

Notice of Public Hearing
CDBG Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 7 PM

The Amherst CDBG Advisory Committee has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, June 16, 2021. This public hearing has been advertised and posted as a remote Zoom meeting, pursuant to the Covid-19 protocols that have been in place for more than a year. Accordingly, the expectation has been that the hearing will be entirely remote and neither the Town officials nor the public will be attending in person. However, the relevant state laws and Governor's executive order which allow these remote procedures are set to expire on June 15, 2021.

As of this writing, it is unclear if or when the Legislature will enact legislation, and if the Governor will sign same, to extend or alter the State laws which have permitted board members and the public to participate in meetings and hearings without having to be physically present. Because of this uncertainty, this "parallel" notice is being provided for either a remote or an in-person hearing on June 16, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has designated the Town of Amherst a Mini-Entitlement Community that is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. CDBG funds support housing, community development projects, and social service activities benefiting low-and moderate-income citizens. In accordance with DHCD regulations, Amherst's CDBG Advisory Committee will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7 PM** in the Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, to receive comments and suggestions from local residents regarding

1. Community priorities for the 2021 application process
 - a. Social services
 - b. Non-social services such as housing and public infrastructure
 - c. Target areas neighborhoods where non-social services can take place

In the event that the legislation is signed by the Governor on or before June 16, 2021, the hearing will be conducted remotely and the town officials and the public will participate remotely. If the required legislative extension is not enacted by June 16, the hearing will be held in person in the Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center.

Prior to the hearing, please check the Town's website and the online calendar for updated information on the hearing location and format, and how you may attend/participate.