

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, May 17, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: DuMont

Non-Voting Finance Committee Members Participating Remotely: Hegner, Kubiak, and Sheffler

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Matthew Andrews, Michele Miller, Dr. Barbara Love, and Dr. Amilcar Shabazz

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.

Steinberg called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Steinberg declared the special meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 8:49 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 Resolution Opposing the Closure of the Gorse Children’s Center at Mount Holyoke College~~ Removed by Brewer
- 6.b. Adoption of Race Amity Day Annual Proclamation
- Suspension of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for agenda item 8.a. State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Spraying
- 8.f. Adoption of Audit Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee Charge
- 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - February 16, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Finance Committee
 - May 7, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Finance Committee
 - May 3, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont was absent)

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. Resolution Opposing the Closure of the Gorse Children's Center at Mount Holyoke College

MOVED: To adopt the Resolution Opposing the Closure of the Gorse Children's Center at Mount Holyoke College, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Bahl-Milne

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-0-4 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Brewer, Hanneke, and Steinberg Abstained, Councilor DuMont was absent)

b. Race Amity Day Annual Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the Race Amity Day Annual Proclamation, as presented.

7. Presentations and Discussions

Reparations for Amherst

MOTION: To refer the draft African Heritage Reparation Coalition (AHRC) charge to GOL with report to the Town Council by June 21, 2021.

Motion by: Hanneke

Second by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont was absent)

MOVED: To refer the draft African Heritage Reparation Coalition (AHRC) charge to the Finance Committee for recommendation to the Town Council on a possible revenue stream for a reparations fund in the FY22 budget.

Motion by: Brewer

Second by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-1-2 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Schoen, Schreiber, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor Ryan voted No; Councilor Steinberg Abstained and Councilor DuMont was absent)

8. Action Items

a. State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Spraying

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOVED: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A(b)(2), having held a public meeting on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm, during which a period of public comment was held, and as recommended by the Board of Health, that the Town of Amherst join the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District and use its alternative management plan to opt out of wide area pesticide application conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board, with the understanding that the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District's alternative mosquito management plan has been submitted and approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam,

Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont was absent)

b. Water and Sewer Rates

This item is moved to the 5/24 Council agenda.

c. Pomeroy Village Intersection

This item is moved to the 5/24 Council agenda.

d. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.011 – Accessory Dwelling Units

This item is moved to the 5/24 Council agenda.

e. Proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.3241 and Article 12 – Converted Dwelling

This item is moved to the 5/24 Council agenda.

f. Audit Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee Charge

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the Audit Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee charge, as presented.

g. Energy and Climate Action Committee Charge

This item is moved to the 5/24 Council agenda.

11. Approval of Minutes

a-c. VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

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

- February 16, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes – Joint meeting with Finance Committee
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The Council adjourned at 11:23 p.m.