

Town of Amherst
UNNOFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, October 4, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam (joined at 6:38 pm), Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg

Board of Assessors Participating Remotely: Legrand Hines, Rich Morse, Ken Hargreaves

Councilors Absent: Swartz

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Principal Assessor Kim Mew, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Interim Assessor David Burgess, Minute Taker Emily Reardon, Planner Maureen Pollock, Assessor Dept. Mgmt. Assistant Steven KaCey, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Planner Ben Breger, CSWG Co-Chairs Brianna Owen and Elisha Walker, CSWG member Pat Ononibaku

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 6:31 pm; closed the tax classification hearing at 7:34 pm; adjourned the meeting at 12:03 am
Board of Assessors called to order at 6:36 pm; adjourned at 7:34 pm

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.d. Long-Term Public Ways Request: Back-In Parking Spaces at 11-19 & 23-25 North Pleasant Street
 - ~~8.e. Districting Advisory Board Charge Amendment~~ removed by De Angelis
- 9.a.(1-5) Approval of the following Town Manager Appointments:
 - Board of Health
 - Community Preservation Act Committee
 - Cultural Council
 - Design Review Board
 - Energy and Climate Action Committee

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

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

8. Action Items

a. Community Safety Working Group Successor Committee Charge

MOVED: To designate Special Municipal Employee (SME) status for the Community Safety and Social Justice Committee.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: De Angelis

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

d. Long-Term Public Ways Request: Back-In Parking Spaces at 11-19 & 23-25 North Pleasant Street

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

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

No other action taken.

f. Referral of Residential Parking Regulation Changes to Lincoln Avenue south of Amity Street, Sunset Avenue, and Kendrick Place to the Town Services and Outreach Committee

MOVED: To refer Residential Parking Regulations Changes to Kendrick Place to the Town Services and Outreach Committee to hold a hearing and make recommendations or provide an update to the Town Council within 90 days.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

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

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Board of Health

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointment to the Board of Health, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 28, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 4, 2021, effective immediately:

- For a term to expire June 30, 2023:
 - Lauren Mills

(2) Community Preservation Act Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Community Preservation Act Committee, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 28, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 4, 2021, effective immediately:

- For terms to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Ana Devlin Gauthier, Conservation Commission representative
 - Andrew MacDougall, Planning Board representative

(3) Cultural Council

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Cultural Council, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 28, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 4, 2021, effective immediately:

- For a terms to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Christy Anderson
 - Joy Jarne

(4) Design Review Board

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Design Review Board, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 28, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 4, 2021, effective immediately:

- For a terms to expire June 30, 2022:
 - Katherine Davis, Historical Commission Representative
 - Thom Long, Planning Board Representative

(5) Energy and Climate Action Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Energy and Climate Action Committee, as filed with the Town Clerk on September 28, 2021, and recommended by the Town Services and Outreach Committee report of October 4, 2021, effective immediately:

- For a term to expire June 30, 2023:
 - Vasudevan Raghavan
- For a term to expire June 30, 2024:
 - Donald Allison