

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, January 6, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Bahl-Milne

Members Participating Remotely: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Superintendent of Schools Michael Morris, Sustainability Coordinator Stephanie Ciccarello, and Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation

MOVED: To proclaim January 15, 2020 as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and adopt the REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR PROCLAMATION, as presented.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: De Angelis

VOTED: 12-0 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent)

7. Action Items

a. Community Choice Aggregation

MOVED: To authorize the Town Manager to act jointly with other municipalities to initiate the process to aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, Section 134 for the primary purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and the development of local renewable distributed energy resources, provided that the Town Council shall be required to approve the municipal aggregation plan before it is filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and after it is developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Further, to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement or a joint powers agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A or Section 4A1/2 to develop and administer the municipal aggregation herein authorized and provide for additional energy-related products and services, provided that execution of said agreement shall be subject to authorization by the Town Council at a future meeting.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ross

MOTION: Councilor DuMont moved, second by Councilor Hanneke to amend the motion by (1) deleting the phrase "provided that the Town Council shall be required to approve the municipal aggregation plan before it is filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and after it is developed in consultation with the Department

of Energy Resources (DOER)" in the first sentence and replacing it with the phrase "starting with developing a municipal aggregation plan to be filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) after it is developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER)"; (2) deleting the word "negotiate" in the second sentence and replacing with the word "execute" "; and (3) deleting the phrase ", provided that execution of said agreement shall be subject to authorization by the Town Council at a future meeting".

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: Hanneke

Councilor Hanneke requested that the motion be divided.

VOTED: 8-3-1 (Councilors De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg, voted Yes; Councilors Brewer, Ross, and Swartz voted No, Councilor Schoen Abstained; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent) to amend the motion by (2) deleting the word "negotiate" in the second sentence and replacing with the word "execute" "; and (3) deleting the phrase ", provided that execution of said agreement shall be subject to authorization by the Town Council at a future meeting".

VOTED 12-0 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent) to amend the motion by (1) deleting the phrase "provided that the Town Council shall be required to approve the municipal aggregation plan before it is filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and after it is developed in consultation with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER)" in the first sentence and replace it with the phrase "starting with developing a municipal aggregation plan to be filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) after it is developed in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER)";

VOTED 12-0 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent) to authorize the Town Manager to act jointly with other municipalities to initiate the process to aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, Section 134 for the primary purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and the development of local renewable distributed energy resources, starting with developing a municipal aggregation plan to be filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) after it is developed in consultation with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Further, the Amherst Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement or a joint powers agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A or Section 4A1/2 to develop and administer the municipal aggregation herein authorized and provide for additional energy-related products and services.

d. Amendment to Rules of Procedure Rule 10.5h, regarding public comment at special meetings – Second Reading

MOVED: To amend the Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 10.h by adding the word "regular" so that the rule reads, "Regular Committee meetings shall provide for a period of public comment."

Motion by: Ryan

Seconded by: Swartz

VOTED: 11-1 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen,

Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont abstained; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent)

- e. **Recommendation on a process for updating and adopting the Master Plan in accordance with Charter Sec. 9.8 – Community Resources Committee – First Discussion – Rule 8.4**
No action
- f. **Proposed Reorganization of Standing Committees – Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee – First Discussion – Rule 8.4**
No action
- g. **Proposed Committee Liaisons – Outreach, Communications, and Appointments Committee – First Discussion – Rule 8.4**
No action

10. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **December 12, 2019 Special Council Meeting – State of the Town Address**
- b. **December 16, 2019 Special Council Meeting – Public Forum**
- c. **December 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting**

MOVED: To approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 Special Council Meeting – State of the Town Address, December 16, 2019 Special Council Meeting – Public Forum, and December 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting, as presented/amended.

Motion by: De Angelis
Seconded by: Steinberg

VOTED: 9-0-3 (Councilors De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Brewer, Pam, and Swartz Abstained; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent)

14. **Election of Officers**

- a. **President – for a term to expire January 4, 2021**

Nominations: Councilor Pam nominated Councilor Griesemer; Councilor Griesemer accepted the nomination.

VOTED: 12-0 to elect Councilor Griesemer as President. Bahl-Milne - absent, Brewer - Griesemer, De Angelis - Griesemer, DuMont - Griesemer, Griesemer - Griesemer, Hanneke - Griesemer, Pam - Griesemer, Ross - Griesemer, Ryan - Griesemer, Schoen - Griesemer, Schreiber - Griesemer, Steinberg - Griesemer, Swartz - Griesemer

- b. **Vice President – for a term to expire January 4, 2021**

Nominations: Councilor Schreiber nominated Councilor Schoen; Councilor Schoen declined the nomination. Councilor De Angelis nominated Councilor Hanneke; Councilor Hanneke accepted the nomination.

VOTED: 12-0 to elect Councilor Hanneke as Vice President. Bahl-Milne - absent, Brewer - Hanneke, De Angelis - Hanneke, DuMont - Hanneke, Griesemer - Hanneke, Hanneke - Hanneke, Pam- Hanneke, Ross - Hanneke, Ryan - Hanneke, Schoen - Hanneke, Schreiber - Hanneke, Steinberg - Hanneke, Swartz - Hanneke

16. **Adjourn**

MOVED: To adjourn the January 6, 2020 meeting of the Town Council.

Motion by: Du Mont

Seconded by: Ryan

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

The Council adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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