



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

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/83424755500>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 834 2475 5500, 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:

- Regular Meeting: February 27, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee:
 - February 9, 4:30 p.m.
 - February 16, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee:
 - February 7, 3:00 p.m.
 - February 21, 3:00 p.m.
 - February 28, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee:
 - February 15, 9:30 a.m.
 - March 1, 9:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee:
 - February 9, 7:00 p.m.
 - February 23, 7:00 p.m.

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

Community Events:

WinterFest: January 28 - February 11

Fire and Ice Sculpture Festival and Luminaria: February 11

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.b. Referral of Centennial Funding Supplemental Budget Request to Finance Committee
- 8.c. Referral of Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendation to Finance Committee
- 8.d.1) Referral of Elementary School Building Project Debt Authorization to Finance Committee
- 8.d.2) Referral of Debt Exclusion Ballot Language and Impact to Taxpayers to Finance Committee
- 8.e. Referral of Non-Citizen Voting Special Legislation to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- 8.f. Approval of Long-Term Reservation of Public Way: Amherst Farmers Market
- 11.a-b. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - November 14, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - November 21, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes - Public Forum on the Budget
 - November 21, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - January 4, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Joint Meeting with Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
 - January 12, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Joint Meeting with Community Resources Committee and Finance Committee
 - January 23, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – School Building Project
 - January 23, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*

7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*

8. Action Items

- a. Eversource Petition for Pole Placement at 133 South East Street – Withdrawn
- b. Centennial Funding Supplemental Budget Request
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee – Consent Agenda
- c. Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendation
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee – Consent Agenda
- d. Elementary School Building Project
 - 1) Debt Authorization
 - a) Council Discussion

- b) Referral to Finance Committee – Consent Agenda
 - 2) Debt Exclusion: Ballot Language and Impact on Taxpayers
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee
 - 3) Debt Exclusion: Special Election Date, Early Voting Dates and Locations, Mail-in Ballots
 - a) Council Discussion
 - e. Non-Citizen Voting Special Legislation
 - 1) Sponsor Presentation
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote to Refer to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee – Consent Agenda
 - f. Public Way Long-Term Reservation Request: Amherst Farmers Market
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote – Consent Agenda
9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
 - b. Town Council Appointments
 - 1) Joint Capital Planning Committee – *Charter Sec. 5.7(b)*
 - a) Council Discussion
 - b) Motion 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. Joint Capital Planning Committee
 - f. Jones Library Building Committee
 - g. Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - h. Liaison Reports: Amherst Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Community Preservation Act Committee, Community Safety and Social Justice Committee, Disability Access Advisory Committee, Energy and Climate Action Committee, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, and Transportation Advisory Committee
11. Approval of Minutes
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- f. January 23, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – School Building Project
 - g. January 23, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
12. Town Manager Report
13. Town Council Comments
- a. President Report
 - 1) Addendum to January 23, 2023 President’s Report
 - b. Future Agenda Items
 - 1) Council Retreat
 - 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:

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*