



Special Meeting of the Town Council

November 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/84979969925>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 849 7996 9925, or in person.

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- November 21, 2022
 - 6:00 p.m. FY24 Public Forum on the Budget
 - 6:30 p.m. Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: November 17, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: November 21, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: November 9, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: November 30, 6:30 p.m.

3. 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.

4. Action Items

- a. Town Manager Appointment – *Charter Sec. 2.11(a)*

- 1) Human Resources Director

1. Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
2. Council Discussion
3. Motion and Vote

- b. Motion postponed on November 7, 2022:

MOTION: That the Town Council requests that the Town Manager – working with the DEI Department and other staff and through discuss with and draw upon the ongoing 3 Town Council Unofficial Record of Votes 11-01-2022 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 employees and members of the public; and
 - 8) raise awareness in the community about these efforts;
- 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) Public Comment

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- 3) Council Discussion

- 4) Vote

5. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the President 48 hours in advance of the meeting

6. Adjourn

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During the public comment period, the chair will recognize members of the public. When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name, preferred pronouns and district or address.