



**Town of Amherst
Special Town Council Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2019 12:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Minutes

Complete video is available online: <https://amherstmedia.org/content/amherst-town-council-special-meeting-december-4th-2019>

1. Call to order and declaration of a quorum

President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Councilors present: Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Steinberg, and Swartz

Councilors absent: Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber

Councilors participating remotely: None

Others present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

President Griesemer announced audio and video recording by Amherst Media

2. Announcements

Four Towns Meeting

December 7, 2019, 9:00 am, Amherst Regional Middle School Library

Capital Investments Community Listening Sessions

December 9, 3:30-5:30 pm – Fort River Elementary Library

December 9, 6:00-8:00 pm – Wildwood Elementary Library

Public Forum on Appropriations Outside the Annual Budget [Charter Sec 5.6]

December 16, 6:30 pm – Town Room, Town Hall – followed by regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:45 pm

Swearing-In of Newly-Elected Town Officials

January 6, 2020, 6:00 pm – Town Room, Town Hall – followed by regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:30 pm

3. Hearings - None

4. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Human Rights Day Proclamation

Councilor Ryan stated that Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee voted the proclamation clear, consistent, and actionable, and notes changes to the proclamation from the previous year.

MOTION: Councilor Ross moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, to adopt the Human Rights Day Proclamation, as amended.

VOTED 9-0-0 (Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber were absent) to adopt the Human Rights Day Proclamation, as amended.

b. Resolution in Support of First Congregational, Amherst, United Church of Christ's Request to Maintain a Temporary Shelter

Councilor Hanneke explained the differences between the current resolution and the resolution provided in the packet to Town Council.

Reverend Vicki Kemper thanked the Council for their ongoing support and reiterated that the Church hopes to resolve the temporary shelter and not become a permanent residence.

MOTION: Councilor Hanneke moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, to adopt the Resolution in Support of First Congregational, Amherst, United Church of Christ's Request to Maintain a Temporary Shelter, as amended.

VOTED 9-0-0 (Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber were absent) to adopt the Resolution in Support of First Congregational, Amherst, United Church of Christ's Request to Maintain a Temporary Shelter, as amended.

5. Annual Charter Requirements

a. Receipt of Annual Reports [Charter Sec. 4.2(d), 4.3(d), 4.4(d), 4.5, 6.3]

b. Receipt of Town Manager Memo Regarding Topics for Study [Charter Sec. 10.12]

Councilor Brewer stated that the Council should have a discussion about what the reports contain at a future meeting.

6. Receipt of Town Manager Memo Regarding Topics for Study

MOTION: Councilor Hanneke moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, to accept the receipt of the Town Manager memo regarding topics for study, per Charter Sec. 10.12, as completing the topics for study.

Councilor Brewer sought to clarify if the Council intends to study the topics further, or if the Town Manager's memo concludes the Council's research into the topics. Councilor Hanneke responded that the Charter requires the investigation of those specific items; the motion is intended to state that the Council has met the Charter requirement.

Councilor Steinberg requested inclusion of the Charter reference in the motion.

VOTED: 9-0-0 (Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber were absent) to accept the receipt of the Town Manager memo regarding topics for study, per Charter Sec. 10.12, as completing the topics for study.

11. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance - None

12. Executive Session - None

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilor De Angelis moved, second by Councilor Swartz to adjourn the December 4, 2019 meeting of the Town Council.

MOTION: Councilor Hanneke moved, second by Councilor Ryan, to reconsider the Human Rights Day Proclamation.

VOTED 9-0-0 (Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber were absent) to reconsider the Human Rights Day Proclamation.

Councilor Brewer noted that the statement in the Proclamation “since 2018” is erroneous.

MOTION: Councilor Brewer moved, second by Councilor Hanneke, to adopt the Human Rights Day Proclamation, as amended by removing the words “since 2018.”

VOTED 9-0-0 (Councilors Pam, Schoen, and Schreiber were absent) to adopt the Human Rights Day Proclamation, as amended by removing the words “since 2018.”

VOTED 9-0-0 to adjourn at 12:56 pm on December 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Athena O’Keeffe
Clerk of the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

12-04-2019 DRAFT Town Council Agenda - Special Meeting (002)

2019 Human Rights Day Proclamation FINAL REVISED

First Church Resolution Letterhead FINAL

FY19 AHA ANNUAL REPORT Final

Library FY19 Annual Report 11-25-19

Resolution in Support of First Congregational - Request to Maintain a Temporary Shelter

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Annual Oliver Smith Elector report

BLC Annual Report 2019 Final

Draft Motions for Town Council 12-04-2019