



Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/83044971732>
Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, or by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 830 4497 1732. 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: March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee:
 - March 2, 4:30 p.m.
 - March 16, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee:
 - February 28, 3:00 p.m.
 - March 7, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee:
 - March 1, 9:30 a.m.
 - March 15, 9:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee:
 - March 2, 7:00 p.m.
 - March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming District Meetings:

- District 2: March 1, 6:00 p.m., by Zoom
- District 4: March 8, 7:00 p.m., by Zoom
- District 1: March 21, 7:00 p.m., by Zoom
- District 3: March 26, 2:00 p.m., Jones Library

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 Placements on Meadow 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. Adoption of 2023 Tibetan National Uprising Day Proclamation
 - 6.b. Adoption of COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day Resolution
 - 8.f. Approval of Eversource Petition for Pole Placements on Meadow Street
 - 8.h. Authorization of Town Council President to Sign a Letter in Support of the Protecting Community Television Act
 - 8.i. Proposed Amendments to Town Council Rules of Procedure: Rules 1.4, 2.1.d.3, 2.1.d.4, 10.6, appendix A
 - 8.j. Referral of Proposal for Increase to Councilor Stipends and Childcare Costs to Finance Committee
 - 11.a-e. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - December 5, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - December 12, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - December 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Four Towns
 - December 19, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - February 6, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
- a. 2023 Tibetan National Uprising Day Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day Resolution
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
- a. Role of Councilors as Non-Voting Liaisons
 - 1) Council Discussion
8. Action Items
- a. Elementary School Building Project
 - 1) Debt Exclusion Ballot Language
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - 2) Debt Exclusion Special Election Date, Early Voting, Mail-in Voting
 - a) Council Discussion

- b) Motions and Votes
- b. Community Preservation Act Project Allocations
 - 1) Appropriation and Transfer Order FY24-07A: Appropriating the FY2024 Community Preservation Act Budget
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - 2) Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization Order FY24-08A: Appropriating and Authorizing Debt for the Replacement and Improvements to the Fort River School Fields under Recreation
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
- c. Centennial Water Treatment Plant
 - 1) Rescind Borrowings Authorized but Unissued Order FY23-13C: Rescinding Authorized but Unissued Bonds
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
 - 2) Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization Order FY24-09A: Approving and Authorizing Borrowing to Fund Capital Projects
 - a) Finance Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
- d. Water and Sewer Line Ownership in Proposed Water and Sewer Regulations: Request to Town Manager
 - 1) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - 2) Finance Committee Report
 - 3) Council Discussion
 - 4) Motion and Vote
- e. Proposed Amendments to Bylaw 3.40 Snow and Ice – First Reading
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
- f. Eversource Petition for Pole Placements on Meadow Street – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
- g. Special Act Extending Voting Rights to Lawful Permanent Residents
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- h. Authorization of Town Council President to Sign a Letter in Support of the Protecting Community Television Act – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion

- 2) Motion and Vote
 - i. Proposed Amendments to Town Council Rules of Procedure: Rules 1.4, 2.1.d.3, 2.1.d.4, 10.6, appendix A – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - j. Proposal for Increase to Councilor Stipends and Childcare Costs – Consent Agenda with discussion on agenda
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to Refer to Finance Committee
9. Appointments
- a. Town Manager Appointments – *None*
 - b. Town Council 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. 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 – Consent Agenda
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 - b. December 12, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - c. December 17, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – Four Towns
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 - e. February 6, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
12. Town Manager Report
13. Town Council Comments
- a. President 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:

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

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