



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Minutes

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1. Call to Order

President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Councilors present: Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Steinberg, Swartz.

Councilors absent: Councilors Brewer and Schreiber

Councilors participating remotely: None

Others present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Margaret Nartowicz.

President Griesemer announced audio and video recording by Amherst Media.

2. Announcements

3. Resolutions and Proclamations – None

4. Hearings – None

5. Action Items

a. Station Road Bridge Funding

- 1) Finance Committee Recommendation
- 2) Funding Approvals

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Bahl-Milne to appropriate \$212,500, for the purchase and installation of a temporary bridge for the Station Road, Hop Brook Bridge, and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$212,500 from Free Cash.

Discussion: Councilor Steinberg gave a summary of the Finance Committee's recommended motions, explained that the funding of some previous projects will be paid off soon and that will free up some funds that may be allocated to future projects; the Town had been building the Free Cash and Stabilization Fund; a grant will not fund the entire permanent bridge project.

President Griesemer commented that the Town Council will focus on capital projects this month, Library, DPW, and Fire will make presentations about their respective capital projects and a discussion about funding for those projects will take place at a following meeting.

Councilor Hanneke commented that the process for this project has shed light on other infrastructure issues, and that these issues need to be prioritized.

Councilor Swartz commented that the process for this project has not allowed for an appraisal of other infrastructure projects that may be considered urgent, particularly the Meadow and Pine Street intersection.

VOTED 10-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz voted No) to appropriate \$212,500, for the purchase and installation of a temporary bridge for the Station Road, Hop Brook Bridge, and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$212,500 from Free Cash.

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Pam to appropriate \$227,500, to reimburse the road repair account for the engineering service costs incurred for the Station Road, Hop Brook Bridge replacement, and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$227,500 from Free Cash.

VOTED 10-1 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz voted No) to appropriate \$227,500, to reimburse the road repair account for the engineering service costs incurred for the Station Road, Hop Brook Bridge replacement, and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$227,500 from Free Cash.

- b. Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - 1) Designation of MPO Representative

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Hanneke to support Lynn Griesemer as Northern Tier alternate representative to the MPO.

VOTED unanimously to support Lynn Griesemer as Northern Tier alternate representative to the MPO.

6. Presentations and Discussion

- a. Orientation to Town Departments
 - 1) Information Technology – IT Director Sean Hannon
 - 2) Economic Development – Economic Development Director Geoff Kravitz
 - 3) Health Department – Health Director Julie Federman
 - 4) Town Clerk – Town Clerk Margaret Nartowicz
 - 5) Leisure Services – Director Barbara Bilz
 - 6) Senior Center – Senior Center Director Nancy Pagano

7. Town Manager Report – None

8. **Appointments – None**
9. **Approval of Minutes – None**
10. **Committee Reports – None**
11. **Public Comment – None**
12. **Future Agenda Items – None**
13. **Council Comments – None**
14. **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance – None**
15. **Executive Session – *None Scheduled***
16. **Adjourn**

MOVED: President Griesemer moved, second by Councilor Ryan to adjourn.

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. on February 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Clerk & Clerk to the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

- 1 Agenda 2-6-19 10am FINAL rev. 2-1-19
- 1 Motions for Town Council 10am meeting 2-6-19
- 5-a-1 Finance Committee Report January 25, 2019
- 5-b-1 MPO Northern Tier Ballot
- 5-b-1 Northern tier Candidate Experience
- 6-a Amherst Health Department
- 6-a Economic Development Presentation - 2-6-19 – FINAL
- 6-a IT Presentation to Council
- 6-a LSSE Overview
- 6-a Senior Center Presentation to Council
- 6-a Town Clerk Department Presentation to Council