

Town of Amherst
DRAFT MOTIONS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, August 23, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Councilors Absent: Schoen left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, 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 Town Council meeting to order at 6:34 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 rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
 - 8.a. Participatory Budgeting Commission Recommendations and Dissolution of the Commission
 - 8.c. Audit Request for Proposals Review Committee Extension
 - 8.d. Town Council and Council Committee Meeting Format – In Person/Hybrid or Fully Remote
- 8.c. Approval of Audit Request for Proposals Review Committee Extension
- 9.a.(2) Approval of Appointment of a Non-Amherst Resident to the Local Historic District Commission
- 9.a.(1-5) Approval of the Following Town Manager Appointments:
 - Reappointments to Board of Health, Registrar of Voters, Council on Aging, Disability Access Advisory Committee, Personnel Board, Residents Advisory Committee, and Water Supply Protection Committee
 - Local Historic District Commission
 - Historical Commission
 - Jones Library Building Committee
 - Energy and Climate Action Committee

- 11.a. Approval of the August 2, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

8. Action Items

a. Participatory Budgeting Commission Recommendations and Dissolution of the Commission

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

MOVED: To acknowledge receipt of the Participatory Budgeting Commission Report of June 1, 2021, to thank the members of the Participatory Budgeting Commission for their thoughtful and thorough work, and to dissolve the Commission.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: Per Charter Section 10.11, to direct the Town Manager to build on existing budget processes to enhance resident participation in existing funding programs, including Community Preservation Act, Resident Capital Proposals, Community Development Block Grant, and others as appropriate.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: Per Charter Section 10.11, to refer to the Town Services and Outreach Committee to explore the development of a Town-Gown working partnership on Participatory Budgeting, as outlined in the Participatory Budgeting Commission's report of June 1, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-1 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Hanneke voted No)

MOVED: Per Charter Section 10.11, to refer to GOL for inclusion in future Town Manager Goals regarding community participation, an annual program review and status report by the Community Participation Officers (CPOs) to the Town Council as outlined in the Participatory Budgeting Commission's report of June 1, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: DuMont
The motion was withdrawn.

MOVED: Per Charter Section 10.11, to refer to GOL for inclusion in future Town Manager Goals regarding community participation, an annual program review and status report on efforts by Town staff to enhance resident participation in budgetary matters to the Town Council, as outlined in the Participatory Budgeting Commission's report of June 1, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Ryan

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

b. Comprehensive Housing Policy – First Discussion
No action.

c. Audit Request for Proposals Review Committee Extension

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the request to extend the Audit Request for Proposals Review Committee report deadline to the Chief Procurement Officer from July 30, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

d. Town Council and Council Committee Meeting Format – In Person/Hybrid or Fully Remote

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

MOVED: To continue all meetings of the Town Council in the remote meeting format until September 30, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Bahl-Milne

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6-5-1, with 1 absent (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DuMont, Pam, Schreiber, and Swartz voted Yes; De Angelis, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, and Steinberg voted No; Griesemer Abstained; Schoen was absent)

MOVED: To authorize each Council committee to decide how they will meet, either in person/hybrid, or remote, until September 30, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Ryan

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

MOTION: To amend the motion by removing the words “in person” so that the motion reads “To authorize each Council committee to decide how they will meet, either in person/hybrid, or remote, until September 30, 2021.”

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

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Reappointments to Board of Health, Registrar of Voters, Council on Aging, Disability Access Advisory Committee, Personnel Board, Residents Advisory Committee, and Water Supply Protection Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the following Town Manager reappointments, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 5, 2021, updated August 10, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately:

- Board of Health:
 - For terms to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Maureen Millea
 - Timothy Randhir
- Registrar of Voters
 - For a term to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Jacqueline Gardner - Democrat
 - For a term to expire June 30, 2023:
 - Jamie Wagner - Republican
- Council on Aging
 - For terms to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Charles Fuller
 - Patricia Rector
- Disability Access Advisory Committee
 - For terms to expire June 30, 2023:
 - Seren Derin
 - Victoria Dixon
- Personnel Board
 - For a term to expire January 2, 2022: Chris Hoffmann – Library Trustees
 - For a term to expire June 30, 2022: Charles Scherpa – Employee Representative
- Residents Advisory Committee
 - For terms to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Keisha Dennis

- Connie Kruger
 - Jim Pistrang
- Water Supply Protection Committee
 - For terms to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Lyons Witten
 - Brian Yellen

(2) Local Historic District Commission

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve under Charter Section 3.3(c) the Town Manager appointment of a non-Amherst resident, Jim Lumley, to the Local Historic District Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2022, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 4, 2021, and updated on August 10, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately.

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Local Historic District Commission, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 4, 2021, updated August 10, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately:

- For terms to expire June 30, 2024
 - Jennifer Taub (reappointment)
 - Judith Strayer
- For a term to expire June 30, 2023
 - Bruce Coldham

(3) Historical Commission

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Historical Commission, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 4, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately:

- For terms to expire June 30, 2024
 - Katherine Davis
 - Rebecca Lockwood
- For a term to expire June 30, 2022
 - Jane Wald (reappointment)

(4) Jones Library Building Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Jones Library Building Committee, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 4, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately:

- For terms that will continue for the length of the building process:
 - Town Manager or designee – Paul Bockelman

- Library Director – Sharon Sharry
- Finance Director – Sean Mangano
- Library Building Maintenance official – George Hicks
- Library Trustees – Austin Sarat and Alex Lefebvre
- Town Councilor – George Ryan

(5) Energy and Climate Action Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the Town Manager reappointment of Town Councilor Darcy DuMont to the Energy and Climate Action Committee, as filed with the Town Clerk on August 4, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of August 23, 2021, effective immediately, for a term to expire January 2, 2022.

11. Approval of Minutes

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the August 2, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented.

14. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

MOVED: To appoint Craig Meadows, District Four, to the Districting Advisory Board, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

Griesemer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.