

Town of Amherst
UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Councilors present: De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub

Councilors participating remotely: Bahl-Milne, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Walker

Councilors absent: None

Non-voting Finance Committee members present: None

Non-voting Finance committee members participating remotely: Hegner, Holloway, Kubiak

Non-voting Finance Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Bockelman, Clerk of the Council O’Keeffe, notetaker Miller

Staff participating remotely: Mangano, Mooring, Rusiecki

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 6:33 p.m.; adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Steinberg called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.; adjourned at 8:16 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.

(Waiver of rules requires 9 yeas; resolutions and proclamations require a majority of Councilors present; adoption of minutes requires a majority of Councilors present and voting)

MOVED: To move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

- 6.a. Adoption of 2023 Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation
- Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation
- 6.b. Adoption of 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation
- 11.a. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - March 6, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

6. Resolutions and Proclamations

a. 2023 Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation

(Majority of Councilors present)

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the 2023 Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation, as presented.

b. 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation

(9 yea votes)

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To waive Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for the current agenda item.

(Majority of Councilors present)

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA: To adopt the 2023 Arbor Month Proclamation, as presented.

8. Action Items

a. Appropriation and Debt Authorization for the Elementary School Building Project Automatically referred to Finance Committee

MOVED: To hold a special Town Council meeting on March 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by: De Angelis

Seconded by: Schoen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

b. Proposed Water and Sewer Bylaws – First Reading

c. Proposed Water and Sewer Regulations – First Reading

d. Proposed Surveillance Use Policy – First Discussion

e. Authorization for President to Sign a Letter Regarding East-West Rail Commission (Majority present and voting)

MOVED: To authorize the President to sign the letter to the Western Massachusetts Passenger Rail Commission regarding east-west rail on behalf of the Town Council.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Rooney

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

f. Proposed Flag Policy

(Majority present and voting)

MOVED: To refer the proposed Flag Policy to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee, with a report to the Town Council on clarity, consistency, and actionability and a substantive recommendation by May 1, 2023.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: De Angelis
ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

MOVED: To amend the motion by adding, “and a substantive recommendation” after the word “actionability”

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

g. Town Council Meeting Format

11. Approval of Minutes

a. (Majority of Councilors present and voting)

VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDAMOVED: To adopt the following Town Council meeting minutes, as presented:

- March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes

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