

**Town of Amherst**

**UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Monday, October 19, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: Schoen

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Acting Health Director Jennifer Brown, Building Commissioner Rob Morra, Planning Board Chair Jack Jemsek, IT Applications Analyst Serge Fedorovsky, Lisa Clauson of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, 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.

**All votes will be taken by roll call.**

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

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President Griesemer called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 the Resolution Supporting the East-West Passenger Rail
- 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to the following boards/committees:
  - Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee
  - Cultural Council
  - Design Review Board
- 9.b. Appointment of Councilor De Angelis as liaison to Affordable Housing Trust
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
  - October 5, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

**6. Resolutions**

**a. Resolution Supporting the East-West Passenger Rail**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Resolution Supporting the East-West Passenger Rail, as presented.

**9. Appointments**

**a. Town Manager Appointments – Consent Agenda**

**(1) Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, effective immediately, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 30, 2020, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 16, 2020:

- For terms to expire June 30, 2023:
  - Paul Goulston
  - Nathaniel Larson
  - Becky Michaels
- For a term to expire June 30, 2022:
  - Lucas Hanscon

**(2) Cultural Council**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Cultural Council, effective immediately, as filed with the Town Clerk on October 6, 2020, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 16, 2020:

- As voting member for a term to expire June 30, 2023:
  - Matt Halloway
- As non-voting associate members for terms to expire June 30, 2021:
  - Nandi Chivende
  - Sydney Mager
  - Leah Neuburger

**(3) Design Review Board**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Design Review Board, effective immediately, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 24, 2020, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 16, 2020:

For a term to expire June 30, 2021:

- Thom Long, representative of the Planning Board

**b. Town Council Appointments**

**(1) Liaison to Affordable Housing Trust**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To appoint Councilor De Angelis as liaison to the Affordable Housing Trust, under Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 10.8, effective immediately, and for a term to expire January 6, 2021.

**11. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Approval of minutes**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- October 5, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes

**15. Executive Session**

- a. MOTION:** To convene in executive session under MGL c.30A, s.21(a)6: to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; the Town Council will not reconvene

in open session following executive session.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

The Council entered executive session at 10:11 p.m.

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