

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES

Monday, June 3, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg

Members Absent: Councilor Swartz

Members Participating Remotely: None

Staff Present: Margaret Nartowicz, Clerk of Council; Paul Bockelman, Town Manager; Sonia Aldrich, Interim Finance Director; Guilford Mooring, Department of Public Works Superintendent

Ms. Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

3. Hearings

Pole Hearing on EVERSOURCE Utility Pole, East Pleasant Street [MGL c.166, §22]

Public Hearing Opened: 6:33 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:37 p.m.

MOVED: To adopt the order for a pole location as petitioned by EVERSOURCE to install one solely owned pole approximately 73 feet northerly of the centerline of Harlow Drive and 23 feet easterly of the centerline of East Pleasant Street for the purpose of installing a new transformer, as shown on the plan marked 6A822132 and as recommended by the DPW Superintendent, and to authorize the Town Council President to execute certification of the Council's adoption of the order.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Ross

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. LGBTQ Pride Month

MOVED: To adopt the LGBTQ Pride Month Proclamation as presented.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Ross

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

6. Presentations and Discussion

a. Percent for Art Proposal

MOVED: To refer the Percent for Art bylaw proposal to the Community Resources Committee and the Finance Committee, for reporting back to the Town Council within 45 days.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Pam

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

7. Action Items

a. FY20 Operating Budget

MOVED: To adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY20-04, “**An Order Appropriating the Town of Amherst FY2020 Operating Budget**”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on pages 10 and 11 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget”.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

MOVED: To adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY20-06, “**An Order Rescinding an Authorized but Unissued Bond**”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 14 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget”.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

MOVED: To adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY20-11, “**Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions for FY2020**”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 21 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget”.

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: Bahl-Milne

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

d. Town Manager Evaluation Process and Calendar

MOVED: To approve the timeline as recommended by OCA for the Town Manager performance evaluation.

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: Brewer

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

8. Appointments

a. Ranked Choice Voting Commission

- (1) **MOVED:** To appoint to the Ranked Choice Voting Commission under the Amherst Home Rule Charter section 10.10 for terms commencing immediately: Tanya Leise, Jesse Crafts-Finch, and John Bryan, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee; further, the commission shall propose a measure to the Town Council by September 1, 2020 and the Town Council shall adopt the proposed measure with or without amendments within 90 days of receipt; terms will expire June 3, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Brewer

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

- (2) **MOVED:** To confirm the Town Manager’s appointments to the Ranked Choice Voting Commission under the Amherst Home Rule Charter sections 10.10 and 2.11(b) for terms commencing immediately: Ellen Lindsey, Carroll (Rob) Robertson, and Peggy Shannon, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee; further, the commission shall propose a measure to the Town Council by September 1, 2020 and the Town Council shall adopt the proposed measure with or without amendments within 90 days of receipt; terms will expire June 3, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Brewer

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

b. Participatory Budgeting Commission

- (1) **MOVED:** To appoint to the Participatory Budgeting Commission under Amherst Home Rule Charter section 10.11, for terms commencing immediately: Meg Gage and Elizabeth Larson, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee; further, the Commission shall propose a measure to the Town Council by December 1, 2020 and the Town Council shall act by voting upon the proposed measure with or without amendments within 90 days of receipt; terms will expire June 3, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

- (2) **MOVED:** To confirm the Town Manager's appointments to the Participatory Budgeting Commission under Amherst Home Rule Charter section 10.11, for terms commencing immediately: John Fenske and John Page, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee; further, the Commission shall propose a measure to the Town Council by December 1, 2020 and the Town Council shall act by voting upon the proposed measure with or without amendments within 90 days of receipt; terms will expire June 3, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

c. Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission

MOVED: To confirm the Town Manager's appointments to the Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission under Amherst Home Rule Charter section 2.11(b): for a 3-year term commencing immediately upon confirmation, Stephanie Jackson; for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2019, Victor Nunez Ortiz; for a 3-year term of reappointment commencing July 1, 2019, Sarah Marshall; all whose terms shall expire June 30, 2022; and for 2-year terms of reappointment commencing July 1, 2019, Rebekah Demling and Meg Rosa whose terms shall expire June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee.

Motion by: Pam
Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent.

10. Approval of Minutes

a. – d. May 15, 20, 21, 23, 2019

MOVED: To approve the May 15, May 20, May 21, and May 23, 2019 Town Council meeting minutes as presented/amended.

Motion by: Ryan
Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: 10-0-2

Abstain Bahl-Milne, Abstain Brewer, Yes De Angelis, Yes DuMont, Yes Griesemer, Yes Hanneke, Yes Pam, Yes Ross, Yes Ryan, Yes Schoen, Yes Schreiber, Yes Steinberg, Absent Swartz

Adjourn

MOVED: To adjourn the June 3, 2019 meeting of the Town Council.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Steinberg

VOTED: 12-0; Councilor Swartz was absent

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.