

7/8/2025 City Council Meeting

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2024 Bills- <https://www.amesburyma.gov/665/2024-Council-Bills>

2025 Bills - <https://www.amesburyma.gov/691/2025-Council-Bills>

2025-077 Appointment of John Rogers to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire February 28, 2030 **Approved**

2025-078 Appointment of Janice Pawlick to the position of member of the Amesbury Council of Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire February 29, 2028 **Approved**

2025-079 Reappointment of Arthur Levine to the position of member of the Amesbury Council of Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire February 29, 2028 **Approved**

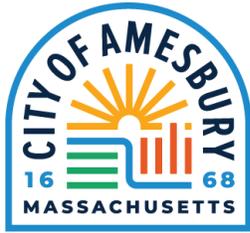
2025-080 Appointment of Robert Serino to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Amesbury **Approved**

2025-046 - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – Councilor Gilday Sponsor: Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive by the Amesbury DPW. **Withdrawn without prejudice**

2025-081 An Order to appropriate \$5,000 from the Streets and Sidewalks Stabilization Fund to the Temporary Repairs on Private Ways account – Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Streets and Sidewalks Stabilization Fund, which has a balance of \$265,484.04 to the Temporary Repairs on Private Ways account (120 0422 5861 05). This transfer will be used for temporary repairs on private ways for which there will be no betterment assessed upon abutting property owners. Repairs will be made as determined by the City and in accordance with Council Bill 1998-181. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F) on July 15th, Second Reading on July 22nd**

Measures Still on the Docket

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: The intent of this Order is to approve the acceptance by the City Council to the permanent drainage easement from Deborah S. Drew, Katherine D. Drew, and Kerry Drew-Baxter, record owners of the property located at 12 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the

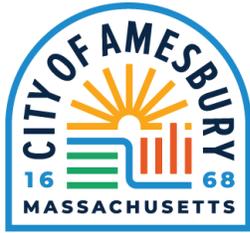


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purposes of constructing and maintaining a drainage system to alleviate flooding on the said property, and further to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance for the easement. **Referred to Planning Board- continued to July 14th, Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th – positive rec. and Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th – positive rec., continued to July 22nd.**

2025-072 An Order that \$211,935.00 is appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) to purchase the land and building located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the property for water supply protection, passive use recreational area, and conservation purposes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to acquire the land referenced above for use as water supply protection and passive recreational park purposes, and appropriate funds to pay costs of the purchase, which appropriation would be met with a transfer from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193). Pursuant to G.L. c. 44, the order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council. **referred to Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th- positive rec., Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th – positive rec., Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th – positive rec. , Planning Board- positive rec., Conservation Commission and Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails, 2ND Reading for July 22nd**

2025-073 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$122,661.00 from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) program to offset the City's costs to acquire the property at 128 Kimball Road in Amesbury for the purposes of drinking water resource protection and flood control management. Summary: The Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant Program provides financial assistance to public water systems and municipal water departments for the purchase of land or interests in land for protection of existing DEP-approved public drinking water supplies. The DWSP is a reimbursement-based program with a maximum of 60% compensation to municipalities for their acquisition. The award to Amesbury is for the requested amount of 60% reimbursement of the anticipated costs of the 128 Kimball Road property acquisition as well as for recording fees and DWSP requirements of title certification and survey. This parcel of real property located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, Massachusetts, being Assessor's Tax Map 33-7, containing 8.31 acres, more or less, abuts the Powwow River - Amesbury's primary surface water source. The property is also within 1,800' of a City wellhead and entirely within the City's Zone II wellhead protection area. The parcel is easily accessible from the road and will create access to the river for canoers and kayakers. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th – positive rec. , 2ND Reading on July 22nd**



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2025-074 An Order to establish a Crosswalk at Merrimack River Condominiums- Councilors Gilday and Stanganelli Sponsors Summary: The Amesbury City Council orders that the city create a crosswalk at or near 31 Merrimack Street for the purpose of increasing safety for people crossing between the Merrimack River Condominiums housing units on one side of the street and their condominium parking lot on the other. **Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A)- July 14th meeting cancelled- to revisit in September and Planning & Development (P&D)- July 16th meeting cancelled- to revisit in September, Second Reading on July 22nd.**