



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7:00 PM

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Kelcourse

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Act on minutes** – October 14, 2014 and November 5, 2014

5. **Mayoral Appointments** – None at this time.

2014-128 Appointment D. M. Kligerman-Thomas to Council on Aging

2014-129 Appointment of John J. Call to Energy Committee

2014-130 Appointment of Rosemary E. Werner to Trustees of War Memorials.

2014-131 Appointment of Susan Ballard to Council on Aging

6. **Licenses & Permits – FYI**

General Business – 2 Girls Painting & Staging, 6 Andrews Lane, Catherine Barkley and Stacy Gijbers

Auctioneer License- - Merrimack Auction Inc., 109R Main Street, Dean C. Dillon

Junk Dealer/Second Hand/Antiques License – Merrimack Auction Inc., 109R Main St., Cheryl Murach

General Business – The Inner Cycle, 69 Haverhill Rd., Emily Skoniecki and Hillary Mandelbaum

Common Victualler – Taste Buddy Kitchen, 14 Cedar St., Rochelle Rosen

7. **Correspondence**

a. President/Vice President Communications

b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

8. **Public Comment**

9. **Council Response to Public Comment**

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10. Public Hearings:

2014-115 An ordinance to request that the City Council vote to amend the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw and Amesbury Overlay Zoning Map – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: The proposed zoning amendments seek to modify the existing overlay district boundary to include portion of a parcel not currently included in the overlay district and to make modifications to the provisions of Section XL.S

2014-122 An Order to request the City Council to vote that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to issue refunding bonds. - Mayor sponsor

Summary – This order will allow the city to refinance bonds in order to reduce interest costs.

2014-123 Order to Request Approval for a TIF Agreement and Plan, and Designate an Economic Opportunity Area for 284 Elm Street. - Mayor sponsor

11. First Readings –

2014-125 An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property.

Summary – On an annual basis, the City Council must vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of the burden to be borne by each class of property.

2014-126 An Order to request the City Council vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants.

Summary – On an annual basis, the City Council must vote to decide if the City of Amesbury shall increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants under the provisions of M.G. L.

2014-127 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$5,520 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Summary – The Massachusetts Cultural Council is allocating \$5,520 from the FY 2015 Local Cultural Council Funds to the Amesbury Cultural Council’s local fund.

2014-132 An Order to establish bylaws for the purposes of defining and governing the operation, organization and authority of the Board of Trustees of War Memorials.

Summary – The Board of Trustees of War Memorials was established by Town Meeting by virtue of acceptance of M.G.L. C. 41 §105, but the article did not establish detailed bylaws defining and governing the operation, organization and authority of the Board. The proposed bylaws address issues related to membership, duties, authority, and operation of the Board for the purposes of providing stronger, clearer and more localized guidance to the Trustees.

12. Adjourn

_____**Sharon Dunning**_____
Signature

_____**November 13, 2014**_____
Date