



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Minutes**

Complete video is available online: <https://amherstmedia.org/content/amherst-town-council-july-20-2020>

1. Call to Order

Councilors Participating Remotely: Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg

Councilors Absent: Councilor Swartz

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Health Director Julie Federman, Town Clerk Shavena Martin, IT Applications Analyst Serge Fedorovsky, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

After confirming all participants could hear and be heard, President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum, called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and announced audio and video recording by Amherst Media.

Note: Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Town Council was conducted via remote participation.

2. Announcements

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- Special Town Council Meeting: July 21, 2020 6:30 p.m. continuation of July 20 Council meeting, if needed
- Joint Meeting of the Council and School Committee to hear a presentation on the Crocker Farm School Expansion Report: July 28, 2020 6:00 p.m.
- Special Town Council Meeting: July 28, 2020 7:00 p.m., if needed
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 3, 2020 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 17, 2020 5:00 p.m. *note early start time
- Regular Town Council Meeting: August 31, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: July 21, 2020 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: TBD
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: July 29, 2020 10:30 a.m.

- Town Services and Outreach Committee: July 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at www.amherstma.gov/calendar

Councilor Pam asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Senator John Lewis.

3. **Hearings** - *None*
4. **General Public Comment** - *None*
5. **Consent Agenda**

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, a Councilor can 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.

MOTION: President Griesemer moved, second by De Angelis, to move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

- 11.a-e. Approval of Minutes:
 - June 17, 2020 Joint Town Council and Governance, Organization, and Legislation Meeting - minutes
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 - July 13, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting – Library Update minutes
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VOTED 12-0 by roll call (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz was absent) to move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

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6. **Resolutions and Proclamations** – *None*
7. **Presentations and Discussion**
 - a. **COVID-19 Update**

Town Manager Paul Bockelman and Health Director Julie Federman spoke about the following:

- Current number of COVID-19 tests, cases, and deaths in Amherst and statewide
- Town operations status report
- Public health indicators
- Local efforts including additional signage and testing locations
- Governor’s reopening plan phase information
- Accomplishments

- Outlook for the fall/winter
- Challenges for the fall/winter
- Reopening plans for Amherst College, Hampshire College, and UMass
- Concerns about community spread when college students return to the area

Councilors discussed the expectations for students returning to the area, testing capacity on- and off-campus, mask regulations, contact tracing, communication with landlords and local businesses, UMass' responsibility for off-campus behavior. Councilors commented that armed officers should not be used to enforce COVID-19 regulations. Councilors commented on the lack of a UMass employee testing plan. Councilors spoke about the need for more frequent testing and a better isolation and quarantine locations for COVID-19 positive students.

President Griesemer asked about the role of the Board of Health.

J. Federman responded that the Board of Health will have a discussion about these issues at their next meeting.

Councilor Ross spoke about increased public confidence in returning to Town with a mandatory mask order, and that it should be conveyed that the Town is welcoming to students as members of the community.

Councilor Bahl-Milne asked about enforcement of signage in local businesses, the misperception of only students being noncompliant with mask wearing, and how the Town could welcome back students with reminders to wear masks.

Councilors discussed the Chancellor's letter and future discussions with UMass administration officials.

Councilor Ryan asked about the current regulations and enforcement.

J. Federman spoke about phase three reopening guidelines and the need for collaborations with the university regarding enforcement and education.

P. Bockelman spoke about limitations of enforcement on private property.

MOTION: President Griesemer moved, second by Councilor Hanneke, to suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

VOTED 12-0 by roll call to suspend Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 8.4 for the current agenda item.

MOTION: Councilor Hanneke moved, second by Councilor Schoen to support and endorse the requests detailed in the Amherst Town Manager's letter dated July 10, 2020 to Chancellor Subbaswamy of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, asking for critical changes to the University's plan for students' return for the fall 2020 semester, and given the urgency of matter, we call on the University and Chancellor Subbaswamy to partner with the Town to amend its plan for the fall 2020 semester as soon as possible to ensure those plans protect the public health and safety of all residents of Amherst, including all students, whether residing on- or off-campus.

Councilors Ross stated that he will abstain, that the response from the university indicates willingness to work with the Town

Councilor Ryan commented that he trusts the Town Manager to communicate with the university.

VOTED 10-0-2 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Steinberg, voted Yes; Councilors Ross and Schreiber Abstained; Councilor Swartz was absent) to support and endorse the requests detailed in the Amherst Town Manager's letter dated July 10, 2020 to Chancellor Subbaswamy of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, asking for critical changes to the University's plan for students' return for the fall 2020 semester, and given the urgency of matter, we call on the University and Chancellor Subbaswamy to partner with the Town to amend its plan for the fall 2020 semester as soon as possible to ensure those plans protect the public health and safety of all residents of Amherst, including all students, whether residing on- or off-campus.

b. Election Timeline and Locations - Primary and General Elections

Town Clerk Shavena Martin spoke about the following:

- 2020 Election schedule
- Expanded early voting dates for primary and general elections
- North Fire Station will not be available as a polling location in the fall
- Review of current polling locations
- Concerns with voting in elementary school buildings
- Recommendation to consolidate precincts into one location at Amherst Regional High School
- Concerns about voter turnout and education
- Potential election day bus or shuttle service
- Council action needed in order to change polling locations
- Vote by mail

President Griesemer spoke about the required Council actions of publishing a report and a vote to alter polling locations.

