

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, May 24, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Members Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Minute-taker Lindsey McConnell, and DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring

Parking Hearing Public Comment: Sam MacLeod, and Michael Childs; General Public Comment: Nadine Nadard; Community Safety Working Group Presentation Public Comment: Anjelica Castro, Lauren Mills, Allegra Clark, Alex Lefebvre, Michele Miller, Zoë Crabtree, Sid Ferreira, and Caroline Murray

Community Safety Working Group Members: Darius Cage, Deborah Ferreira, Pat Ononibaku, Brianna Owen, Russ Vernon-Jones, and Elisha Walker

7Gen Consultants: Dr. Demetria Shabazz, Dr. Sonji Johnson Anderson, Terry Mullin, and Dr. Katie A. Lazdowski

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 and opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

President Griesemer closed the public hearing at 6:49 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. Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month Proclamation
- 6.b. Citation in Recognition of Mira Setty-Charity upon Receipt of the Gold Award Girl Scout
- 11. Approval of Minutes:
 - May 13, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
 - May 17, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - May 18, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month Proclamation, as presented.

b. Citation in Recognition of Mira Setty-Charity upon Receipt of the Gold Award Girl Scout

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To adopt the Citation in Recognition of Mira Setty-Charity upon Receipt of the Gold Award Girl Scout, as presented.

8. Action Items

a. Water and Sewer Rates

MOVED: To adopt “Approval Order FY22-10, an order setting Water and Sewer Rates to be effective July 1, 2021” as recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 17, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

b. Parking Regulations Related to the North Common

MOVED: In accordance with General Bylaw 3.14 and Town Council Policy Regarding the Control and Regulation of the Public Ways, having held a public hearing on May 24, 2021, notice of which was published on the Town Bulletin Board for not less than 14 days on May 6, 2021 and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the town once in each of 2 weeks, the first publication not less than 14 days before the day of the hearing on May 10 and May 17, 2021, and notice mailed to abutters on May 5, 2021; and having referred the proposed regulations to the Town Services and Outreach Committee for review and recommendation, to make the following parking regulation changes related to the north Common:

Remove the Main Street parking lot with its existing 34 spaces at \$1.00 per hour, with a 4-hour limit and enforced from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Add seven (7) angled, back in, on street parking spaces on the south side of Main Street, west of Boltwood Ave intersection to be \$ 1.00 per hour with a 2-hour limit and enforced from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Add eight (8) Parallel, on street parking spaces on the west side of Boltwood Ave between Main Street and Spring Street to be \$1.00 per hour with a 4-hour limit and enforced from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Remove two (2) parallel, on street parking spaces on the east side of Boltwood Ave between Main Street & Spring Street.

Add spaces if possible on the east side of South Pleasant Street between Main Street and Spring Street to be \$1.00 per hour with a 2-hour limit and enforced from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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)

c. Pomeroy Village Intersection

MOVED: To direct the Town Manager to proceed with an intersection design as a single-lane roundabout designed with consideration of the reports of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Disability Access Advisory Committee at the intersection of West Street and Pomeroy and West Pomeroy Lanes, with the Town Council to review 25% and 75% schematic designs.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-0-3 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Swartz Abstained)

d. Proposed Rezoning of Parcel 14A-33 from RG to BG (Municipal Parking Lot on North Prospect Street behind the CVS)

MOVED: To refer the proposed rezoning of parcel 14A-33 from RG to BG to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearings held no later than July 28, 2021, and for a written recommendation and an explanation as to whether the proposed bylaw is not inconsistent with the Master Plan from the Planning Board to the Town Council and to the Community Resources Committee no later than 21 days after the hearings, and for the Community Resources Committee to send a written recommendation to the Town Council and to submit all materials to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for review of clarity, consistency, and actionability within 60 days of the hearing held by the Community Resources Committee.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-2 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors DuMont and Swartz voted No)

11. Approval of Minutes

a-c. VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 13, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes
- May 17, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
- May 18, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes

The Council adjourned at 11:24 p.m.