

# WELCOME TO THE LISTENING SESSION

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**Town of Amherst  
Major Capital Investment Projects**



# While you wait ...

- Please read the FAQs and framing questions
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know by asking:
  - Where do you live in town?
  - What do you do for fun?
  - What did you do on your last vacation?

# Commitment to Civility



Exploring  
Listening  
Asking  
Respecting  
Learning  
Deliberating



~~Interrupting, Dominating,  
Challenging, Attacking  
Accusing~~

The Key to Good Dialogue

# What to expect . . . .

- Welcome from the facilitator
- Video presentation of the projects
  - Clarifying questions
- Small group discussions
- Questions

# The Four Capital Investments

- Elementary School(s)
- Jones Library
- Central Fire/EMS Station
- Department of Public Works

# Discussion Framing Questions

1. What underlying core values of the Amherst community should shape the decision making?
2. Based on your concerns, what questions should the Council be asking as it considers these four projects?
3. What additional information do you need about the individual or overall capital projects?
4. What makes you hopeful or excited for Amherst about these four projects?