



Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee of the Town Council

July 6, 2022, 9:00 – 11:00 am Regular Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85663119860>

Note: Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public are able to access the meeting in real time via Zoom or by telephone.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Action Items

- a. Plant Medicine Resolution
 - i. Discussion & Vote
- b. Resolution in Support of Common Sense Gun Laws and Opposing Legislation That Threatens Public Safety
 - i. Discussion & Vote
- c. Resolution Affirming Amherst's Support of Access to Reproductive Care and Abortion Services
 - i. Discussion & Vote
- d. Review of Bylaw 3.23: Peeking or Peering into the Place of Habitation
 - I. Discussion & Vote
- e. Review of Bylaw 3.22: Discharging of Firearms
 - I. Discussion & Vote

3. Presentation and Discussion Items

- a. Equity Lens Review Process
 - i. Review equity lens models and begin to discuss goals

4. General Public Comment

Public comments on matters within the jurisdiction of the GOL. Residents are welcome to express their views for 1 to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the GOL Chair, based upon the number of people who want to speak. GOL will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Public Comment. To participate in public comment, see instructions below.

5. Minutes

- a. Adoption of June 8, 2022, Minutes

6. Announcements

7. Next Agenda Preview

8. Items Not Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance

9. Adjourn

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During the public comment period, the Chair will recognize members of the public. When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name, pronouns, and district or address.

Referrals and Potential Future Agenda Items:

(This list is meant to give guidance to the GOL Chair, staff, and public; Some items depend upon future Council actions; Some items may never be placed on an agenda; Items that have been specifically referred to GOL are marked as such)

Current Outstanding Council Referrals:

- ∇ MOVED: To request the Town Manager provide the Town Council with information regarding the following General Bylaws by June 30, 2022, as detailed in the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee memo "Recommended Disposition of Referral of 'Bylaws Identified for Future Consideration,'" dated December 6, 2021:
- Bylaw 2.4: Personnel Bylaw
 - Bylaw 3.3: Human Rights & Human Rights Commission
 - Bylaw 3.7: Licenses and Permits - Denial, Revocation, or Suspension for Failure to Pay Municipal Taxes or Charges
 - Bylaw 3.16: Littering and Illegal Dumping
 - Bylaw 3.31: Wetlands Protection
 - Bylaw 3.46: Right to Farm
 - Bylaw 3.49: Residential Rental Property
 - Bylaw 3.34: Regulation of Signs
 - Bylaw 3.35: Parades and Public Meetings

Potential Future Agenda Items:

- Develop an equity lens review process
- Develop and recommend a process for proclamations in coordination with the HRC
- Review Proclamation List
- Bylaws in the opinion of GOL to be carried over to next Council
 - Bylaw 3.23: Peeking or Peering into the Place of Habitation
 - Bylaw 3.27: Ban of EPS Foam in Food Establishments and Town Facilities
 - Bylaw 2.3: Town Fees and Charges
 - Bylaw 3.21: Regulations Relating to Animals
 - Bylaw 3.22: Discharging of Firearms
 - Bylaw 3.26: Nuisance House
 - Bylaw 3.36: Soliciting
 - Bylaw 3.39: Street Numbering of Houses
 - Bylaw 3.40: Snow and Ice
 - Bylaw 3.48: Local Historic Districts
 - Bylaw 3.2: Special Board of Appeals