



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/86366001225>
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Agenda

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:

- Primer on the Master Plan - September 27, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Zoom
- Public Forum on the Master Plan - September 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Zoom
- Regular Town Council Meeting - September 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
- Tax Classification Hearing & Regular Meeting – October 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: September 14, 2:00 p.m., Zoom
- Finance Committee: September 29, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: September 22, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: September 23, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

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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.a.(2) November 2, 2021 Town Election Warrant
 - 8.a.(3) Policy Regarding Electioneering During Early and Absentee Voting for All Elections
 - 8.d. Audit Firm Selection
- 6.a. Adoption of the 2021 Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation
- 6.b. Adoption of the 2021 India and Pakistan 75th Independence Day Proclamation
- 9.a.(1-4) Approval of the following Town Manager Appointments:
 - Recreation Director
 - Elementary School Building Committee
 - African Heritage Reparations Assembly
 - Community Preservation Act Committee
- 11.a-e. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting minutes:
 - January 28, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - March 3, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Jones Library Public Forum
 - March 6, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Jones Library Public Forum
 - May 21, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - August 23, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. 2021 Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
- b. 2021 India and Pakistan 75th Independence Day Proclamation
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*

8. Action Items

- a. Elections
 - (1) Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Hours
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote
 - (2) November 2, 2021 Town Election Warrant
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote

- (3) Policy Regarding Electioneering During Early and Absentee Voting for All Elections
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote
 - b. Amendment to Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 5.2 Public Hearings – First Discussion
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - c. Town Council Policy on Making Recommendations for Town Council Appointments to Multiple-Member Bodies – First Discussion
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - d. Audit Firm Selection
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
- 9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - (1) Recreation Director
 - a. Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - (2) Elementary School Building Committee
 - a. Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - (3) African Heritage Reparations Assembly
 - a. Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - (4) Community Preservation Act Committee
 - a. Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Council Appointments
 - (1) Energy and Climate Action Committee
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Motion and Vote
 - (2) Liaison to the Council on Aging
 - a. Council 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. January 28, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - b. March 3, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Jones Library Public Forum
 - c. March 6, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Jones Library Public Forum
 - d. May 21, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - e. August 23, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
12. Town Manager Report
- a. COVID-19 Update
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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