

**Town of Amherst**  
**UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Monday, March 30, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: None

Members Absent: Swartz

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

Others Present: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Health Director Julie Federman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

Compliant with Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20

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

**All Votes will be 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.c. To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda item 7.c. Extension of Capital Improvement Plan Deadline, Charter Sec. 5.7c
- 7.c. Extension of Capital Improvement Plan Deadline, Charter Sec. 5.7c
- 10.a. Approval of March 23, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, as presented

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Steinberg

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

**b. Amendment to General Bylaw 2.2 Noncriminal Disposition**  
**IF NOT DONE EARLIER VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** To amend general bylaw 2.2 – VIOLATIONS – CRIMINAL COMPLAINT & NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION by inserting the language underlined and deleting the language shown with ~~strikethrough~~:

B. Noncriminal Disposition

Whoever violates any provisions of Article 3 of the bylaws, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by a noncriminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, for those provisions which the Town Council has determined are subject to noncriminal disposition, as

indicated in the data block. If a government agency, including a board, committee, or department, is named as the enforcing agent it shall mean that agency's designee. The noncriminal method ~~for of~~ disposition as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D may also be used ~~pursuant to this article~~ for violations of any rule or regulation of any municipal officer, board, or department which is subject to a specific penalty ~~provided that the Town Council shall first approve, by majority vote, each rule or regulation to be enforced by this procedure.~~

**C. Penalties & Enforcing Person(s)**

The penalties for bylaw violations shall be as set forth in the data block that precedes all bylaw provisions for which penalties may be assessed. For noncriminal disposition, and as required by M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, the bylaw data block, rule, or regulation shall identify the person taking cognizance of a violation of a specific bylaw, rule, or regulation (the "enforcing person") that the enforcing person is empowered to enforce.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ryan

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

**d. School Committee Interview Questions**

**MOVED:** To authorize the Town Council President to work with the Amherst School Committee Chair to continue to revise the verbal and/or written interview questions as amended to be used to fill the School Committee vacancy under Amherst Home Rule Charter Section 4.1(c).

Motion by: Pam

Seconded by: Ryan

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

The Council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.