



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/88422739511>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 884 2273 9511, 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

- Executive Session – 5:30 p.m.
 - [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

The Town Council will enter Executive Session after the meeting is called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Town Council will return from Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. to resume the regular meeting agenda

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- State of the Town Address and Regular Meeting: December 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: December 15, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: December 6, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: December 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: December 15, 2022, 7:00 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.

5. Consent Agenda
 - 8.d. Referral to Finance Committee: Proposed Purchase of Real Property: 457 Main Street
 - 8.i. Authorization for Town Council President and Finance Committee Chair to speak on behalf of the Town Council at the December 17, 2022 Four Towns Meeting
 - 11.a. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - November 1, 2022 Special Town Council Minutes: Meeting with CSSJC
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*
7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*
8. Action Items
 - a. Reconsideration of November 21, 2022 Town Council vote: Appropriation and Transfer 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) Motion/s and Vote/s
 - b. Proposed Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 3, Use Regulations, Article 5, Accessory Uses, Article 11, Administration and Enforcement, and Article 12, Definitions – First Reading
 - 1) Planning Board Report
 - 2) Community Resources Committee Report
 - 3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 4) Council Discussion
 - c. Proposed Revisions to Zoning Bylaws Article 2, Zoning Districts, Article 3, Use Regulations, and Article 16, FEMA Floodplain Overlay District; Zoning Bylaw: Official Zoning Map – FEMA Floodplain Overlay District; Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM); Flood Insurance Study dated February 9, 2023 – First Reading
 - 1) Planning Board Report
 - 2) Community Resources Committee Report
 - 3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 4) Council Discussion
 - d. Proposed Purchase of Real Property: 457 Main Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer to Finance Committee
 - e. Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 3.22: Discharging of Firearms – First Reading
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion

- f. Town Manager Goals – First Discussion
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - g. Financial Guidelines - First Discussion
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - h. Final Draft of the Town Manager Evaluation
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - i. Authorization for Town Council President and Finance Committee Chair to speak on behalf of the Town Council at the December 17, 2022 Four Towns Meeting – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
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
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
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- [MGL c.30A, §21(a)2] To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman
- [MGL c.30A, §21(a)2] To conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman
- [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 the executive session minutes of May 16, 2022

The Town Council will not return to open session following this 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*