

Town of Amherst
DRAFT MOTIONS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, August 3, 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:

Others Participating Remotely:

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.

All votes will be taken by roll call.

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.

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.

MOTION: To move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

- 6.a. Adoption of Resolution Regarding The Holyoke Soldiers' Home
- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.b. Eversource request to install two jointly owned poles on Belchertown Road
 - 8.b. Eversource request to install two jointly owned poles on Blue Hills Road and Orchard Street
- 11.a-e. Approval of Minutes:
 - July 2, 2020 Joint Town Council/Finance Committee minutes
 - July 7, 2020 Joint Town Council/Finance Committee minutes
 - July 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes

Councilor DuMont removed suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda item 8.g. Master Plan Update Request – *Charter Section 9.8*

Councilor Schoen removed Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2020 Joint Town Council and School Committee Meeting – Crocker Farm Expansion Presentation

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. Resolution Regarding The Holyoke Soldiers' Home

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution Regarding The Holyoke Soldiers' Home, as presented.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

8. Action Items

a. Elections

(1) Polling Locations

MOTION: To locate in-person voting on September 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020 for all ten voting precincts at Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street, as this will have no disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income or age.

Motion by: Ryan

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6-7 (Councilors Brewer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Schoen, and Swartz voted No)

MOTION: To reconsider the last vote under Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 7.5(b).

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Schreiber

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-6 (Councilors Brewer, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Pam, Schoen, and Swartz voted No)

MOTION: To locate in-person voting on September 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020 for all ten voting precincts at Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street, as this will have no disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income or age.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-6 (Councilors Brewer, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Pam, Schoen, and Swartz voted No)

(2) September 1, 2020 State Primary Election Warrant

MOTION: To authorize the warrant for the State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following location:

All Voting Precincts: Amherst-Pelham Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8-5 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, DuMont, Pam, Schoen, and Swartz voted No)

b. Eversource Poll Petitions

(1) MOTION: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the order for pole locations on Belchertown Road titled "ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS" dated May 12, 2020.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

(2) MOTION: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the order for pole locations on Blue Hills Road and Orchard Street titled

“ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS” dated May 27, 2020.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

e. Leverett Extension of Water line

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

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

MOTION: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement under MGL Chapter 40 Section 4A for the purpose of extending the Town of Amherst public water supply into Leverett 9,100 LF to serve certain houses that are downgradient of the closed and capped Leverett Landfill.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Steinberg

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

11. Approval of Minutes

a-e. Approval of minutes

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

- July 2, 2020 Joint Town Council/Finance Committee minutes
- July 7, 2020 Joint Town Council/Finance Committee minutes
- July 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

The Council adjourned at 11:28 p.m.