



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:45 p.m.
Town Hall, Town Room**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85962545514>

Agenda – revised 7/17/22

Note: There will be no in-person public access at this meeting. Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom or by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 859 6254 5514. The meeting will also be live broadcast on Amherst Media channel 17 and <https://amherstmedia.org/live-stream>

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 15, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee Community Forum on Rental Permitting: July 25. 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee and Town Council Meeting: July 19, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: August 3, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: July 21, 6:30 p.m.

Visit the boards and committees calendar at www.AmherstMA.Gov/Calendar for up-to-date meeting information

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

- 6.a. Adoption of Resolution Reaffirming Support for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Across the United States
- 6.b. Adoption of Resolution Supporting Decriminalization of Plant Medicines and Prioritizing Public Health Responses

- 6.c. Adoption of Resolution in Support of Common Sense Gun Laws and Opposing Legislation that Threatens Public Safety
- 8.d. Referral of Proposed Amendments to General Bylaws 3.8, License Fees: Innholders, Common Victuallers, and Lunch Carts and 3.36, Soliciting
- 9.a.1-2) Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 8.6
- 9.a.1) Approval of Town Manager Reappointments to the Following Multiple-Member Bodies:
 - Board of Assessors
 - Local Historic District Commission
- 9.a.2) Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the Board of Registrars of Voters

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda

- a. Resolution Reaffirming Support for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Across the United States
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- b. Resolution Supporting Decriminalization of Plant Medicines and Prioritizing Public Health Responses
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- c. Resolution in Support of Common Sense Gun Laws and Opposing Legislation that Threatens Public Safety
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Reading
 - 4) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion - *None*

8. Action Items

- a. Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization Order FY23-08A: An Order Appropriating and Authorizing Debt for the Rehabilitation of and Improvements to the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District's High School Track and Field Facilities under Open Space/Recreation
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- b. Public Way: Hope Church Request Reserved Parking at 16 Gaylord Street
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
- c. Appointment Process for Election Day Constables

- 1) Council Discussion
- 2) Motion and Vote

d. Proposed Amendments to General Bylaws 3.8, License Fees: Innholders, Common Victuallers, and Lunch Carts and 3.36, Soliciting

- 1) Council Discussion
- 2) Motion and Vote

9. Appointments

- a. Town Manager Appointments – *Charter Sec. 2.11(b)* – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Reappointments to the Board of Assessors and Local Historic District Commission
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motions and Votes
 - 2) Board of Registrars of Voters
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motions and Votes
- b. Town Council Appointments
 - 1) Zoning Board of Appeals – *Charter Sec. 2.9(c)*
 - a) Motion postponed from June 27
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motions and Votes

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 - *None*

16. Adjourn

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