

Town of Amherst
DRAFT MOTIONS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, December 13, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross (joined at 6:37 pm), Ryan (joined at 6:45 pm), Schoen, Schreiber (joined at 7:00), Steinberg

Councilors Absent: Brewer, DuMont, Swartz

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Councilors-Elect: Jennifer Taub, Annika Lopes, Ana Devlin Gauthier, Pam Rooney, and Elisha Walker, Superintendent of Public Works Guilford Mooring

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 6:04 pm

5. 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:

- Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 9.a.(1) Town Manager Appointment to Jones Library Building Committee
- 9.a.(1) Approval of Town Manager appointment to the Jones Library Building Committee

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

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

8. Action Items

a. General Bylaw 3.15 Activities and Amusements

MOVED: To rescind general bylaw 3.15 Activities and Amusements in its entirety.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

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

b. Public Ways Request: North Pleasant Street between Triangle and Hallock Streets: Traffic Direction, Parking, and Pedestrian Improvements along Kendrick Park
MOVED: To approve the following changes to parking and permanent changes to the public way on North Pleasant St from Hallock St to Triangle St:

- Conversion of traffic flow to one-way traffic northbound from McLellan St to Triangle St
- Creation of back-in angled parking spaces on the eastern side of North Pleasant St
- Parking prohibited as a tow zone on the western side of North Pleasant St
- Removal of the grass belt on the western side

With the following conditions:

- Complete streets approach is applied to the final design to maximize bicycle and pedestrian safety and use, including consideration of a separate southbound lane for cyclists either at street or sidewalk level.
- DAAC will be consulted on the number and placement of accessible spaces.
- The Town will return to the Town Council for approval of parking regulation of new spaces, including a public hearing on the mix of metered and permit parking and meter regulations.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ross

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

c. Reorganization of Town Agencies – Charter Sec. 6.1

(1) Establishment of Community Responders for Equity, Safety, and Service (CRESS) Program

***This motion is not eligible for amendment or postponement under Charter Sec. 2.10(c)**

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 6.1, to approve the Town Manager's reorganization plan creating the Community Responders for Equity, Safety, and Service.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Pam

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

(2) Establishment of Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

***This motion is not eligible for amendment or postponement under Charter Sec. 2.10(c)**

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 6.1, to approve the Town Manager's reorganization plan creating the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-0, with 3 absent (Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Brewer,

DuMont, and Swartz were absent)

d. FY23 Town Council Budget Guidelines

No action.

e. 2022 Town Council Performance Goals for the Town Manager

MOVED: To adopt the “Town Council Performance Goals for the Town Manager January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022,” as amended.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Ryan

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-0, with 4 absent (De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DuMont, and Swartz were absent)

f. Carryover Measures to New Legislative Sessions – Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.9

Discussion only, no action.

e. Town Manager Contract Terms

MOVED: To approve the “Amendment to Employment Agreement Between Town of Amherst, Massachusetts and Paul Bockelman,” as shown on page 5 of the motions sheet, and authorize the Town Council President to sign said document on behalf of the Town Council.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8-0, 1 abstention, 4 absent (De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Schoen Abstained; Bahl-Milne, Brewer, DuMont, and Swartz were absent)

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

(1) Jones Library Building Committee

VOTED VIA CONSENT

MOVED: To waive Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for the current agenda item.

VOTED VIA CONSENT

MOVED: In accordance with Charter section 2.11(b), to approve the following Town Manager appointment to the Jones Library Building Committee, as filed with the Town Clerk on December 8, 2021, effective immediately:

- For a term that will continue for the length of the building process:
 - Christine Gray-Mullen

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**Amendment to
Employment Agreement Between
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts
and
Paul Bockelman**

This amendment to the employment agreement is made and entered into on this this ___ day of December 2021 by and between the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called the “Council” acting by and through its Town Council “Council” and Paul Bockelman, hereinafter called “Bockelman” or “Town Manager”.

WHEREAS, there is an employment agreement (“Agreement”) between the Council and Town Manager dated September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to extend the length of the Agreement under the same terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bockelman is willing to extend the length of the Agreement and is able to perform the duties described in the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement, the Council and Town Manager agree to amend the Agreement by revising Sections 2.1 and 2.2 as follows:

A. Delete Section 2.1 and replace it with the following:

2.1 The term of this employment agreement shall be from August 22, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2025.

B. Delete Section 2.2 and replace it with the following:

2.2 Should the Town Council decide not to renew this Agreement at the end of the term (August 31, 2025), the Council shall provide the Town Manager with a written notice of its intent not to renew no later than June 3, 2025.

The Town Manager:

For the Town Council:

Paul Bockelman

Lynn Griesemer, President

Date:

Date: