

Town of Amherst

UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, November 18, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

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

Members Absent: None

Members Participating Remotely: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Economic Development Director Geoff Kravitz, Sustainability Coordinator Stephanie Ciccarello, and Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe

President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

6. Presentations and Discussion

a. Capital Investments Listening Sessions

MOVED: To proceed with the Capital Investments Community Listening Sessions, as presented.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: 12-0-1, Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz Voted Yes; Councilor DuMont Abstained

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Small Business Saturday

MOVED: To adopt the Small Business Saturday Proclamation, as presented.

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously

b. Goodwin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Restoration - amendment

MOVED: To amend the Proclamation in Support of Goodwin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Restoration to include reference to 2015 Town Meeting vote to appropriate CPA funds to the church.

Motion by: Brewer

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously

Goodwin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Restoration Proclamation

MOVED: To adopt the Proclamation in Support of Goodwin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Restoration, as amended to include reference to 2015 Town Meeting vote to appropriate CPA funds to the church.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously

7. Action Items

a. Energy and Climate Action Committee Recommendations

MOVED: To refer the Climate Action Goals, as recommended by the Energy and Climate Action

Committee report of November 13, 2019, to the Community Resources Committee and Finance Committee, with a report to the Council in 45 days.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ross

VOTED: 1-12 Councilor Hanneke votes Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted No. The motion failed.

MOVED: To suspend rule 8.4.

Motion by: Brewer

Seconded by: Swartz

VOTED: 1-12 Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Hanneke voted No.

MOVED: To adopt the following Climate Action Goals, as recommended by the Energy and Climate Action Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- 50% reduction in Town-wide greenhouse gas emissions below FY2016 levels by 2030, with an interim goal to meet 25% reductions by 2025.
- Be carbon neutral no later than 2050.
- Be prepared to achieve carbon neutrality as early as 2030 by planning and advocating for state and federal action and taking advantage of technological advances.

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: Unanimously

6.b. Downtown Parking Working Group Report

MOVED: To refer the Downtown Parking study and memo from the Downtown Parking Working Group to the Community Resources Committee, with a report back to the Town Council on the priority recommendations of the Downtown Parking Working Group.

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: 12-1-0, Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Pam voted No.

MOVED: To dissolve the Downtown Parking Working Group.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Griesemer

VOTED: Unanimously

7.b. Amendment to Rules of Procedure Rules 10.4 and 10.5, relating to ad hoc committees and work groups

MOVED: To amend the document titled “Rule 10.4 Ad Hoc Council Committees Adopted by GOL 10-02-2019” by adding the following language after “An Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved by majority vote of the Council:” “unless the motion to create includes a date or other provision regarding its dissolution.”

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: 12-1 Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor De Angelis voted No.

MOVED: To amend the Town Council Rules of Procedure as follows:

1. Rescind current Rule 10.4 Ad Hoc Council Committees in its entirety;
2. Adopt new language for Rule 10.4 Ad Hoc Council Committees as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Report dated November 18, 2019 and set forth in the document titled “Rule 10.4 Ad Hoc Council Committees Adopted by GOL 10-02-2019” as amended;
3. Delete the heading “10.5 Work Groups (Will refer to GOL – To develop way to enable work groups)” in its entirety;
4. Renumber Rules 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, and 10.10 to Rules 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, and 10.9 respectively;
5. Amend Rule 10.3, first bullet point, changing “10.10” to “10.9”; and
6. Update the Table of Contents to reflect these changes.

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: 12-0-1 Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Pam Abstained

d. Designation of Representatives to Four Towns Meeting Follow Up

MOVED: To designate the Council President and the Chair of the Finance Committee to speak on behalf of the Town Council in discussions at the Four Towns Meeting.

Motion by: Schoen

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously

e. Master Plan Update Referral

MOVED: To direct the Community Resources Committee, working jointly with the Planning Board, to recommend a process for updating and adopting the Master Plan in accordance with Charter Sec. 9.8.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Brewer

VOTED: Unanimously

MOVED: To direct the Community Resources Committee to work with the Planning Board to recommend a plan for approaching zoning bylaw revisions.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Steinberg

VOTED: Unanimously

8. Appointments

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

(1) Agricultural Commission

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Agricultural Commission, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Cassandra Uricchio (non-resident)
 - Ryan Karb (reappointment)
- For an two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Jada Haas

- Christopher Von Achen

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously

(2) Cultural Council

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Cultural Council, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Jennifer Lind (reappointment)
 - Julianne Applegate
 - Terry Rooney
- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Georgia Barnhill (reappointment)
 - Sondra Radosh (reappointment)

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously

(3) Disability Access Advisory Committee

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Disability Access Advisory Committee, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Myra Ross
 - Elysse Link
 - Ruth Smith (reappointment)
- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Serin Derin (reappointment)
 - Victoria Dixon (reappointment)
- For a one-year term to expire June 30, 2020:
 - Gerald Weiss (reappointment)

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously

(4) Human Rights Commission

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointment to the Human Rights Commission, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Petua Mukimba

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously

(5) Munson Memorial Library Building Trustees

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Munson Memorial Building Trustees, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:

- Jennifer Vanderleeden
- For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Oliver Waldman

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: Unanimously

(6) Transportation Advisory Committee

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee, effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee report of November 13, 2019:

- For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Bruce Carson (reappointment)
 - Marcus Smith
- For an two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:
 - Aaron Hayden (reappointment)
 - Tracy Zafian
- For a three-year term, effective April 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Bernie Kubiak

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Ryan

VOTED: 12-0-1, Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont Abstained.

10. Approval of Minutes

a. October 21, 2019, October 28, 2019 Primer on the Master Plan, October 28, 2019 Public Forum to Address the Master Plan, November 7, 2019 Financial Indicators, November 7, 2019 Public Forum on the Town Budget

MOVED: To approve the minutes of October 21, 2019, October 28, 2019 Primer on the Master Plan, October 28, 2019 Public Forum to Address the Master Plan, November 7, 2019 Financial Indicators, November 7, 2019 Public Forum on the Town Budget, as amended.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: 8-0-5, Councilors De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DuMont, Ross, and Swartz Abstained.

15. Adjourn

MOVED: To adjourn the November 18, 2019 meeting of the Town Council.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Hanneke

VOTED: Unanimously

The Council adjourned at 11:33 p.m.