



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2021
Virtual Meeting
Executive Session Minutes**

President Griesemer called the executive session to order at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(6) to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Map Parcel ID: 2C-12, as an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of this public body.

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Councilors Absent:

Others Present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, and Clerk of the Council Athena O'Keeffe

Griesemer confirmed all participants can hear and be heard and no one is present and can hear the discussion at their remote locations.

Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek spoke about the right of first refusal and notice of intent to convert received by the Mitchell family. Ziomek stated the Town has been notified by law of a sale or conversion of land. The current owners are proposing to sell 18.59 acres to Barry Roberts; the parcel has been discussed publicly as the site of the Eruptor Project, a research, development and manufacturing building. The Town has 120 days to consider and act to step into the purchase and sale agreement. The asking price is \$1.6M. The area has been zoned PRP, professional research park. The eastern portion of the property is zoned RO, outlying residential, and is not part of the sale. There are no state listed endangered species that make their home on the property. The streams and wetlands will receive protections allowed and required by law. If the Council grants the release, the property would be available for development and the owner would be required to pay five years' of tax on the property when taking it out of agricultural.

Ziomek stated the Town is not proposing a purchase.

Steinberg asked about the site as a potential DPW facility site.

Bockelman responded that while the location is favorable, it is an expensive parcel, and the Town is recommending it remain on the tax rolls.

Pam asked about the plans for the site.

Ziomek spoke about the zoning of the parcel and the publicly known plans for the land.

Bahl-Milne left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Grieseimer adjourned the meeting from executive session at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Athena O'Keeffe".

Athena O'Keeffe, Clerk of the Council