



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021**

6:45 p.m. or immediately following the Public Forum

Virtual Meeting: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/83751519193>

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- April 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: April 13, 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: April 6, 2:00 p.m.
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: April 7, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: April 8, 5:00 p.m.

Flag-raising Ceremony for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month:
April 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in front of Town Hall

All meeting agendas and details are posted at www.AmherstMA.gov/Calendar

COVID-19 Call-in Number and Email:

The COVID-19 Concern Line (413) 259-2425 and email address covidconcerns@amherstma.gov are now available for residents to communicate their concerns about masks, social distancing, gatherings, etc.

3. Hearings
 - a. Regional School Budget – *Charter Sec. 5.5(a)*
 - (1) Finance Committee call to order
 - (2) Presentation
 - (3) Questions from Councilors
 - (4) Public Questions
 - (5) Public speaking in Favor
 - (6) Public speaking in Opposition
 - (7) Questions from Councilors

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 up on 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. **To participate in public comment, see instructions below.***

5. Consent Agenda

- Suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.c. Amendment to Town Manager Public Safety Goal
- 8.a. Referral of Regional School Budget to Finance Committee
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
 - March 22, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - March 22, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Public Forum

6. Resolutions and Proclamations – *None*

7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*

8. Action Items

a. Regional School Budget – Consent Agenda

- (1) Council Discussion
- (2) Motion and Vote to Refer to Finance Committee

b. Jones Library Appropriations

- (1) Finance Committee Report
- (2) Council Discussion
 - a) FY22-08A: Community Preservation Act Borrowing Authorization: Jones Special Collections
 - b) FY21-06C Jones Library Expansion and Restoration Borrowing Authorization
 - c) Authorization of Town Manager to Accept Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Grant
 - d) Authorization of Town Manager to Enter Memorandum of Understanding between the Jones Library and the Town of Amherst
- (3) Motions and Votes

c. Amendment to Town Manager Public Safety Goal

- (1) Town Manager Memo
- (2) Council Discussion
- (3) Motion and Vote

d. Zoning Bylaw 10.02 Related to Associate Members of the Planning Board

- (1) Council Discussion
- (2) Motion and Vote to refer to Community Resources Committee for appointment recommendations or to Community Resources Committee and Planning Board for Public Hearing and Recommendation and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for Review and Recommendation

- e. Addition of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 10.10 Reappointment of Members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Resident Members of the Finance Committee related to term limits – First Discussion
 - (1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - (2) 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
 - d. Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
 - e. Joint Capital Planning Committee
 - f. Town Services and Outreach Committee
 - g. Liaison Reports: Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Board of License Commissioners, Community Preservation Act Committee, Council on Aging, Disability Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee
- 11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda
 - a. March 22, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - b. March 22, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Public Forum
- 12. Town Manager Report
- 13. Town Council Comments
 - a. President Report
 - b. Future Agenda Items
 - c. Councilor Comments
- 14. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
- 15. Executive Session - *None*
- 16. Adjourn

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When prompted to enter your participant number press #

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