



**Town of Amherst  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

**Town Hall, Town Room**

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**Agenda**

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1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
  - Upcoming Town Council Meetings:
    - Finance Committee and Town Council Public Hearing on the Budget: May 16, 5:00 p.m.
    - Regular Town Council Meeting: May 16, 6:30 p.m.
  - Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:
    - Community Resources Committee: May 12, 4:30 p.m., Zoom
    - Elementary School Building Project Community Forum: May 5, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
    - Finance Committee Meeting, May 3, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
    - Governance Organization, and Legislative Committee: May 11, 9:30 a.m., Zoom
    - Town Services and Outreach Committee: May 5, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
3. Hearings
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. **To participate in public comment, see instructions below.***
5. Consent Agenda
  - 6.a. Adoption of the 2022 Art Week Proclamation
  - 6.b. Adoption of the 2022 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation
  - 6.c. Adoption of the 2022 Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation
  - 8.b. Referral of the FY23 Budget to Finance Committee

- 8.c. Referral of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study to Community Resources Committee
  - 11.a. Approval of the following Town Council meeting minutes:
    - April 25, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: Information Session
    - April 25, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
6. Resolutions and Proclamations
- a. 2022 Art Week Proclamation – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
  - b. 2022 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
  - c. 2022 Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation – Consent Agenda
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
  - d. Resolution Protecting Adult Access to Plant Medicines & Prioritizing Public Health Responses to Controlled Substance Possession
    - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Reading
    - 4) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion
8. Action Items
- a. FY23 Regional School District Budget, Assessment Method, and Capital Debt Authorizations
    - 1) Separate consideration of the Regional School Budget – Consent Agenda
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Public Comment
    - 4) Motions and Votes
  - b. FY23 Budget
    - 1) Presentation – Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Finance Director Sean Mangano and Comptroller Sonia Aldrich
    - 2) Council Discussion
    - 3) Motion and Vote to refer to Finance Committee – Consent Agenda
  - c. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study – Consent Agenda

- 1) Council Discussion
- 2) Motion and Vote to refer to Community Resources Committee
- d. Establishment of Rental Registration, Permit, and Inspection Fees in accordance with General Bylaw 3.50 – Residential Rental Property
  - 1) Finance Committee Report
  - 2) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
  - 3) Council Discussion
  - 4) Motion and Vote
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. Jones Library Building Committee
  - f. Town Services and Outreach Committee
  - g. Liaison Reports: Amherst Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Community Safety and Social Justice Committee, Disability Access Advisory Committee, Energy and Climate Action Committee, Planning Board, and Transportation Advisory Committee
11. Approval of Minutes
  - a. April 25, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: Information Session
  - b. April 25, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
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 Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
15. Executive Session – *None*
16. Adjourn

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