

Town of Amherst
UNNOFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, January 3, 2022

6:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors participating remotely: Pam

Councilors in attendance: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub, Walker

Councilors absent: None

Staff in attendance: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Sean Hannon, Susan Audette

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 6:50 pm

8. Action Items

a. Election of Officers – Charter Sec. 2.2

1) President – for a term to expire January 9, 2023

Nominations:

Pam nominated Griesemer

Written ballot votes: unanimous for Griesemer

2) Vice President – for a term to expire January 9, 2023

Nominations:

Miller nominated Devlin Gauthier

Written ballot votes: unanimous for Devlin Gauthier

b. Adoption of Town Council Rules of Procedure – Charter Sec. 2.6(d)

MOVED: Motion to Refer Rules 1.2, 3.3b, 8.4, and 8.6, to GOL for report and recommendation by February 28, 2022.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

c. Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: To adopt the Town Council 2022 Meeting Schedule, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

d. Town Council Meeting Format

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

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: Effective immediately, to hold all Town Council meetings in the in person meeting format until April 1, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-3-1 (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub voted Yes; De Angelis, Rooney, and Walker voted No; Pam abstained)

MOVED: To allow virtual public access until April 1, 2022

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: To instruct Council committees to hold meetings in the virtual meeting format until April 1, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Rooney

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

**e. Non-Voting Liaisons to Town Multiple-Member Bodies – Charter Sec.29.9(d)
Automatic review by GOL – no action required.**

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments - None

b. Town Council Appointments

1) Elementary School Building Committee – Charter Sec. 3.3(c)

MOVED: To waive Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for Councilor appointments to the Elementary School Building Committee.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: To recommend the Town Manager appoint under Charter Section 3.3(c) Councilor Walker to the Elementary School Building Committee.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

MOVED:

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Steinberg

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

2) **Jones Library Building Committee – Charter Sec. 3.3(c)**

MOVED: To waive Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for Councilor appointments to the Jones Library Building Committee. [*quantum of vote required: 9*]

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: To recommend the Town Manager appoint under Charter Section 3.3(c) Councilor Lopes to the Jones Library Building Committee.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

3) **Budget Coordinating Group – Charter Sec. 5.2**

MOVED: To appoint Councilors Hanneke, Griesemer, and Steinberg to the Budget Coordinating Group, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

4) **Joint Capital Planning Committee – Charter Sec. 5.7(b)**

MOVED: To appoint Councilors Schoen, Devlin Gauthier, and Hanneke to the Joint Capital Planning Committee, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Miller

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

5) **Representatives to Speak on Behalf of the Town Council at Four Towns Meetings**

MOVED: To designate Councilors Steinberg and Griesemer to speak on behalf of the Town Council at all Four Towns Meetings until June 30, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous