



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022, 8:00 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/89968073574>

Agenda – Revised 11/4/22

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 899 6807 3574, or in person. 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:

- November 21, 2022
 - Public Forum on the FY24 Budget
 - Regular Meeting
- December 5, 2022
 - State of the Town
 - Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: November 17, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: November 8, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: November 9, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: November 10, 6:30 p.m.

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

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8; polling place hours are 7:00 am – 8:00 p.m.

Visit www.AmherstMA.Gov/VOTE to find your polling place

3. Hearings

8:15 p.m. - Tax Classification Public Hearing

- 1) Principal Assessor and Board of Assessors Presentation
- 2) Public Comment

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.

5. Consent Agenda
 - 8.a. Adoption of a Residential Factor of One, Equal Tax Rate, and No Open Space Discount for FY23
 - 8.a. To NOT Adopt a Residential Exemption for FY23
 - 8.a. To NOT Adopt a Small Commercial Exemption for FY23
 - 8.b.1. Adoption of Proposed Parking Regulation Changes on Lincoln Ave, Sunset Ave, and Elm St
 - 8.b.2. Approval of permanent request to reserve three parking spaces directly in front of the Hope Community Church sanctuary at 16 Gaylord Street for use by Hope Community Church
 - 9.a.1. Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for Appointment of Human Resources Director
 - 9.a.1. Approval of Town Manager Appointment of Human Resources Director
 - 11.a. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - October 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Work Session on Residential Rental Bylaw
 - October 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Public Forum on Appropriations Outside the Annual Budget
 - October 17, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Elementary School Building Project – Key Dates
 - b. Town Manager Performance Evaluation
 - 1) Self-Evaluation
 - 2) Council Discussion of Draft Evaluation Memo
8. Action Items
 - a. Tax Classification: Tax Rate and Exemptions – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motions and Votes
 - b. Public Ways
 - 1) Proposed Parking Regulation Changes – Consent Agenda
 - To prohibit parking on the East Side of Lincoln Ave. between McClellan St. and Amity St. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday from September 1 to May 30
 - To prohibit parking on the east side of Sunset Ave. between Elm St. and Amity St. at all times
 - To prohibit parking on one side of Elm St. at all times
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote

- 2) Permanent request to reserve three parking spaces directly in front of the Hope Community Church sanctuary at 16 Gaylord Street for use by Hope Community Church – Consent Agenda
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
- c. Motion postponed on November 1:

MOVED: That the Town Council requests that the Town Manager – working with the DEI Department and other staff and discuss with and draw upon the ongoing work of the Community Safety and Social Justice Committee (CSSJC), the Human Rights Commission (HRC), and African Heritage Reparations Assembly (AHRA) – forthwith identify available resources both inside and outside of Town government to:

 1. Create and implement a reconciliation plan to include a proposal for community visioning;
 2. Create a proposal for a Resident Oversight Board;
 3. Undertake a review of public safety protocols for responding to and handling public safety calls involving minors, in order to recommend changes to those protocols, if appropriate;
 4. Conduct research into the feasibility of a justice compensation fund;
 5. Explore options for a Youth Empowerment Center as part of the Capital Improvement Plan;
 6. Develop protocols for active engagement by community responders (CRESS);
 7. Develop and offer racial equity training, know your rights training, and other options for additional training to support to employees and members of the public; and
 8. Raise awareness in the community about these efforts;
 9. And for the Town Manager to report on the progress on this reconciliation plan to the Council no later than two months from the date of this vote.
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
- d. Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 3.22: Discharging of Firearms – First Reading
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion

9. Appointments

- a. ~~Town Manager Appointments – Charter Sec. 2.11(a)~~
 - 1) ~~Human Resources Director – Consent Agenda~~
 - a) ~~Council Discussion~~
 - b) ~~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 – Consent Agenda

- a. October 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Work Session on Residential Rental Bylaw
- b. October 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Public Forum on Appropriations Outside the Annual Budget
- c. October 17, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

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

- a. Town Manager Appointments - *Charter Sec. 2.11(a)*
 - 1) Human Resources Director – Consent Agenda
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motions and Votes

15. Executive Session - *None*

16. Adjourn

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