

**Town of Amherst**  
**UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Monday, April 4, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors in attendance: Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Miller, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg

Councilors participating remotely: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Lopes, Pam, Taub, Walker

Councilors Absent: None

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

Others Participating Remotely: DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Schools Michael Morris, Regional School Finance Director Doug Slaughter, Town Clerk Sue Audette, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Treasurer Jennifer LaFountain, Assistant DPW Superintendent Amy Rusiecki

**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.

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President Griesemer called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:33 pm

President Griesemer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm

**3. Hearings**

**a. 6:30 pm Public Hearing – Eversource Request to install joint pole on College Street.**

**MOVED:** To close the public hearing.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**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:

- **Suspension** of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.4 for the following agenda items:
  - 8.a. Eversource Petition to install a Joint Pole on College Street
  - 8.g. Proposed Permit Parking Regulation Changes
  - 8.h. Community Safety and Social Justice Committee designation as Special Municipal Employee

- 8.j. Proposed Changes to the Town Council Policy Regarding Control and Regulation of the Public Ways regarding reservation of parking for lunch carts
- 6.a. **Adoption** of the 2022 Juneteenth Proclamation
- 8.h. **Designation** of Community Safety and Social Justice Committee as Special Municipal Employees
- 8.i. **Adoption** of the proposed revisions to the following Town Council Rules of Procedure:
  - Rule 1.6
  - Rule 2.1.c., 3.3, 5.1.f, 5.2.c., 6.4, 8.1, 8.4, 8.6, 10.1, 10.5.i., and Appendix A
  - Rule 10.8.c.
  - Rule 6
  - Rule 6.1
  - Rule 6.2
  - Rule 6.3
  - Rule 6.5
- 11.a. **Approval** of the following Town Council meeting minutes:
  - March 7, 2022 Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**6. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**a. 2022 Juneteenth Proclamation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the 2022 Juneteenth Proclamation, as presented.

**8. Action Items**

**a. Eversource Petition to install a joint pole on College Street**

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

**MOVED:** To approve the order for pole location on College Street titled “ORDER FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE LOCATIONS” dated February 4, 2022, as amended according to the revised Eversource Petition map work order #7164341.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**b. Polling Locations**

**MOVED:** To designate the following voting locations for the designated precincts:

- North Zion Church – Precinct 1a
- Immanuel Lutheran Church – Precinct 1b
- Amherst-Pelham Reg. High School – Precincts 2a, 3a, 4a and 4b

- Bangs Community Center – Precinct 5a
- Fort River Elementary School – Precinct 2b
- Crocker Farm Elementary School – Precinct 3b
- Munson Memorial Library – Precinct 5b

And to designate these precinct polling locations as permanent for all future elections until changed by the Town Council.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**c. Sewer Regulations**

**MOVED:** To refer the proposed Sewer Regulations, as presented, and proposed Bylaw to the Town Services and Outreach Committee, with review by Finance Committee, and Governance Organization and Legislation Committee, with a report to the Town Council by May 16, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**d. Updated North Pleasant Street Upgrades/Changes from Hallock to Triangle Street**

**MOVED:** To refer the proposed changes to North Pleasant Street to the Town Services and Outreach Committee, for a public hearing on recommendations to be provided by the TM related to changes related to parking and recommendation to the Town Council by May 16, 2022.

Motion by: Devlin Gauthier

Seconded by: De Angelis

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**e. Regional School Budget**

**MOVED:** In accordance with Section 5.5(a) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to refer the annual operating and capital budget submitted by the Town Manager and recommended by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Committee for Fiscal Year 2023 to the Finance Committee to hold a public hearing and to make a recommendation to the Town Council by May 2, 2022.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Miller

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**f. Removed from the agenda.**

**g. Proposed Permit Parking Regulation Changes**

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

**MOVED:** To adopt the Amherst Permit Parking Regulations as shown in the document titled AMHERST PERMIT PARKING REGULATIONS dated 03-10-2022, as amended at the April 4, 2022 Town Council meeting.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8-5 (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Rooney, and Taub voted Yes; De Angelis, Griesemer, Schoen, Steinberg, and Walker voted No)

**h. Designation of Community Safety and Social Justice Committee as Special Municipal Employees**

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

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to designate Special Municipal Employee (SME) status for the Community Safety and Social Justice Committee (CSSJC).

**i. Proposed Changes to the Town Council Rules of Procedure**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 1.6, Amendment and Repeal, as shown on page 13 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rules 2.1.c., 3.3, 5.1.f, 5.2.c., 6.4, 8.1, 8.4, 8.6, 10.1, 10.5.i., and Appendix A, as shown on pages 14, 17, 21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 33, 37, 38, and 41 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to delete Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 10.8.c. and re-letter the subsequent paragraphs, as shown on page 39 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 6, Title, to delete "COURTESY, " and ", AND DEBATE" so that the new title reads "Rule 6. CODE OF CONDUCT", as shown on page 25 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 6.1, General Rules for Conduct During Council and Committee Meetings, as shown on page 25 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 6.2, Public Courtesy and Decorum, including revising the title to read "Public Civility and Engagement During Meetings", as shown on page 25 of the

Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 6.3, Councilors' Conduct and Debate Decorum, including revising the title to read "Councilors' Conduct", as shown on page 26 of the Motion Sheet.

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to adopt the revisions to Amherst Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 6.5, Conflict of Interest, including revising the title to read "Conflict of Interest and Ethics", as shown on page 27 of the Motion Sheet.

**j. Proposed Changes to the Town Council Policy Regarding Control and Regulation of the Public Ways**

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

**MOVED:** To amend section 2.c. of the Town Council Policy Regarding Control and Regulation of the Public Ways by inserting the following as c. and re-lettering c. as d.:

c. **Reservation of Parking for Lunch Carts:** All requests for long-term and short-term, temporary reservations associated with the licensing of lunch carts by the Board of License Commissioners.

i. Town Council delegates the review and action authority to the Board of License Commissioners with notification to the Town Manager for inclusion in monthly report of all requests and approvals provided to the Town Council.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**11. Approval of Minutes**

**a. March 7, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA** to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented.