964>**

**Agenda – revised 6/17/21**

*Please note: this meeting of the Town Council will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting, however there is limited capacity in the Town Room and masks are required. An option for remote attendance and participation is being provided via the Zoom link above. However, the meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law.*

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- June 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: June 22, 2:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting of the Community Resources Committee – Zoning Board of Appeals Candidate Interviews: June 23, 5:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: TBD
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: June 23, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: June 24, 7:30 p.m.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at [www.AmherstMA.gov/Calendar](http://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](mailto: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.a. Request for Permanent Changes to the Public Way: Bike Share Locations
  - 8.e Creation of Reparations Fund
  - 8.f. Special Municipal Employee (SME) Status for African Heritage Reparations Assembly (AHRA)
  - 8.g.(1) American Rescue Act Funds: Receipt of Funds
  - 8.h. In Person and Remote Meeting Format Update
  - 8.i. Special Municipal Employee (SME) Status for Districting Advisory Board (DAB)
- Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for the following agenda items:
  - 6.a. Resolution in Support of the CRESS Program
  - 8.f. Designation of African Heritage Reparations Assembly (AHRA) as Special Municipal Employees (SME)
  - 8.g.(2) Referral of American Rescue Plan Act Development of Process to Allocate Funds to Finance Committee
  - 8.i. Designation of Districting Advisory Board members (DAB) as Special Municipal Employees (SME)
- 9.a. Approval of the following Town Manager Appointments to multiple-member bodies:
  - Reappointments to Cultural Council, Board of Assessors, Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, Energy and Climate Action Committee, and Munson Memorial Building Trustee
  - Human Rights Commission
  - Recreation Commission
- 9.b.(2) Town Council Appointments to the Planning Board
- 11.a-d. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting minutes:
  - May 27, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Finance Committee
  - June 7, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
  - June 7, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Capital Improvement Program Public Forum
  - June 7, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

## 6. Resolutions and Proclamations

- a. Resolution in Support of the CRESS Program

- (1) Sponsor Remarks
  - (2) Council Discussion
  - (3) Motions and Votes
- 7. Presentations and Discussion
  - a. Climate Action, Adaptation, and Resiliency Plan and Recommendations
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
- 8. Action Items
  - a. Requests for Permanent Changes to the Public Way: Bike Share Locations
    - a) Presentation
    - b) Council Discussion
    - c) Motions and Votes
  - b. FY22 Budget
    - (1) Finance Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motions and Votes
  - c. FY22 Capital Improvement Program
    - (1) Finance Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - d. Optional Tax Exemptions for FY22
    - (1) Finance Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Motion and Vote
  - e. Creation of Repairs Fund – First Discussion
    - (1) Finance Committee Report
    - (2) Council Discussion
  - f. African Heritage Repairs Assembly (AHRA) Charge and Special Municipal Employee (SME) Status
    - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - (2) Finance Committee Report
    - (3) Council Discussion
    - (4) Motions and Votes
  - g. American Rescue Plan Act Funds
    - (1) Receipt of Funds
      - a) Presentation
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (2) Development of Process for Allocation of Funds – Consent Agenda
      - a) Presentation
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee

- h. In Person and Remote Meeting Format Update
    - (1) Presentation
    - (2) Council Discussion
    - (3) Possible Motions and Votes
  - i. Special Municipal Employee (SME) Status for Districting Advisory Board (DAB)
    - Consent Agenda
      - (1) Council Discussion
      - (2) Motions and Votes
9. Appointments
- a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
    - (1) Reappointments to: Cultural Council, Board of Assessors, Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, Energy and Climate Action Committee, and Munson Memorial Building Trustee
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (2) Human Rights Commission
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (3) Recreation Commission
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
  - b. Town Council Appointments
    - (1) Finance Committee
      - a) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
    - (2) Planning Board – Consent Agenda
      - a) Community Resources Committee Report
      - b) Council Discussion
      - c) Motion and Vote
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 27, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Finance Committee
  - b. June 7, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
  - c. June 7, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Capital Improvement Program Public Forum
  - d. June 7, 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