



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/82907285084>
Live Broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 and live stream:
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Agenda Revised 7/30/21**

Please Note: This meeting will begin with an executive session at 6:30 p.m. The Town Council will return to open session for the regular meeting agenda following the executive session.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so via Zoom or by telephone, see instructions below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- August 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- September 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m., TBD Zoom or in-person

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: August 10, 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: TBD
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: August 11, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: August 5, 6:30 p.m.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at www.AmherstMA.gov/Calendar

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 upon 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.c.(2) Mass DOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at East Pleasant and Triangle Streets
 - 8.d. Release of Easement – Lot 6 South East Street
 - 8.e. Designate Town Services and Outreach Committee hold Public Hearings Required under General Bylaw 3.14 and Town Council Policy Regarding the Control and Regulation of the Public Ways section 2.c.
 - 8.g. Approval of Participation in the Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Municipal Program
 - 11.a. Approval of the July 12, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations - *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion - *None*
8. Action Items
- a. Placement of a question on the ballot at the November 2, 2021 Town Election concerning the measure voted by the Town Council on April 5, 2021 approving the borrowing for the expansion and renovation of the Jones Library
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motions and Votes
 - b. Election Update and Polling Locations
 - (1) Town Clerk Update
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Special Public Comment on Polling Locations
 - (4) Motion and Vote
 - c. Other Requests for Permanent Changes to the Public Way
 - (1) Amherst College request for Placement of Signage
 - a) Presentation by Amherst College representatives
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote to refer to Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - (2) Mass DOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at East Pleasant and Triangle Streets Crosswalks
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - d. Release of Easement – Lot 6 South East Street
 - (1) Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Designate Town Services and Outreach Committee to hold Public Hearings Required under General Bylaw 3.14 and Town Council Policy Regarding the Control and Regulation of the Public Ways section 2.c.
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote

- f. Rules of Procedure: Addition of Committees Designated to hold hearings on behalf of the Town Council
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote to refer to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- g. Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Municipal Program – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Town Manager Memo
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- h. Energy and Climate Action Committee Charge
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments
 - b. Town Council Appointments
 - (1) Jones Library Building Committee – Recommend one Town Councilor to Town Manager
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion and Vote
 - (2) Energy and Climate Action Committee: Recommend extension of Councilor DuMont’s Term to January 2, 2022 to Town Manager
 - a) Councilor Discussion
 - b) 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 – Consent Agenda
 - a. July 12, 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 – **6:30 p.m.**

- a. [MGL c.30A §21(a) 3] To discuss strategy with respect to litigation: Superior Court Civil Action No. 2180CV00081 Terry Y. Allen et al. vs. Board of Registrars of the Town of Amherst; as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body.

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16. Adjourn

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