



**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/86265054901>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 862 6505 4901, 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:

- Town Council Retreat: March 25, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Public Forum on Appropriation and Debt Authorization for School Building Project: April 3, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting: April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee:
 - March 30, 4:30 p.m.
 - April 6, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee:
 - March 21, 3:00 p.m.
 - April 4, 3:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee:
 - March 29, 9:30 a.m.
 - April 12, 9:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee:
 - March 23, 7:00 p.m.
 - April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming District Meetings:

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

Community Events

- Screening of The Big Payback and discussion with former Evanston Alderwoman Robin Rue Simmons, sponsored by AHRA – March 30, 2023, 6:00 PM (Flyer is in the packet)

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. Adoption of 2023 Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation
 - Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation
 - 6.b. Adoption of 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation
 - 11.a. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - March 6, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations – Consent Agenda
 - a. 2023 Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motions and Votes
7. Presentations and Discussion
8. Action Items
 - a. Appropriation and Debt Authorization for the Elementary School Building Project
 - 1) Council and Finance Committee Discussion
 - 2) Automatic Referral to Finance Committee
 - b. Proposed Water and Sewer Bylaws – First Reading
 - 1) Town Service and Outreach Committee Report
 - 2) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 3) Council Discussion
 - c. Proposed Water and Sewer Regulations – First Reading
 - 1) Town Service and Outreach Committee Report
 - 2) Finance Committee Report
 - 3) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report

- 4) Council Discussion
- d. Proposed Surveillance Use Policy: Police Department In-cruiser Video and Audio
 - 1) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
- e. Authorization for President to Sign a Letter Regarding the East-West Rail Commission
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote
- f. Proposed Flag Policy
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to refer to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
- g. Town Council Meeting Format
 - 1) Council Discussion
- 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
 - 1) Audit Report
 - 2) OPEB Report
 - 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
 - a. March 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:

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*