

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

Monday, September 12, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors in attendance: Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Hanneke, Griesemer, Steinberg, Rooney, Schoen, Taub

Councilors participating remotely: De Angelis, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Walker

Councilors Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council O'Keeffe

Others Participating Remotely: Assistant Town Manager Ziomek, Finance Director Mangano, Town Engineer Skeels, Planning Director Brestrup

**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 6:36 p.m.; adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

**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.a. Adoption of Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation
- 8.c. Referral of General Bylaw 3.40: Snow and Ice Removal
- 8.e. Adoption of Amendments to General Bylaws 3.8, License Fees: Innholders, Common Victuallers, and Lunch Carts
- 8.f. Rescission of General Bylaw 3.23, Peeking or Peering into the Place of Habitation
- 11.a-f. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes
  - June 6, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on the Capital Improvement Plan
  - June 6, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
  - June 13, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on Centennial Water Treatment Facility Funding
  - June 13, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
  - June 27, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on Appropriations for North Common Improvements
  - June 27, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Griesemer  
Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**6. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**a. Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To adopt the Puerto Rican Heritage Day Proclamation, as presented.

**8. Action Items**

**a. Proposed Special Act on Residential Property Transfer Fees**

**MOVED:** To refer the proposed Special Act on Residential Property Transfer Fees to the Finance Committee and the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee, for review and recommendation to the Town Council by October 27.

Motion by: Griesemer  
Seconded by: Hanneke  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**b. Acceptance of Public Way: Kestrel Lane and Hop Brook Road**

**MOVED:** To express the Town Council's intent to accept as public the roadways and easements of The Meadows at Amherst Fields subdivision, as shown on the Huntley subdivision plans dated February 24, 1995.

Motion by: Griesemer  
Seconded by: Hanneke  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**MOVED:** To refer the proposed acceptance of the roadways and easements of The Meadows at Amherst Fields subdivision, as shown on the Huntley subdivision plans dated February 24, 1995, to the Planning Board and Finance Committee, for review and recommendation to the Town Council by October 27.

Motion by: Griesemer  
Seconded by: Hanneke  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**c. Referral of General Bylaw 3.40: Snow and Ice Removal – Consent Agenda**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To refer General Bylaw 3.40: Snow and Ice to the Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee for substantive review and recommendation on potential revisions by October 27.

**d. Proposed Amendments to General Bylaw 3.36: Soliciting – First Reading**

**e. Proposed Amendments to General Bylaws 3.8, License Fees: Innholders, Common Victuallers, and Lunch Carts – Second Reading – Consent Agenda**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To amend General Bylaw 3.8, License Fees: Inholders, Common Victuallers, and Lunch Carts, by inserting the language shown in **bold red** font, and removing the language shown in ~~red strikethrough~~ font, as follows:

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~~**FEES FOR INNHOLDERS, COMMON VICTUALLERS, AND LUNCH CARTS**~~

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~~Fee for innholder license: \$50.00~~

~~Fee for common victuallers license: \$50.00~~

~~Fee for lunch carts license: \$100.00~~

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The fees for innholders, common victuallers, and lunch carts ~~are as indicated in the above data block~~ **shall be set by the Board of License Commissioners in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40 Sec. 22F.**

**f. Proposed Rescission of General Bylaw 3.23, Peeking or Peering into the Place of Habitation – Second Reading – Consent Agenda**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To rescind General Bylaw 3.23, Peeking or Peering into the Place of Habitation, in its entirety.

**g. Town Council and Council Committee Meeting Format**

Options:

**MOVED:** Effective immediately and until and including the first meeting of the next Council's term, to hold all Town Council meetings in the in-person meeting format with remote participation as permitted by law, with in-person public access and the option of virtual public access; in the event of inclement weather or at the discretion of the President, the President may announce a virtual meeting will take place.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**MOVED:** Effective immediately, and until and including the first meeting of the next Council's term, unless inconsistent with state law, to hold all Town Council committee meetings in the virtual meeting format with virtual public access.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Rooney

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** To approve the following Town Council meeting minutes, as presented:

- June 6, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Capital Improvement Plan Public Forum
- June 6, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
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