

## Town of Amherst

### UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, March 22, 2021

6:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne (joined at 6:37 pm), Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam (joined at 6:42), Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Members Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Procurement Officer Anthony Delaney, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Minute Taker Lindsey McConnell, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Building Commissioner Rob Morra, Superintendent of Public Works Guilford Mooring, Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe

Public Forum Commenters: Bruce Coldham, CPAC Chair Sarah Marshall, Janet Keller, Gabriela Horvay

General Public Commenters: Michele Miller, Alex Kent, Ira Bryck, Ruth Hazzard, Mary Sayer, Kitty Axelson-Berry, Suzannah Fabing-Musprat, Susan Cummings, Pam Rooney, Jayne Pearl, Janet Keller, Sandy Muspratt, Jeff Cobb, Claudia Pazmany, Bob Tancredi, Carol Pope, Anne Scarff, Jennifer Taub, Kristie Stauch-White, Adrienne Terrizzi, Jesse Mager, Gabrielle Gould, Mary Shaughan, Francis Goyes, Janet Keller

North Common Public Commenters: Gabrielle Gould, Rev. Tom Synan, Chris Freitag

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.

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President Griesemer called the special meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

President Griesemer adjourned the public forum at 6:45 pm.

President Griesemer called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 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.

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

- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure 8.4 for the following agenda items:
  - 8.e. Adoption of Financial Orders FY21-12, FY21-13, and FY22-07
  - 8.f. Inter-governmental Agreements
  - 8.g. Authorization for Superintendent of Schools - Foster Care Transportation
- 6.a. Adoption of 2021 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation
- 8.e. Adoption of the following Financial Orders:
  - FY21-12 Free Cash to Stabilization Fund
  - FY21-13 Rescind Authorized Unissued Debt
- 8.f. Authorization for Town Manager to enter in the following Inter-governmental Agreements:
  - Sealer of Weights and Measures with the City of Northampton for FY21
  - Municipal Hearing Officer with the City of Northampton for FY21

- Veterans' Services with the City of Northampton and the Towns of Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hadley, Middlefield, Pelham, Williamsburg, and
- Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Leverett for FY21 and FY22
- Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Pelham for FY21 and FY22
- Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Shutesbury for FY21 and FY22
- Agreement for dog kennel services with City of Northampton for FY21
- Paramedic Intercept Services with the City of Northampton for FY21
- Paramedic Intercept Services with the Town of Hadley for FY21
- Paramedic Intercept Services with the Turners Falls Fire Department for FY21
- 8.g. Authorization for Superintendent of Schools - Foster Care Transportation
- 11.a. Approval of Minutes:
  - March 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

Adoption of Financial Order FY22-07 Community Preservation Act Project Allocations was removed from the Consent Agenda by Councilor Steinberg

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-0** Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

## 6. Resolutions and Proclamations

### a. **2021 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOVED:** To adopt the 2021 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Proclamation and flag raising, as presented.

## 8. Action Items

### a. **North Common**

**MOVED:** To approve "Plan 3B" as shown with no modifications.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ross

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

### b. **Proposed Temporary Building Moratorium Bylaw**

**MOVED:** Per MGL Chapter 40A Sec. 5 and Charter Sec. 9.8(g), to submit the proposed Temporary Building Moratorium Zoning Bylaw sponsored by Councilors DuMont, Pam, and Schoen to the Planning Board and to the Community Resources Committee for a joint hearing held no later than April 21, 2021, and for a written recommendation, "along with an explanation as to whether the proposed bylaw is consistent with the Master Plan," from the Planning Board to the Town Council no later than 21 days after the joint hearing, and further to direct the Community Resources Committee to comment on, vote a recommendation, and to submit all materials to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for review of clarity, consistency, and actionability in time for the Town Council to act within 60 days of the hearing.

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: Schoen

The motion was withdrawn by DuMont and Schoen.

**Receipt of the resident petition and referral to Planning Board, Community Resources Committee of the Town Council, and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee of the Town Council.**

**d. Districting Advisory Board – MGL Chapter 54, Sec. 1 and Charter Sec. 7.4**

**MOVED:** To refer the memo and the draft Districting Advisory Board charge to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee to review and recommended a charge, timeline, and appointment process to the Town Council by April 12, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Brewer

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous 13-0

**e. Financial Orders**

**(1) FY21-12 Free Cash to Stabilization Fund**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** To adopt Council Order FY21-12: An Order Appropriating from Free Cash to the Stabilization fund, as recommended by the Finance Committee report dated March 8, 2021.

**(2) FY21-13 Rescind Authorized Unissued Debt**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** To adopt Council Order FY21-13: An Order Rescinding Authorized but Unissued Bonds, as recommended by the Finance Committee report dated March 8, 2021.

**(3) FY22-07 Community Preservation Act Project Allocation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MOVED:** In accordance with Charter Sec. 5.6, having been published on the Town Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days on March 10, 2021, a Public Forum held on March 22, 2021, and having been reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee report of March 8, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-07: An Order Appropriating the FY2022 Community Preservation Act Budget, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous 13-0

**f. FY21 and FY22 Inter-governmental Agreements**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** In accordance with MGL Ch.40 Sec. 4A, which allows for joint operation of public activities among governmental units, and requires that such inter-governmental agreements be approved by the Town Council and negotiated and signed by the Town Manager, the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into the following Inter-governmental agreements for the fiscal years stated:

1. Sealer of Weights and Measures with the City of Northampton for FY21
2. Municipal Hearing Officer with the City of Northampton for FY21
3. Veterans' Services with the City of Northampton and the Towns of Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hadley, Middlefield, Pelham, Williamsburg, and
4. Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Leverett for FY21 and FY22
5. Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Pelham for FY21 and FY22
6. Provision of Ambulance Services to the Town of Shutesbury for FY21 and FY22
7. Agreement for dog kennel services with City of Northampton for FY21
8. Paramedic Intercept Services with the City of Northampton for FY21
9. Paramedic Intercept Services with the Town of Hadley for FY21
10. Paramedic Intercept Services with the Turners Falls Fire Department for FY21

**g. Authorization for Superintendent of Schools – Foster Care Transportation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), under MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 70 for the purposes of Title IV-E reimbursement for foster care transportation, as outlined in the Town Manager memorandum to the Town Council dated March 10, 2021.

**11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOVED:** To adopt the following Town Council meeting minutes, as presented:

- March 8, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

The Council adjourned at 11:08 p.m.