

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, December 12, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Councilors in attendance: Bahl-Milne (joined at 6:45 p.m.), De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub

Councilors participating remotely: Miller, Pam, Walker

Councilors Absent: None

Staff and others in attendance: Town Manager Bockelman, Clerk of the Council O’Keeffe

Staff and others Participating Remotely: Planning Director Brestrup, Senior Planner Malloy

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 Special Town Council meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.; adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

1. Call to Order

3. Hearings – *None*

5. Consent Agenda – *None*

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. A Resolution Concerning the Safety of the Amherst Pelham Regional High School Athletic Complex

MOTION ON THE FLOOR: To adopt the Resolution Concerning the Safety of the Amherst Pelham Regional High School Athletic Complex, as presented/amended.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Miller

MOTION: To replace the previous motion adopting the Resolution Concerning the Safety of the Amherst Pelham Regional High School Athletic Complex, with the newly-proposed Resolution Concerning the Safety of the Amherst Pelham Regional High School Athletic Complex submitted on December 12, 2022.

Motion by: Miller

Seconded by: Hanneke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-2, 1 abstention

Yea: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Rooney, Steinberg, Taub

Nay: Pam, Walker

Present (abstain): Schoen

Absent: None

8. Action Items

- a. **Proposed Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 3, Use Regulations, Article 5, Accessory Uses, Article 11, Administration and Enforcement, and Article 12, Definitions – First Reading**
- b. **Proposed Revisions to Zoning Bylaws Article 2, Zoning Districts, Article 3, Use Regulations, and Article 16, FEMA Floodplain Overlay District; Zoning Bylaw: Official Zoning Map – FEMA Floodplain Overlay District; Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM); Flood Insurance Study dated February 9, 2023 – First Reading**
- c. **Proposed Amendments to General Bylaw 3.22: Discharging of Firearms – First Reading**
- d. **Reaffirmation of Amendment to Town Manager Contract**
MOTION: To approve the “Amendment to Employment Agreement Between Town of Amherst, Massachusetts and Paul Bockelman,” dated December 12, 2022, as shown on page 4 of the motions sheet, and to authorize the Town Council President to sign said document on behalf of the Town Council.
Motion by: Griesemer
Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier
ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0, 1 absent
Yea: Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Pam, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub, Walker
Nay: None
Present (abstain): None
Absent: Miller
- e. **Town Manager Goals – First Discussion**

9. Appointments – None

11. Approval of Minutes – None

15. Executive Session – None

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**Amendment to
Employment Agreement Between
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts
and
Paul Bockelman**

This amendment to the employment agreement is made and entered into on this 12th day of December, 2022 by and between the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called the "Council" acting by and through its Town Council "Council" and Paul Bockelman, hereinafter called "Bockelman" or "Town Manager".

WHEREAS, there is an employment agreement ("Agreement") between the Council and Town Manager dated September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, based upon a vote of the Town Council on December 13, 2021, with agreement of the Town Manager, the Town amended the Employment Agreement extending the length of the Agreement under the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, based upon a vote of the Town Council on December 12, 2022, with agreement of the Town Manager, the Town is amending the Employment Agreement with respect to \$3,000 presently provided toward disability insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement, the Council and Town Manager agree to amend the Agreement by revising Sections 11.1 as follows:

A. Delete Section 11.1 and replace it with the following:

11.1 The Town shall reimburse the Town Manager annually up to \$3,000 toward the cost of a disability or life insurance policy, as selected by the Town Manager. In filing for this reimbursement, the Town Manger shall provide a copy of the relevant insurance policy, Coverage Selections Page and/or Decoration Page, and evidence of his payment for disability or life insurance premium.

The Town Manager:

For the Town Council:

Paul Bockelman

Lynn Griesemer, President

Date: _____

Date: _____