



**Town of Amherst
Town Councilor Orientation and Special Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/88546987790>
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
 - Town Council Swearing-In and Special Meeting: January 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Town Room, Town Hall and Zoom
 - Community Resources Committee Public Hearing on Zoning Bylaw Article 16 – Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting and Approval of Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations: January 10, 2022, 6:45 p.m., Zoom
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
 - Suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda item 8.a. Town Council Support for Special Legislation: Continuation of Walter (Tim) Nelson as Fire Chief
 - 11.a-j. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting minutes:
 - February 6, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Four Towns Meeting
 - November 22, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Town Manager Evaluation
 - November 22, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes – Public Forum on Appropriations Outside the Budget
 - November 22, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - November 29, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - December 6, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - December 9, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint with Town Services and Outreach Committee – Primer/Information Session

- December 9, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint with Town Services and Outreach Committee – CRESS Forum
 - December 9, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint with Town Services and Outreach Committee – DEI Forum
 - December 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes – Orientation and Special Meeting
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*
8. Action Items
- a. Town Council Support for Special Legislation: Continuation of Walter (Tim) Nelson as Fire Chief
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - b. Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The following two items were postponed under Charter Sec. 2.10(c) on December 6, 2021, and further postponed on December 9, 2021

 - 1) Amendments to Article 3, Use Regulations, Section 3.325, Mixed-Use Buildings and Article 12, Definitions
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Vote
 - 2) Official Zoning Map – Map 14A, Parcel 33 Rezoning, North Prospect Street: Amendments to Article 2, Zoning Districts and Article 3, Use Regulations
 - a. Council Discussion
 - b. Vote
 - c. FY23 Town Council Budget Policy Guidelines
 - 1) Finance Committee report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and vote
 - d. Bylaws for Future Consideration: Request for Information from the Town Manager
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Council Committee Transition Memos
 - 1) Community Resources Committee Transition Memo
 - 2) Finance Committee Transition Memo
 - 3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Transition Memo
 - 4) Town Services and Outreach Committee Transition Memo
 - f. Votes to Prevent Automatic Carryover of Measures to New Legislative Sessions, *Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.9 – None*
9. 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, African Heritage Reparations Assembly, 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

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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 Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

15. Executive Session

16. Adjourn

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