



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85891458585>
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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:

- Tax Classification Hearing & Regular Meeting – October 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: September 28, 2:00 p.m., Zoom
- Finance Committee: September 29, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: September 29, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: September 30, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

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 agenda item 8.f. Town Council and Council Committee Meeting Format – In Person/Hybrid or Fully Remote
 - 11.a. Approval of September 13, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*
8. Action Items
 - a. Public Way Requests – Placement of Performance Shell on the Town Common
 - (1) Downtown Amherst Foundation Presentation
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote to Refer to the Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - b. Amherst College Request for Placement of Signage
 - (1) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Climate Action Adaptation and Resilience Plan, June, 2021 – Energy and Climate Action Committee Report
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motions and Votes
 - d. Comprehensive Housing Policy
 - (1) Community Resources Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Town Manager Annual Performance Evaluation – Overview of Process
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - f. Town Council and Council Committee Meeting Format – In Person/Hybrid or Fully Remote
 - (1) Council Discussion
 - (2) Motion and Vote
 - g. Parking Criteria and Process
 - (1) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - h. Amendment to Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 5.2 Public Hearings
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
 - i. Town Council Policy on Making Recommendations for Town Council Appointments to Multiple-Member Bodies
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) Council Discussion
 - (3) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
 - b. Town Council Appointments
 - (1) Liaison to African Heritage Reparations Assembly
 - 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. September 13, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

12. Town Manager Report

- a. COVID-19 Update
- b. Community Safety Working Group Successor Committee Charge

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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