



Community Resources Committee of the Town Council

August 18, 2020, 2 – 4 pm Regular Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/95943213156>

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Community Resources Committee is being conducted via remote participation.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Action Items
 - a. Planning Board Appointments – Interview Questions and Interview Timing
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Motions & Votes
3. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Comprehensive Housing Policy
4. General Public Comment

Public comments on matters within the jurisdiction of the CRC. Residents are welcome to express their views for 1 to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the CRC Chair, based upon the number of people who want to speak. CRC 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 3, 2020 Minutes (Joint with Planning Board)
 - b. Adoption of June 17, 2020 Minutes (Joint with Planning Board)
 - c. Adoption of July 21, 2020 Minutes
 - d. Adoption of August 4, 2020 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 and address.



Referrals and Potential Future Agenda Items:

(This list is meant to give guidance to the CRC 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 CRC are marked as such)

Current Outstanding Council Referrals:

- **MOVED:** to refer the Community Resources Committee report dated 2/4/2020, the Finance Committee report appendices titled “Finance Committee housing policy report” and “Affordable Housing – Town Support,” and the “Proposed Amherst Affordable Housing Priorities Policy” to the Community Resources Committee to develop a comprehensive housing policy, with report to the Council within 90 days. - **referred on February 10, 2020**

Unscheduled (in addition to referrals):

- Designating a CRC member to attend Planning Board Meetings regarding the Master Plan Update
- Hickory Ridge Master Plan
- North Common Rehabilitation
- Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Section 10.2 (Composition of Planning Board) – Per request of Councilor Schreiber
- Zoning Bylaws Currently in Discussion at ZSC or PB
 - Affordable Housing Initiatives
 - Supplemental Dwelling Units
 - Parking Requirements
 - Marijuana Buffers – two versions

Referrals Reported Back to Council, Council Action Remaining:

- Percent for Art Bylaw Proposal and Discussion of Report from Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee - referred on June 3, 2019 to CRC and Finance, with interim referral to Ad Hoc Committee – **Initially Reported Back to Council on January 8, 2020; Further Report Back on January 31, 2020**
- **MOVED:** To direct the Community Resources Committee to work with the Planning Board to recommend a plan for approaching zoning bylaw revisions - **referred on November 18, 2019 – Voted to Adopt Process on June 3, 2020 – Reported to Council on June 12, 2020**
- **MOVED:** To refer the Bylaw Banning the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals to the Community Resources Committee with a report and recommendation back to the Council in 90 days, and automatic referral to Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee. - **referred on April 6, 2020; Voted on Recommendation on July 21, 2020; Reported back to Council on July 29, 2020**