

**Town of Amherst**

**UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Griesemer

Members Absent: None

Members Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

(Complaint with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place):

Staff Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman

Staff Participating Remotely: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Morris, Senior Services Director Mary Beth Ogulewicz, Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe

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President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**All Votes to be done by Roll Call**

**7. Action Items**

- a. Consent Agenda:** The following items were selected because they were considered to be routine and it was reasonable to expect they would pass with no controversy.

To remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion later in the meeting, ask that it be removed when the President lists the consent agenda items. The request to remove an item from the consent agenda does not require a second.

**MOVED:** to move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

- 7.d. Town Council Rules of Procedure Rules 8.2, 8.6, and 10.3
- 10.a. Approval of March 9, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented/amended
- 10.b. Approval of March 16, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented/amended

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimously

**b. Town Manager State of Emergency Declaration**

**MOVED:** To ratify the Town Manager's March 16, 2020 State of Emergency Declaration.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimously

**13. TOPICS NOT ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

- a. MOVED:** To grant the exceptions requested by the Town Manager on March 23, 2020 under Charter Section 5.9 to modify the deadline established in Charter Section 5.4(a) for the Amherst School Committee, Regional School Committee, and Library Trustees to submit their proposed adopted budgets for fiscal year 2021 to the Town Manager from April 1, 2020 to May 1, 2020, and the deadline

established in Charter Section 5.4(b) for the Town Manager to submit a proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 to the Town Council from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020 due to the extra time needed because of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency related to COVID-19.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimously

President Griesemer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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