

Town of Amherst

UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, June 29, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Swartz

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Department of Public Works Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, IT Applications Analyst Serge Fedorovsky, 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 is being conducted via remote participation.

Per MGL Chapter 30A Section 20(f), this meeting is being recorded and broadcast by Amherst Media.

President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

All Votes to be taken by Roll Call

5. Consent Agenda

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:

- Suspension of Rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.f. Separate Consideration of the Capital Improvement Program
- 8.e. Referral of FY21 Budget to Finance Committee
- 9.a.1, 9.a.2.a-b: Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following multiple-member bodies:
 - Cultural Council, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Public Shade Tree Committee
 - Elementary School Building Committee
 - Town and School Staff Members
 - Town Council and School Committee Members
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
 - June 15, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Capital Improvement Program Presentation minutes
 - June 15, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Capital Improvement Program Public Forum minutes
 - June 15, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. Resolution Denouncing Xenophobia and Discrimination Against Asians and Asian Americans

MOVED: To adopt the Resolution Denouncing Xenophobia and Discrimination Against Asians and Asian Americans, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

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

8. Action Items

a. Permanent Use of Public Ways

(1) Crocker Farm Read Around Town Public Ways Request

MOVED: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

MOVED: To approve the request of the Crocker Farm Elementary School 3rd Grade class to install three (3) Free Little Libraries on Amherst public ways: one adjacent to Bus ID #0145 at the corner of West Street (Route 116) and Mill Lane, one adjacent to Bus ID#8011 at the corner of East Hadley Road and Columbia Drive, and one adjacent to Bus ID#0152 on East Hadley Road in front of the Mill Valley Estates.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

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

b. Parking Regulations

(1) University Drive South

MOVED: To approve regulation of eight (8) metered parallel, on-street spaces along University Drive South, timing of metering to be determined at a future date and twelve (12) off-street parking spaces in the dead-end space off of University Drive South, to be regulated 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for use by visitors to the building known as One University Drive South, located at 348 Northampton Road (Map 13D/Lot 19); and properties identified as University Drive South (Map 13D/Lots 56 & 57) and Snell Street (Map 13D/ Lot 55) and to be regulated as permit parking 5:00 pm – 8:00 am for residents of the building known as One University Drive South, located at 348 Northampton Road (Map 13D/Lot 19); and properties identified as University Drive South (Map 13D/Lots 56 & 57) and Snell Street (Map 13D/ Lot 55).

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

c. Temporary Zoning Amendment Article 14

MOVED: To adopt Zoning Bylaw Article 14, Temporary Zoning as presented, in accordance with Charter Sec. 2.10(a).

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ross

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor DuMont voted No; Councilor Swartz was absent)

d. Water and Sewer Rates

MOVED: To adopt “Approval Order FY21-10, an order setting Water and Sewer Rates to be effective July 1, 2020” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on pages 9 of the Finance Committee report titled “Town Council Finance Committee June 29 2020.”

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Pam

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

e. FY21 Budget

VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: In accordance with Section 5.5(a) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to refer the FY21 budget submitted by the Town Manager to the Finance Committee.

f. Capital Improvement Program

VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: to suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Section 5.5(c), and in compliance with Charter Sections 5.5(a) and 5.5(b), to separately consider and act on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2021.

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

MOVED: in accordance with Charter Section 5.7(e), to adopt the FY21 Capital Improvement Program in the documents titled “FY21 Capital Improvement Program,” as presented.

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-2 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors De Angelis and Hanneke voted No; Councilor Swartz was absent)

MOVED: to adopt “Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-05A, an Order Appropriating Funds for a Portion of the Town of Amherst Capital Program – Equipment, Buildings and Facilities,” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 8 of the Finance Committee report titled “Town Council Finance Committee June 29, 2020.” (*Majority vote*)

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Griesemer

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Hanneke voted No; Councilor Swartz was absent)

g. Regional School Budget, Regional School Debt, and Assessment Method

MOVED: to adopt “Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-02, an Order approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District budget and appropriating the Town of Amherst Share of the Budget Assessment” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 9 of the Finance Committee report titled “Town Council Finance Committee June 29 2020.” (*majority vote*)

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Ryan

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

MOVED: to adopt “Approval Order FY21-03, an Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Debt Authorization” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 7 of the Finance Committee report titled “Town Council Finance Committee June 29 2020.” (*no vote required*)

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Griesemer

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

MOVE: To adopt “Approval Order 21-01, an Order approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Assessment Method” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 5 of the Finance Committee report titled “Town Council Finance Committee June 29, 2020.” (*Majority vote*)

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Ryan

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

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Cultural Council, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and Public Shade Tree Committee VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager reappointments under Charter Section 2.11(b):

- For terms expiring on June 30, 2023:
 - Cultural Council: Robin Thompson and Rachel Wang
 - Board of Health: Nancy Gilbert
 - Conservation Commission: Fletcher Clark and Jenn Fair
 - Public Shade Tree Committee: Sara Lawler
- For terms expiring on June 30, 2021:
 - Board of Health: John Tobiason

(2) Elementary School Building Committee

VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments under Charter Section 2.11(b) to the

Elementary School Building Committee:

- Town Manager Paul Bockelman
- Superintendent of Schools Michael Morris
- Fort River School Principal Diane Chamberlain
- Wildwood School Assistant Principal Allison Estes
- Facilities and Custodial Supervisor for the Schools Rupert Roy-Clark
- Finance Director Sean Mangano
- Procurement Officer Anthony Delaney
- Town Councilor who is a Finance Committee member Cathy Schoen
- Town Councilor Stephen Schreiber
- School Committee member Ben Herrington

10. Approval of Minutes

a-d. Approval of minutes

VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: To approve the following Town Council Meeting minutes as presented:

- June 15, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Capital Improvement Program Presentation minutes
- June 15, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting - Capital Improvement Program Public Forum minutes
- June 15, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

The Council adjourned at 9:56 p.m.