

Town of Amherst

UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, April 27, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Library Director Sharon Sharry, Health Director Julie Federman, and Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Town Council was conducted via remote participation.

President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

All Votes taken 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:

- 5.a. Juneteenth Proclamation
- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 7.b. Extension of Budget Deadlines
 - 7.c. Intermunicipal Agreements
 - 7.d. Selection of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2021
- 7.b.(1-3) Extension of Budget Deadlines
- 10.a-b. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting minutes, and April 14, 2020 Special Joint Town Council and School Committee Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Steinberg

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

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

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Juneteenth Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the "Juneteenth Proclamation 2020" as presented.

7. Action Items, Cont.

b. Extensions of Budget Deadlines

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To grant the following exceptions requested by the Town Manager on April 23, 2020 due to the extra time needed because of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency related to COVID-19:

- In accordance with Charter Section 5.9, to modify the deadline of April 1 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 FY21 to the Town Manager to June 1, 2020.
- In accordance with Charter Section 5.9, to modify the deadline of May 1 established in Charter Section 5.4(b) for the Town Manager to submit a proposed budget for FY21 to the Town Council to June 29, 2020.
- In accordance with Charter Section 5.9, to modify the deadline of May 1 established in Charter Section 5.7(c) for the Town Manager to submit a capital inventory and 5-year capital improvement program to the Town Council to June 29, 2020.
- To authorize and direct the Town Manager to submit one-month proposed budgets for July 2020 to the Town Council by June 1, 2020.

c. Intermunicipal Agreements

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

d. Selection of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2021

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

MOTION: To not engage in an auditor selection process for Fiscal Year 2021 and to continue to use audit services provided by Melanson Heath, as recommended by the Finance Committee report of April 13, 2020.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

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

8. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Finance Director – Charter Sec. 2.11(a)

MOTION: to approve the Town Manager's appointment under Charter Section 2.11(a) of Sean Mangano as Finance Director.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

(2) Board of License Commissioners – Charter Sec. 2.11(b)

MOTION: To approve and confirm on the following Town Manager appointments under Charter Sections 2.11 (b) and 6.3 to the Charter Section 6.3 Board of License Commissioners:

- For a two year term to expire on June 30, 2022, Dillon Maxfield.
- For a three year term to expire on June 30, 2023, Hallie Hughes (reappointment).

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

(3) Conservation Commission – Charter Sec. 2.11(b)

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointment under Charter Section 2.11(b) to the Conservation Commission:

- For a two year term to expire on June 30, 2022, LeRoy Gaynor.

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

b. Town Council Appointments

(1) Zoning Board of Appeals – Charter Sec. 2.9(c)

MOTION: To appoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals under Charter Section 2.9 (c), effective immediately, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications, & Appointments Committee:

- For terms expiring June 30, 2023, Dillon Maxfield and Tammy Parks
- For a term expiring June 30, 2021, Keith Langsdale
- As Associate members, for terms expiring June 30, 2021, Sharon Waldman (reappointment), Peter Berek, Robert Greeney, and Craig Meadows

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Pam

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

c. Environmental and Climate Action Committee – Advance Name of Councilor to the Town Manager

MOTION: To recommend the Town Manager appoint under Charter Section 3.3 (c) Councilor Sarah Swartz to the Energy and Climate Action Committee.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

10. Approval of Minutes

a. April 13, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting and April 14, 2020 Special Joint Town Council and School Committee Meeting

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting, and of the April 14, 2020 Special Joint Town Council and School Committee Meeting, as presented.

The Council adjourned at 9:11 p.m.