

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, November 8, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne (left the meeting at 11:42 pm), Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam (joined the meeting at 6:35 pm), Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Councilors Absent:

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Building Commissioner Rob Morra, Archipelago Investments Representative Kyle Wilson, Community Safety Working Group Members Elisha Walker, Brianna Owen, Pat Ononibaku, and Russ Vernon-Jones, East Common Art Project Coordinators Gigi Barnhill and Eric Broudy

African Heritage Reparation Assembly Members Participating Remotely: Jamileh Jemison, Heather Lord, Michele Miller, Alexis Reed, Irvin Rhodes, and Amilcar Shabazz

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 meeting to order at 6:30 pm; adjourned at 12:10 am

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.1. 26 Spring St. Public Ways Request~~ removed by Schoen
 - 8.a.2. Embracing Community: Art Mural Project on the East Common
 - 8.b. Announcement of Possible Acquisition by Department of Conservation and Recreation and Waiver of 120-Day Notice Period #P-000986, Assessors Map/Parcels 25C-34, 25C-2, and part of parcel 25C-33
- 6.a. **Adoption** of Amherst College – 200th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation
- 6.b. **Adoption** of Hampshire College – 50th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation

- ~~9.b.1. Appointment of Non-Voting Member to Finance Committee removed by DuMont~~
- 11.a-b. **Approval** of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes:
 - October 18, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes
 - October 25, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. Amherst College – 200th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: To adopt the Amherst College – 200th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation, as presented.

b. Hampshire College – 50th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED: To adopt the Hampshire College – 50th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation, as presented.

8. Action Items

a. Public Ways Requests

(1) 26 Spring Street – Extension of Archipelago request

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

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-0-2 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Pam and Schoen Abstained)

MOVED: To authorize the temporary use of the public way at 26 Spring Street, from November 9, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-3 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Pam, Schoen, and Swartz voted No)

MOVED: To approve the application for Archipelago Investments LLC for reservation of four metered parking spaces on the north side of Spring Street, as reflected on the map titled “26 Spring Plan Town Way - October 15, 2021” from November 9, 2021 to

December 31, 2022, 24 hours per day, for a fee of \$10.00 per meter per day, for a total of \$13,880.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous, 13-0 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

(2) Embracing Community: Art Mural Project on the East Common

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

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

No other action taken.

b. Announcement of Possible Acquisition by Department of Conservation and Recreation and Waiver of 120-Day Notice Period #P-000986, Assessors Map/Parcels 25C-34, 25C-2, and part of parcel 25C-3

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MOVED: Pursuant 301 CMR 51.07(1)(b) the Amherst Town Council hereby agrees to waive the 120-day notice period as required by said section as to a parcel of land of approximately eight acres in the Town of Amherst, shown on Exhibit A attached hereto, in which the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering acquiring an interest.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous, 13-0 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes)

c. Surveillance Technology Oversight Bylaw – First Reading

d. Proposed Zoning Article 16: Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting and Approval of Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

MOVED: To refer Zoning Bylaw Article 16 – Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting and Approval of Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, sponsored by Councilors De Angelis and Griesemer, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearing/s held no later than January 12, 2022, 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: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-6 (De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Schoen, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Bahl-Milne, Brewer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, and Schreiber voted No)

e. Town Council discussion of Town Manager’s Self-Evaluation

f. Council Discussion of Town Manager Goals

MOVED: To refer the FY21 Town Council Performance Goals for the Town Manager - Adopted by the Town Council 09-14-20 amended 1-25-21 and 4-5-21 to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee, for a recommendation of FY22 Town Council Performance Goals for the Town Manager to the Town Council by December 6, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

9. Appointments

b. Town Council Appointments

(1) Non-Voting Members of Finance Committee

MOVED: In accordance with Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 10.9, to appoint Matt Holloway as a Non-Voting Member of the Finance Committee, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee report of November 8, 2021.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-1, with 1 absent (Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; DuMont voted No; Bahl-Milne was absent)

11.a-b. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 18, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting
- October 25, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Exhibit A

