

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, October 3, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors in attendance: Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Rooney, Taub, Steinberg

Councilors participating remotely: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Pam, Lopes, Miller (joined at 6:35 p.m.), Walker (joined at 7:12 p.m.)

Councilors Absent: None

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

Others Participating Remotely: Finance Director Mangano

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 Regular Town Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.; adjourned at 12:02 a.m. on October 4, 2022

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:

- 8.a. Referral of Creation of Capital Stabilization Fund to Finance Committee
- 8.b. Referral of Proposed Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 5, 11, 12, and Classification Table – Proposed Revisions to address sunseting of Article 14, Temporary Zoning to Community Resources Committee, Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee, and Planning Board
- ~~8.c. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to General Bylaw 3.39: Street Numbering of Houses Removed by Steinberg~~
- 8.d. Adoption of 2023 Town Council Meeting Calendar
- 8.e. Authorization for Town Council President to Submit the following Correspondence on Behalf of the Town Council:
 - ~~UMass Amherst Chancellor Search Committee removed by Hanneke~~
 - ~~Letter to Legislators Regarding MBLC Funding for Jones Library Removed by Griesemer~~
 - ~~Response to Community Safety and Social Justice Committee Letter removed by Schoen~~
- 11.a-c. Approval of the following Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Primer on the Master Plan

- September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on the Master Plan
- September 19, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Rooney

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0, with 1 absent (Walker) by roll call

6. Resolutions and Proclamations - None

8. Action Items

a. Creation of a Capital Stabilization Fund

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To refer Town Council order FY23-15: An Order Creating a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects to the Finance Committee, for review and recommendation to the Town Council by November 17, 2022.

b. Proposed Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 5, 11, 12, and Classification Table – To address sunseting of Article 14, Temporary Zoning

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Articles 5, 11, 12, and the Classification Table, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources Committee for hearings held no later than December 7, 2022, and for a written recommendation and an explanation as to whether the proposed amendments are not inconsistent with the Master Plan from the Planning Board to the Town Council and to the Community Resources Committee no later than 21 days after the Planning Board hearing, and for the Community Resources Committee to send a written recommendation to the Town Council and to submit all materials to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for review of clarity, consistency, and actionability within 60 days of the hearing held by the Community Resources Committee.

c. Proposed Amendments to General Bylaw 3.39: Street Numbering of Houses

MOVED: To refer the Proposed Amendments to General Bylaw 3.39: Street Numbering of Houses back to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for further review.

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Griesemer

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

MOVED: To amend General Bylaw 3.39: Street Numbering of Houses, by inserting the language shown in **bold red** font, and removing the language shown in ~~red-strikethrough~~ font, as follows:

3.39 – STREET NUMBERING OF **HOUSES-BUILDINGS**

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE STREET NUMBER OF
BUILDINGS BYLAW**

**Noncriminal Disposition for first violation: Warning and Correction Notice
(enforcement by: Building Commissioner, Inspection Services, Fire Department)
Noncriminal Disposition for second and subsequent violations: \$25 (enforcement by:
Building Commissioner, Inspection Services, Fire Department)**

~~Homeowners shall indicate the street number of the house by figures at 2-1/2 inches high
and so located as to be easily seen from the street.~~

**Building owners shall post the numeric street number of the building on the
building and, if necessary to be easily seen from the public way, at an additional
location easily visible from the public way, using figures at least 3 inches tall. For
clarity purposes, “413A” is the appropriate posting, not “Four hundred thirteen A”.**

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Miller

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-4 (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes,
Miller, Rooney, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; De Angelis, Pam, Schoen, and Steinberg
voted No)

MOVED: To amend the motion by changing the word “and” to “or” in the second to last
line so that the line reads “Building owners shall post the numeric street number of the
building on the building or, if necessary to be easily seen from the public way, at an
additional location easily visible from the public way, using figures at least 3 inches tall.”

Motion by: Rooney

Seconded by: Taub

The motion was withdrawn.

d. 2023 Town Council Meeting Calendar

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the 2023 Town Council meeting
schedule, as presented.

**e. Authorization for Town Council President to Sign Correspondence on Behalf of the
Town Council**

MOVED: To authorize the Town Council President to submit the letter to Legislators
Regarding MBLC Funding for the Jones Library on behalf of the Town Council.

Motion by: Devlin Gauthier

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-1, with 2 abstentions (Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin
Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Steinberg, and Taub voted Yes;
Walker voted No; Rooney and Schoen Abstained)

MOVED: To table the discussion on the Response to the Community Safety and Social Justice Committee.

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To add to the next Council meeting agenda a time-limited conversation with the Community Safety and Social Justice Committee to have a conversation about how to move forward.

Motion by: Walker

Seconded by: Pam

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-2, with 1 abstention (Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Rooney, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; Hanneke and Steinberg voted No; Schoen Abstained)

9. **Appointments - None**

11. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Primer on the Master Plan**

b. **September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on the Master Plan**

c. **September 19, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**

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

- September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Primer on the Master Plan
- September 19, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes: Public Forum on the Master Plan
- September 19, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

MOVED: To adjourn.

Motion by: Steinberg

Seconded by: Lopes

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-2 (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; De Angelis and Griesemer voted No)