



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue
Executive Session Minutes**

President Griesemer called the executive session to order at 9:54 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(6) to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of this public body, and MG: c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements: to approve Town Council executive session minutes.

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

Members absent: Swartz

Staff present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, and Clerk of the Council Margaret Nartowicz

VOTED 12-0 by roll call (Councilor Swartz was absent) to accept executive session minutes of April 22, 2019, as presented.

Town Manager P. Bockelman spoke about a potential site for a new Department of Public Works (DPW) building, a 27-acre property off South East and Stanley Streets. A consultant has been hired to assist with public outreach regarding the potential project. Outreach efforts include two District Councilors, the DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, and Community Participation Officers.

Assistant Town Manager D. Ziomek explained that no plans have been developed, but this is seen as a joint DPW and fire station project, as the location of the current DPW may be used as the site of a new fire station. The DPW will need at least 10 acres for the building itself and parking. The building will be subject to the net-zero bylaw. Teams will visit the surrounding neighborhood beginning this Thursday, and go door-to-door to speak with neighbors. Some neighbors are owner-occupied properties and some are rentals. There are also some non-profits in the neighborhood, and additional outreach efforts have been made with those entities. A public meeting will be held June 29 at 10:00 am at Kiwanis Park to present the project and answer questions. Two district meetings following will also provide an opportunity to listen, hear feedback, and engage with neighbors.

Councilors discussed priorities of and potential questions during outreach and public education efforts.

MOTION: Councilor Hanneke moved, second by Councilor Bahl-Milne, to adjourn the June 17, 2019 meeting of the Town Council.

VOTED 12-0 by roll call (Councilor Swartz was absent) to adjourn at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz, Town Clerk & Clerk to the Council