



**Town of Amherst  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

**Town Hall, Town Room**

**Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/81102672657>**

**Agenda**

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1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
  - Upcoming Town Council Meetings:
    - Regular Town Council Meeting, including FY23 Budget Presentation: May 2, 6:30 p.m.
  - Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:
    - Community Resources Committee: April 28, 4:30 p.m., Zoom
    - Finance Committee Meeting: April 26, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
    - Budget Review Calendar:  
<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58992/Budget-Calendar-33122?bidId=>
    - Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: April 27, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
    - Town Services and Outreach Committee: May 5, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
3. Hearings
  - 6:30 pm – Town Council and Finance Committee Public Hearing on the Regional School Budget - *Charter Sec. 5.5(a)*
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
  - 6.a. Adoption of 2022 Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation
  - 6.b. Adoption of 2022 Arbor Month Proclamation

- 8.b. Approval of Proposed Crosswalk on East Pleasant Street between Triangle and Pray Streets
  - 8.c. Referral of Proposed Flood Maps Zoning Bylaw
  - 8.e. Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions for FY23
  - 8.f. Designation of Solar Bylaw Working Group as Special Municipal Employees
  - 8.h. Adoption of Proposed Amendment to the Town Council Rules of Procedure Regarding Motions
  - 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
  - 11.a-d. Approval of the following Town Council meeting minutes:
    - March 21, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: work session
    - March 21, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: Public Forum on Community Preservation Act Appropriations
    - March 21, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
    - April 4, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
- a. 2022 Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
  - b. 2022 Arbor Month Proclamation
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
- a. Amherst Media: Search for new location
    - 1) Council Discussion
8. Action Items
- a. Regional School Budget, Assessment Method, and Debt Authorization
    - 1) Council Discussion
  - b. Public Way: Proposed Crosswalk on East Pleasant Street between Triangle and Pray Streets – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Presentation
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Motion and Vote
  - c. Proposed Flood Maps Zoning Bylaw – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Presentation
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer
  - d. FY23 Water and Sewer Rates
    - 1) Presentation
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer

- e. Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions for FY23 – Consent Agenda
  - 1) Presentation
  - 2) Council Discussion
  - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer
- f. Designation of Solar Bylaw Working Group as Special Municipal Employees – Consent Agenda
  - 1) Council Discussion
  - 2) Motion and Vote
- g. Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers General Bylaw
  - 1) Presentation
  - 2) Council Discussion
  - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer
- h. Town Council Motion Development Process: Proposed addition to Town Council Rules of Procedure – Consent Agenda
  - 1) Council Discussion
  - 2) Motion and Vote
- 9. Appointments
  - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
      - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee 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. Jones Library Building Committee
  - f. Town Services and Outreach Committee
  - g. Liaison Reports: Amherst Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Community Safety and Social Justice Committee, Disability Access Advisory Committee, Energy and Climate Action Committee, Planning Board, and Transportation Advisory Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
  - a. March 21, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: work session
  - b. March 21, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: Public Forum on Community Preservation Act Appropriations
  - c. March 21, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
  - d. April 4, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
- 12. Town Manager Report
- 13. Town Council Comments
  - a. President Report
    - 1) Letters in support of measures the Council has previously approved
    - 2) Agenda Setting

- 3) Review of Draft Motions
- 4) Proclamation Sponsorship
- 5) Councilor Requests for Agenda Items
- b. Future Agenda Items
  - 1) Three-Month Agenda Draft
- 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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