



**Town of Amherst  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Monday, November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Room, Town Hall**

**Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/81984324719>**

**Agenda – revised 11/21/22**

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 819 8432 4719, 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:

- State of the Town Address and Regular Meeting: December 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: December 1, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: November 22, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: November 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: December 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Visit the boards and committees calendar at [www.AmherstMA.Gov/Calendar](http://www.AmherstMA.Gov/Calendar) for up-to-date meeting information

3. Hearings

Public Hearing on Eversource Request for Pole Placement at 142 High Street

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

- 6.a. Human Rights Day Proclamation 2022
- 6.b. Proclamation in Support of Small Business Saturday® and Merry Days

- 6.c. Citation in Honor of Monte’s March for the Food Bank
  - 8.a. Approval of Eversource Request for Pole Placement at 142 High Street
  - 8.b. Authorization for Town Manager to Negotiate Acceptance of Kestrel Lane and Hop Brook Road as Public Ways
  - 11.a. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes
    - November 1, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Meeting with CSSJC
    - November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Town Manager Evaluation Reading Period
    - November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Budget Coordinating Group Meeting on Financial Indicators
    - November 7, 2022 Regular Town Council Minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
    - a. Human Rights Day Proclamation 2022
      - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - 2) Council Discussion
      - 3) Motion and Vote
    - b. Proclamation in Support of Small Business Saturday® and Merry Days
      - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - 2) Council Discussion
      - 3) Motion and Vote
    - c. Citation in Honor of Monte’s March for the Food Bank
      - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - 2) Council Discussion
      - 3) Motion and Vote
  7. Presentations and Discussion
    - a. Elementary School Building Project – Key Dates
    - b. Surveillance Use Report
    - c. Town Manager Goals
      - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
      - 2) Council Discussion
  8. Action Items
    - a. Eversource Request for Pole Placement at 142 High Street – Consent Agenda
      - 1) Council Discussion
      - 2) Motion and Vote
    - b. Authorization for Town Manager to Negotiate Acceptance of Kestrel Lane and Hop Brook Road as Public Ways – Consent Agenda
      - 1) Planning Board Report
      - 2) Finance Committee Report
      - 3) Council Discussion
      - 4) Motion and Vote
    - c. Transfer and Appropriation Order FY23-05C: An Order Appropriating Funds for a Portion of the Town of Amherst Capital Program – School Track and Field Rehabilitation

- 1) Council Discussion
  - 2) Public Comment
  - 3) 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 – *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. November 1, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Meeting with CSSJC
  - b. November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Town Manager Evaluation Reading Period
  - c. November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Budget Coordinating Group Meeting on Financial Indicators
  - d. November 7, 2022 Regular Town Council 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
15. Executive Session
- [MGL c.30A, §21(a)6] To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body
  - [MGL c.30A, §21(a)7] To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements: to approve and release the executive session minutes for May 16, 2022

**The Town Council will not return to open session following executive session.**

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

*Public Comment:*

*In person: sign in with the Council Clerk*

*Zoom: click "raise hand" during the public comment period*

*Telephone: press \*9 on your keypad during the public comment period*