

**Town of Amherst
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall**

Virtual Public Access: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/87089209988>

Agenda

Note: Members of the public may attend virtually via Zoom, by phone by calling phone (301) 715-8592, enter webinar ID: 870 8920 9988, 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:

- September 26, 6:00 p.m.
 - Special Meeting of the Town Council and remaining members of the Amherst School Committee – Interviews and Election to fill Amherst School Committee vacancies
- October 2, 6:30 p.m.
 - Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings

- Community Resources Committee:
 - September 21, 4:30 p.m.
 - October 5, 4:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee:
 - Meeting dates TBD
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee:
 - September 27, 9:30 a.m.
 - October 11, 9:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee:
 - September 28, 7:00 p.m.
 - October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Visit the boards and committees calendar at www.AmherstMA.Gov/Calendar for up-to-date meeting information

Upcoming Community Events

- Community Preservation Act Requests Accepted until October 1, 2023
- Puerto Rican Heritage Day Celebration September 22, 2023

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. Public comments are not reflective of the opinions of the Town Council.
5. Consent Agenda
 - 6.a. 2023 Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation
 - 6.b. Resolution in Support of Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - 9.a.1-2. Approval of the following Town Manager Appointments
 - Community Preservation Act Committee
 - Design Review Board
6. Resolutions and Proclamations
 - a. 2023 Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Resolution in Support of Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
7. Presentations and Discussion – *None*
8. Action Items
 - a. Councilor Compensation Funding Plan
 - 1) Finance Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - 3) Motion and Vote
 - b. Town Manager Evaluation Timeline
 - 1) Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee Report
 - 2) Council Discussion
 - c. Town Manager Goals
 - 1) Council Discussion
 - 2) Motion and Vote to Refer to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee
9. Appointments
 - a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda
 - 1) Design Review Board: Historical Commission Representative Patricia Auth and Planning Board Representative Karin Winter, for terms to expire June 30, 2024
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote

- 2) Community Preservation Act Committee: Katie Zobel (reappointment), for a term to expire June 30, 2026
 - a) Town Services and Outreach Committee Report
 - b) Council Discussion
 - c) Motion and Vote
- 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. African Heritage Reparations Assembly -- update
 - 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 – *None*
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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Public Comment:

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