



Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/89822812979>
Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom or by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 898 2281 2979. 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:

- Regular Meeting: February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: January 26, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: January 24, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: TBD
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: January 26, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Elementary School Building Committee Community Forums:
 - January 25, 8:30 a.m.
 - January 26, 6:30 p.m.

Community Events

- Lunar New Year Celebration: Sunday, January 29, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Amherst Regional Middle School Cafeteria

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

3. Hearings

- a. Public Hearing on Eversource Petition for Pole Placement at 133 South East 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
 - Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for items 6.a. 2023 Black History Month Proclamation and 6.b. 2023 Lunar New Year Proclamation
 - 6.a. Adoption of the 2023 Black History Month Proclamation
 - 6.b. Adoption of the 2023 Lunar New Year Proclamation
 - 8.a. Approval of Eversource Petition to Install Three Solely Owned Poles at 133 South East Street
 - 8.c. Approval of Long-Term Parking Reservation Request at 26 Spring Street
 - 8.d. Approval of Discontinuance of the Accu-Vote Optical Scan Tabulator and Replacement with ImageCast Precinct Optical Tabulator
 - 9.a.1) Approval of Town Manager Appointment to the Water Supply Protection Committee
 - 11.a-b. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - November 14, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
 - a. 2023 Black History Month Proclamation
 - 1) Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 – Consent Agenda
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. 2023 Lunar New Year Proclamation
 - 1) Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 – Consent Agenda
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote

7. Presentations and Discussion
 - a. Elementary School Building Project: Debt Exclusion, Election Date, Early Voting, Voting Machines, District Meetings, Council’s Role, and Councilors’ Roles
 - 1) Council Discussion

8. Action Items
 - a. Eversource Petition for Pole Placement at 133 South East Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - b. Proposed Special Act on Residential Property Transfer Fees
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - c. Public Ways: Long-Term Parking Reservation Request at 26 Spring Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote

- d. Voting Machines: Discontinuance of the Accu-Vote Optical Scan Tabulator and Replacement with ImageCast Precinct Optical Tabulator – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
 - e. Authorization of Town Manager to Enter Intergovernmental Agreement with UMass Donahue Institute for Program Evaluation Services
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
9. Appointments
- a. Town Manager Appointments – *Charter Sec. 2.11(b)*
 - 1) Water Supply Protection Committee: Steven Kurtz – Consent Agenda
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Council Appointments – *Charter Sec. 2.9(d)*
 - 1) Non-Voting Liaisons to Town Multiple Member Bodies
 - a) Review of Draft 2023 List of Bodies to be Assigned Council Liaisons
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote Councilor Liaison Appointments
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 14, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 9, 2023 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

15. Executive Session – *None*

16. Adjourn

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Public Comment:

Zoom: click “raise hand” during the public comment period

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

When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name, pronouns, and district or address.