



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:00 a.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Minutes

Complete video is available online: <https://amherstmedia.org/content/amherst-town-council-departmental-briefings-11619>

1. Call to order and declaration of a quorum

President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Councilors present: Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DeAngelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz.

Councilors absent: None

Councilors participating remotely: None

Town staff present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Town Clerk and Clerk of the Council Margaret Nartowicz, Human Resources Director Deb Radway, Interim Finance Director and Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Principal Assessor David Burgess, Assistant Comptroller Holly Bowser, Acting Collector Jen LaFountain, Acting Treasurer Cheryl Boucher, and Library Director Sharon Sharry.

President Griesemer announced audio and video recording by Amherst Media.

2. Announcements

President Griesemer and the Town Manager thanked the staff responsible for renovating the Town Room in preparation for the Town Council.

3. Proclamations

4. Presentations and Discussion

- a) Human Resources Department Overview – Director of Human Resources Deb Radway and Personnel Board Chair Dr. Tony Butterfield.

- b) Finance Department Overview – Interim Finance Director and Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Principal Assessor David Burgess, Assistant Comptroller Holly Bowser, Acting Collector Jen LaFountain, and Acting Treasurer Cheryl Boucher.
- c) Library Department Overview – Library Director Sharon Sharry.

5. Public Comment

Kent Faerber, a former Library Trustee, made positive remarks about the “browsing” rather than “research” nature of the Amherst libraries, and applauded the work of the Library Director.

6. Councilor Comments

Councilor Steinberg pointed out that the budget booklets councilors received at an earlier meeting contain additional information about departments, and encouraged councilors to review their booklets.

7. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance – None

8. Adjourn

MOVED: Councilor Schreiber moved, second by Councilor Hanneke to adjourn.

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Clerk & Clerk of the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

Agenda 01-16-19 Rev. 01-11-19

Finance Presentation 2019-01-16 PDF

Human Resources presentation to Town Council PDF

Jones Library Council Presentation 1-15-19 PDF

All presentations are available at <https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/3461>