



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/88928425306>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 823 5597 0328, 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:

- Special Town Council Meeting on Elementary School Building Project: January 23, 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting: January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: January 12, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: January 10, 10:00 a.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: January 18, 9:00 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: January 12, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Amherst Heritage Reparation Assembly Listening Session: January 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Elementary School Building Committee Community Forums:
 - January 25, 8:30 a.m.
 - January 26, 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.

5. Consent Agenda

- 6.a. Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 6.a. 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation
- 8.b. Referral of Zoning Revisions Duplex to Community Resources Committee, Planning Board, and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- 8.c. Approval of Order FY23-20A: Hickory Ridge Property
- 8.d. Approval of Order Authorizing the Acquisition of 457 Main Street Property for Sheltering, Affordable Housing, Supportive/Transitional Housing and/or Supportive Services
- 8.e. Approval of Davis Conservation Restriction – Flat Hills Road
- 8.h. Referral of Surplus Real Property Disposition Policy to Finance Committee
- 9.b.1) Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Members
- 9.b.4) Designation of Representatives to speak on behalf of the Town Council at Four Towns Meetings
- 11.a-d. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - November 1, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting with Community Safety and Social Justice Committee
 - November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting – Town Manager Evaluation Reading Period
 - November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting with Budget Coordinating Group – Financial Indicators
 - November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

- a. 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to waive Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 8.6 – Consent Agenda
 - 3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion

- a. Council Committee Appointment Process – *Charter Sec. 2.6(b) and (e), Rules of Procedure Rule 10.1, Committee Charges*
 - 1) Community Resources Committee
 - 2) Finance Committee
 - 3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee.
 - 4) Town Services and Outreach Committee
- b. Non-Voting Liaisons to Town Multiple Member Bodies – *Charter Sec. 2.9(d), Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 10.8*
 - 1) Affordable Housing Trust, African Heritage Reparations Assembly, Board of Health, Board of License Commissioners, Community Preservation Act

Committee, Council on Aging, Disability Access Advisory Committee,
Recreation Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee

- 2) Council Discussion
- 3) Automatic Annual Review by Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee

8. Action Items

- a. Election of Officers – *Charter Sec. 2.2(b)*
 - 1) President – For a term to expire January 2, 2024
 - a) Nominations and acceptance of nominations
 - b) Nominee Comments
 - c) Councilor Comments
 - d) Written Vote, Announcement of Results
 - e) Swearing-in of President by Clerk of the Town Council
 - 2) Vice President – For a term to expire January 2, 2024
 - a) Nominations and acceptance of nominations
 - b) Nominee Comments
 - c) Councilor Comments
 - d) Written Vote, Announcement of Results
 - e) Swearing-in of Vice President by Clerk of the Town Council
- b. Zoning Revisions Duplex – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Sponsor Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote to refer to Community Resources Committee, Planning Board, and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- c. Transfer of a Portion of Hickory Ridge property on West Pomeroy Lane to the Recreation Commission and Appropriation and Transfer for Acceptance of PARC Grant – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- d. Proposed Purchase of Real Property: 457 Main Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- e. Proposed Davis Conservation Restriction – Flat Hills Road – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- f. Town Manager Goals
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- g. Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint
 - 1) Council Discussion

- 2) Motion and Vote
- h. Surplus Real Property Disposition Policy – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee

9. Appointments

- a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
- b. Town Council Appointments
 - 1) Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Members – *Charter Sec. 2.9(c)* – Consent Agenda
Jordan Helzer, Vincent O’Connor, and David Sloviter
 - a) Community Resources Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - 2) Budget Coordinating Group (three Councilors) – *Charter Sec. 5.2*
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Nominations and Vote
 - 3) Joint Capital Planning Committee (three Councilors) – *Charter Sec. 5.7(b)*
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Nominations and Vote
 - 4) Representatives to Speak on Behalf of the Town Council at Four Towns Meetings (two Councilors)
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Nominations and Vote

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

- a. November 1, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting with Community Safety and Social Justice Committee
- b. November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting – Town Manager Evaluation Reading Period
- c. November 7, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting with Budget Coordinating Group – Financial Indicators
- d. November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

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*

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