

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, May 2, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

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

Councilors Absent: Lopes

Staff in attendance: Town Manager Bockelman, IT Director Hannon, Clerk of the Council O'Keeffe

Others Participating Remotely: Finance Director Sean Mangano, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Assistant Comptroller Drake, Superintendent of Schools Morris, Building Commissioner Morra

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 6:32 pm; adjourned at 10:18 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:

- 6.b. Adoption of the 2022 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation
- 6.c. Adoption of the 2022 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation
- 8.b. Referral of the FY23 Budget to Finance Committee
- 8.c. Referral of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study to Community Resources Committee
- 11.a. Approval of the following Town Council meeting minutes:
 - April 25, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Rooney 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. 2022 Art Week Proclamation

The item was removed from the agenda.

b. 2022 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the 2022 Asian American and Pacific

Islander Heritage Month Proclamation, as presented.

- c. **2022 Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation**
VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the 2022 Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation, as presented.

- d. **Resolution Protecting Adult Access to Plant Medicines & Prioritizing Public Health Responses to Controlled Substance Possession**
The item was removed from the agenda.

8. Action Items

- a. **FY23 Regional School District Budget, Assessment Method, and Capital Debt Authorization**

MOVED: In accordance with Section 5.5(c) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter and in compliance with Sections 5.5(a) and 5.5(b) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to separately consider and act on the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District budgets and assessment method for Fiscal Year 2023 due to the agreement with the three other towns in the Regional School District.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 2, 2022, a Public Hearing held on April 25, 2022, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on April 14, 2022, to adopt Council Order FY23-01: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District – Assessment Method for FY 2023, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 2, 2022, a Public Hearing held on April 25, 2022, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on April 14, 2022, to adopt Council Order FY23-02: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District FY2023 Budget and Appropriating the Town of Amherst Share of the Budget Assessment, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Miller

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 2, 2022,

a Public Hearing held on April 25, 2022, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on April 14, 2022, to adopt Council Order FY23-03A: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Debt Authorization for FY2023, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

MOVED: In accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 2, 2022, a Public Hearing held on April 25, 2022, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on April 14, 2022, to adopt Council Order FY23-03B: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Debt Authorization for FY2023, as presented.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Steinberg

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-1, 1 Abstention, and 1 absent (Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Miller, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; Hanneke voted No; Pam Abstained; Lopes was absent)

b. FY23 Budget

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: In accordance with Section 5.5(a) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to refer the FY23 budget submitted by the Town Manager to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation back to the Council by June 6, 2022.

c. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To refer the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study to the Community Resources Committee for review and recommendation on adoption to the Town Council by July 18, 2022.

d. Establishment of Rental Registration, Permit, and Inspection Fees in accordance with General Bylaw 3.50 – Residential Rental Property

MOVED: In accordance with General Bylaw 3.50, to adopt the following fees for registration, permit application, and inspections:

A. Fee for Registering and Obtaining a Rental Permit in accordance with the Bylaw:

1. For a parcel with a maximum of six units with at least one of the units Occupied by the Owner as a Principal Residence: \$100
2. For all other parcels: \$250

B. Fee for Inspections by the Code Official: \$150 per inspection

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 with 1 absent (Lopes)

MOTION: To amend the motion by striking the words “Registering and Obtaining” and replacing them with “Processing the Registration to Obtain.”

Motion by: Rooney

Seconded by: Taub
The motion was withdrawn.

11. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting Minutes

MOVED: To approve the following Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented/as amended:

- April 25, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting minutes: Information Session
The item was deferred to a future agenda.

b. Town Council Meeting Minutes

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To approve the following Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented:

- April 25, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes

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