

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, August 26, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Councilor Steinberg ended remote participation at 10:36 p.m. and was absent for the remainder of the meeting

Members Participating Remotely: Councilor Steinberg unofficial

Staff Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Economic Development Director Geoff Kravitz, Principal Assessor David Burgess, Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keefe

President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

3. Hearings

Public Hearing: Installation of Conduit on South Pleasant Street and Transformer on South Common

MOVED: To continue the hearing to September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Schoen

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Proclamation to Celebrate the Jewish Community of Amherst's 50th Anniversary

MOVED: To adopt the proclamation to Celebrate the Jewish Community of Amherst's 50th Anniversary.

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

7. Action Items

c. Percent for Art Bylaw Work Group

MOVED: To end the discussion and call the question.

Motion by: Councilor De Angelis

Seconded by:

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 9-4-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Brewer, Hanneke, Ross and Swartz voted No)

MOVED: To create the Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee, as follows:

1. The Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee shall have five (5) Voting members, appointed by the President of the Town Council, as follows.
 - Three (3) Councilors
 - Two (2) Active Members of the Public Arts Commission
2. The focus of the Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee shall be to update and revise the Percent for Art Bylaw passed by Town Meeting in Spring 2017.
3. The Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee shall:
 - Revise the previous bylaw to address concerns identified by the Massachusetts Legislature
 - Clarify definitions
 - Respond to questions or concerns raised by Council Committees
 - Propose a revised version of the Bylaw for consideration by the Community Resources Committee and Finance Committee.
4. The Percent for Art Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee shall provide a revised and updated bylaw with a report explaining changes from the original Percent for Art bylaw passed by Town Meeting to the Community Resources Committee and Finance Committee by October 31, 2019, and subsequently report to the Town Council by November 30, 2019.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schreiber

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 10-3-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke, Ross, and Swartz voted No)

d. Draft Affordable Housing Priorities Policy

MOVED: To refer the Draft Affordable Housing Priorities Policy to the Community Resources Committee and Finance Committee, with a report back to the Town Council by October 1, 2019.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

e. Adoption of the Town Manager Composite Evaluation Memo

MOVED: To accept the Town Manager Evaluation Memo as amended.

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: Bahl-Milne

VOTED: 11-0-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont Abstained; Councilor Steinberg was absent)

8. Appointments

a. Confirmation of Town Manager Appointments [Charter Sec. 2.11(b)]

(1) Design Review Board

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to Design Review Board, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee verbal report of August 26, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Lindsay Schnarr (reappointment)
- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Catharine Porter (reappointment)
- For a one-year term to expire June 30, 2020:
 - Erika Zekos

Motion by: Brewer

Seconded by: Ross

VOTED: 11-0-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Schreiber Abstained; Councilor Steinberg was absent)

(2) Board of Assessors

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Board of Assessors, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee verbal report of August 26, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Legrand Hines (reappointment)
- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Ken Hargreaves (reappointment)

Motion by: Brewer

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: 12-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

10. Approval of Minutes

a. August 19, 2019

MOVED: To approve the August 19, 2019 Town Council meeting minutes, as presented/amended.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: 8-0-4 (Councilors De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Schoen, and Schreiber voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, Ryan, and Swartz Abstained; Councilor Steinberg was absent)

14. Executive Session

MOVED: That the Town Council meet in executive session for three purposes pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 30A, sec. 21(a):

- (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, units SEIU, DPW, DPW

Supervisors, Police Patrol, and Police Supervisors, as the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, AND

- (2) To conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman, AND
- (2) To conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Manager Paul Bockelman

The Town Council will not reconvene in open session.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Pam

VOTED BY ROLL CALL: 11-1-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Brewer voted No; Councilor Steinberg was absent)

The Council entered into executive session at 11:00 p.m.