

Town of Amherst

UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, April 12, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: Bahl-Milne

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Minute Taker Lindsey McConnell, Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe, Superintendent of Public Works Guilford Mooring, Asst. DPW Superintendent Amy Rusiecki, Environmental Scientist Beth Willson

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 6:30 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:

- 6.a. Adoption of Arbor Month Proclamation
- 6.b. Adoption of 2021 Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

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

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. **Arbor Month Proclamation**

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the Arbor Month Proclamation, as presented.

b. **2021 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation**

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the 2021 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation, as presented.

MOVED: To waive Town Council rules of procedure rule 8.6 for the Citation in Recognition of UMass Hockey 2021 NCAA Champions.

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

MOVED: To adopt the Citation in Recognition of UMass Hockey 2021 NCAA Champions
Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Schoen

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

8. Action Items

a. Procedures for Selection of Audit Firm

MOVED: To refer the procedures for selection of the audit firm to the Finance Committee, with a report to the Council by May 3, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

b. Water and Sewer Rates

MOVED: To refer the Town Manager's April 8, 2021 recommendation to increase water rates from \$4.20/100cf to \$4.60/100cf and sewer rates from \$4.60 to \$4.90/100cf. to the Finance Committee for a report and recommendation to the Council by May 17, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: DuMont

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

c. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Bylaw – First Reading

First read, no action

d. Stormwater Management Bylaw– First Reading

First read, no action

e. Town Council Rules of Procedure: Addition of Rule 10.10 Reappointment of members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, resident members of the Finance Committee, and Districting Advisory Board related to selection criteria

MOVED: To amend Town Council Rules of Procedure Section 10 by inserting the following:

~~10.10 Reappointment of Members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Resident Members of the Finance Committee~~

~~Generally, if a Member of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or a Resident Member of the Finance Committee has completed a term, they are given preference in reappointment for up to least six years, to take advantage of the experience and expertise gained, and to honor the voluntary time commitment of members, as long as the member is an active, contributing member of the Board or Committee. If a person has served six consecutive years or will have served more than six consecutive years if reappointed, and there are other qualified applicants, preference will be given to a newcomer. In cases where special training or expertise is required, longer periods of service may be appropriate. A committee or Board member is under no~~

~~obligation to accept reappointment, nor is the Town Council obligated to offer reappointment.~~ To refer to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee development of a Town Council policy on appointments to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, non-voting members to the Finance Committee, and Districting Advisory Board for recommendation to the Town Council with a report to the Town Council by July 12, 2021.

Motion by: DuMont

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-4-1 (Councilors Brewer, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors De Angelis, DuMont, Schoen, and Swartz voted No; Councilor Pam Abstained and Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent)

MOVED: To amend the motion by replacing the entire motion with the following: To refer to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee development of a Town Council policy on appointments to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, non-voting members to the Finance Committee, and Districting Advisory Board for recommendation to the Town Council with a report to the Town Council by July 12, 2021.

Motion by: Ross

Seconded by: Steinberg

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-5 (Councilors Brewer, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors De Angelis, DuMont, Pam, Schoen and Swartz voted No; Councilor Bahl-Milne was absent)

The Council adjourned at 8:57 p.m.