

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne (left at 6:30, returned at 8:10), Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Councilors Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, and Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

When remote participation is used, 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 special Town Council meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Special meeting adjourned in executive session at 6:33 pm.

President Griesemer called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

President Griesemer declared the Town Council meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Special Meeting

2. Executive Session

- a. MOVED:** To convene in executive session under MGL c.30A§21(a) 6, To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Map Parcel ID: 2C-12, as 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 the executive session.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schreiber

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne (left at 6:30 pm, rejoined the meeting at 8:10 pm), Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Public Comment: Andy Anderson, Ira Bryck

Regular Meeting

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 rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.f. Recommitment to Cultural District
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- 9.a.(1) Approval of Town Manager Appointments to Conservation Commission
- 9.b.(2) Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:
 - John Gilbert
 - Craig Meadows
 - Sharon Waldman
 - Peter Berek

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

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

8. Action Items

a. Zoning Bylaw Article 15 Inclusionary Zoning – First Reading

b. Zoning Bylaw Article 16 Temporary Moratorium – First Reading

c. Zoning Bylaw Section 3.323 Apartments

MOVED: To refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.323 Apartments, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearings held no later than September 1, 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 Planning Board hearing, 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: 9-4 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; DuMont, Pam, Schoen and Swartz voted No)

d. Zoning Bylaw Section 3.325 Mixed-Use Building

MOVED: To refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.325 Mixed-Use Building, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearings

held no later than September 1, 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 Planning Board hearing, 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: 9-4 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; DuMont, Pam, Schoen and Swartz voted No)

e. Zoning Bylaw Section 7.00 Parking & Access Regulations for Dwellings, Including Apartments

MOVED: To refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 7.00 Parking & Access Regulations for Dwellings, Including Apartments, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearings held no later than September 1, 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 Planning Board hearing, 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: 9-4 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; DuMont, Pam, Schoen and Swartz voted No)

f. Cultural District

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 recommit to the Amherst Center Cultural District for an additional five years.

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Conservation Commission

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Conservation Commission, as filed with the Town Clerk on June 23, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of June 28, 2021, effective immediately:

- For terms to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Lawrence Ambs (reappointment)
 - Michelle Labbe

b. Town Council Appointments

(1) Districting Advisory Board

MOVED: To appoint the following residents to the Districting Advisory Board, effective July 1, 2021, for a term to expire June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee report of June 28, 2021:

- District One: Mahek Ghelani and Irene Dujovne
- District Two: Marilyn Blaustein and Tammy Parks
- District Three: Joseph Gordon and Tracy Zafian
- District Five: Peggy Shannon

Motion by: Ryan

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous, 13-0

(2) Zoning Board of Appeals

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To appoint the following residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Full Member, effective immediately for term expiring June 30, 2022 (to fill an unexpired term): John Gilbert
- Full Member, effective July 1, 2021 for a term expiring June 30, 2024: Craig Meadows

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED: To appoint the following residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Associate Member, effective July 1, 2021 for a term expiring at the conclusion of action on the matters of ZBA FY2021-18, ZBA FY2021-19, and ZBA FY2021-20: Sharon Waldman (extension of term to complete hearings on which member is serving)
- Associate Member, effective July 1, 2021 for a term expiring at the conclusion of action on the matter of ZBA FY2021-17: Peter Berek (extension of term to complete hearing on which member is serving)

MOVED: To appoint the following residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Associate Members, effective July 1, 2021 for a term expiring June 30, 2022:
 - Eric Cochrane

- Karin Winter

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-4 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, Ross, and Swartz voted No)

MOVED: To recommend to the Town Manager that the CSWG deadline be extended from September 1 to November 1.

Motion by: Swartz

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

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