



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Town Hall, Town Room

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Agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
 - Upcoming Town Council Meetings:
 - Regular Town Council Meeting: June 6, 6:30 p.m.
 - Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:
 - Community Resources Committee: May 26, 4:30 p.m., Zoom
 - Finance Committee Meeting: May 17, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
 - Budget Review Calendar:
<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58992/Budget-Calendar-33122?bidId=>
 - Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: May 25, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
 - Town Services and Outreach Committee: May 19, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
3. Hearings
 - a. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing: Eversource Petition to install a joint-owned pole on the north side of West Pomeroy Lane across from 72 West Pomeroy Lane, between two existing poles
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 Memorial Day Proclamation
- 6.b. Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer + (LGBTQ+) Pride Month
- 6.c. Adoption of Resolution Calling on President Joe Biden to Immediately Cancel All Student Loan Debt
- 6.d. Adoption of Resolution Protecting Adult Access to Plant Medicines & Prioritizing Public Health Responses to Controlled Substance Possession
- 8.a. Approval of Eversource Petition to install a joint-owned pole on the north side of West Pomeroy Lane across from 72 West Pomeroy Lane, between two existing poles
- 8.d. Approval of Proposed and Interim Parking Regulations on North Pleasant Street from Triangle to Hallock Street
- 8.e. Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions
- 9.a. Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director
- 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. Memorial Day Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- b. Proclamation Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer + (LGBTQ+) Pride Month
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- c. Resolution Calling on President Joe Biden to Immediately Cancel All Student Loan Debt
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- d. Resolution Protecting Adult Access to Plant Medicines & Prioritizing Public Health Responses to Controlled Substance Possession
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. Review and Discussion of Town Council Priorities

- b. Housing Task Force
8. Action Items
- a. Eversource Petition to install a joint-owned pole on the north side of West Pomeroy Lane across from 72 West Pomeroy Lane, between two existing poles – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Department of Public Works Recommendation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Opt-Out of State Sponsored Mosquito Spraying through the Massachusetts State Reclamation Mosquito Control Board; Joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Public Comment
 - 4) Motions and Votes
 - c. Earmarking Cannabis Funds for Reparations
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee
 - d. Proposed Permanent and Interim Parking Regulations on North Pleasant Street from Triangle to Hallock Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - e. Optional Tax Exemptions – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
- a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department – *Charter Sec. 2.11(a)*
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motions and Votes
 - 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 – *None*
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
 - a. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of two parcels of real property; the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;
 - b. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements: Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) - Approval and release of the following executive session minutes
 - 1) Release of previously approved minutes: January 28, 2019, April 22, 2019, May 13, 2021, May 18, 2021, and August 19, 2019
 - 2) Approval and release: June 7, 2021, June 28, 2021, July 28, 2021, August 2, 2021, and December 6, 2021

16. Adjourn

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