



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Town Hall, Town Room

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/87620735275>

Agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Regular Town Council Meeting: February 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m., available via Zoom and Amherst Media
- Special Town Council Meeting – Retreat: February 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., available via Zoom and Amherst Media
- Regular Town Council Meeting: February 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m., available via Zoom and Amherst Media

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: January 27, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
- Finance Committee Meeting, February 8, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
- Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: February 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: February 1, 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Other Special Meetings:

- Elementary School Building Committee, Visioning Session: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:00–9:00 PM, Zoom
- Elementary School Building Project Community Forum: February 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Other Special Events:

- Black History Month Flag-Raising Ceremony: February 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
- Lunar New Year Celebration: February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

3. Hearings

a. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Eversource Requests to install poles at the following locations:

- 1) Echo Fill Access Road
- 2) 46 Rolling Ridge Road
- 3) 20 Triangle Street
- 4) Woodside Avenue
- 5) 76 Flat Hills Road

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.1.a-e. Eversource Pole Petitions at the following locations:
 - Echo Fill Access Road
 - 46 Rolling Ridge Road
 - 20 Triangle Street
 - Woodside Avenue
 - 76 Flat Hills Road
 - 8.a.2. Easement at 534 Main Street
 - 8.b. African Heritage Reparations Assembly – Request for extension
 - 8.d. Draft Testimony re An Act creating a Municipal and Public Safety Building Authority (S.2457 and H.3821)
- 6.a. Adoption of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation
- 6.b. Adoption of Black History Month Proclamation
- 6.c. Adoption of Lunar New Year/Spring Festival Celebration Proclamation
- 9. Approval of Town Manager Appointments:
 - Jones Library Building Committee
 - Elementary School Building Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - December 20, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - January 3, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - January 8, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Four Towns

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- b. Black History Month Proclamation

- 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
- 2) Council Discussion
- 3) Reading
- 4) Motion and Vote
- c. Lunar New Year/Spring Festival Celebration Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. COVID-19 Update
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Discussion
8. Action Items
 - a. Public Way
 - 1) Eversource Pole Petitions
 - a) Echo Fill Access Road
 1. DPW Memo
 2. Council Discussion
 3. Motions and Votes
 - b) 46 Rolling Ridge Road
 1. DPW Memo
 2. Council Discussion
 3. Motions and Votes
 - c) 20 Triangle Street
 1. DPW Memo
 2. Council Discussion
 3. Motions and Votes
 - d) Woodside Avenue
 1. DPW Memo
 2. Council Discussion
 3. Motions and Votes
 - e) 76 Flat Hills Road
 1. DPW Memo
 2. Council Discussion
 3. Motions and Votes
 - 2) Easement at 534 Main Street
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - b. African Heritage Reparations Assembly – Request for extension
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Parking Permit Program Revisions – Recommendations

- 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - d. Draft Testimony re An Act creating a Municipal and Public Safety Building Authority (S.2457 and H.3821)
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Reconsideration of Town Council Meeting Format
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
- a. Town Manager Appointments – *Charter Sec. 3.3(c)* – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Jones Library Building Committee
 - a) TSO Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - 2) Elementary School Building Committee
 - a) TSO Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Council 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 – *None*
11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
- a. December 20, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - b. January 3, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - c. January 8, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes - Four Towns
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
12. Town Manager Report
13. Town Council Comments
- a. President Report

- 1) Retreat Preparation
 - a) Process for establishing priorities for the Town Council
- 2) Working Sessions
 - 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 – *None*

16. Adjourn

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