Councilor De Angelis spoke about concerns regarding transportation to the polls.

Councilor Brewer spoke commented that the Town should stress that voters should be encouraged to vote by mail, and asked about the required report.

Councilor Schoen echoed concerns regarding transportation to the polls and asked about voting by mail.

S. Martin responded that the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office sent vote by mail applications last Wednesday, but voters can print and mail an application from the Town website.

Councilor Hanneke commented that transportation will be an issue without a PVTa bus stop nearby, asked if the change in polling location would be permanent, how the polling location would be arranged for 10 precincts with social distancing, and if there would be indicators to show how successful the vote by mail initiative has been.

S. Martin responded that the change would be permanent, described the flow of voters through the high school gymnasium, and spoke about election workers that would assist voters in locating the correct precinct line.

Councilor Ross echoed concerns about transportation, and asked about an early voting location on the UMass campus.

Councilor Pam suggested the Business Improvement District trolley be used as a transportation method.

Councilor DuMont spoke about the current lack of transportation to polling locations, and that the proposed plan would be an improvement.

Councilor Brewer spoke in favor of an earlier report date in order to raise public awareness of the new polling location.

Councilor Schreiber noted there is a PVRTA bus stop approximately one-quarter mile from the high school.

Councilor Steinberg spoke in favor of revisiting on-campus early voting.

Councilor Hanneke asked if poll workers are needed.

S. Martin responded that the Town is in need of poll workers, the application is available online.

8. Action Items

a. FY21 Budget – Charter Sec. 5.5(c)

Councilor Steinberg reported that the Finance Committee used the Town Council guidelines to review the budget, met with heads of every department, and the Finance Committee recommends an additional motion to address issues regarding policing in Amherst. Councilor Steinberg noted that if the budget is reduced, funds would not be available for other purposes, as a smaller amount of funds would be raised via taxation.

Councilor Schoen spoke about substantial discussion during Finance Committee meetings of reducing two positions to the police department budget, referred to page 52 of the budget that details the types of police calls received by the department, and spoke about conversations about policing.

Councilor De Angelis spoke about the compromise of freezing two positions, and spoke in favor of eliminating the positions from the budget, and the symbolic action of not funding the positions.

Councilor Pam spoke about resident committees who are addressing policing in Town and about resident oversight of policing.

Councilor Ryan asked about the force level of the police department if the two positions are not filled.

P. Bockelman responded that a reduction of two officers would bring the police force to 46 officers.

Councilor DuMont spoke about public comments regarding the budget, spoke in favor of defunding two police department positions, establishment of a resident oversight committee, and stated that none of the \$80,000 racial equity funds in the budget be used to fund the Amherst police department.

Councilor Bahl-Milne spoke about the inspiring individuals who have spoken to the Council about change in the community, noted the willingness of the police department to have difficult conversations, and spoke about the need to study the disparities in the community with respect to health, housing, and other issues. Councilor Bahl-Milne spoke in favor of adopting the budget with a hiring freeze and not defunding the two police department positions.

Councilor Brewer spoke about the need for real change and not a symbolic gesture, spoke in favor of hearing from staff and constituents at each Council meeting, and spoke about the need for work to be done by existing bodies and groups.

Councilor Ross echoed Councilor Brewer's comments, thanked Councilor Steinberg for the clear and detailed Finance Committee report, spoke about the limits on Council actions, expressed concern with cutting the budget, and spoke in support of reallocating funds in the future. Councilor Ross spoke about

state and local legal constraints that prevent the Council from reallocating funds for other purposes if the budget is reduced.

Councilor Ryan spoke about the need to listen to voices in the community, social agencies, and service providers.

Councilor Hanneke spoke about comments from residents about over-policing, comments from residents about helpful police responses, the police department policy against using riot gear and tasers, and the experience of residents of color that need addressed. Councilor Hanneke stated that a community safety plan with other types of responders is not possible if the police budget is reduced by 52%. Cutting the police budget without a plan leaves the Town without anyone to respond. Councilor Hanneke spoke in support of adopting the budget as presented.

Councilor Schreiber spoke about listening to experts, and the need for more information about the issues and further discussions. Councilor Schreiber spoke in favor of the Finance Committee recommendation.

President Griesemer expressed disappointment that supporters of Defund 413 did not arrive at her home as expected and she had hoped to speak with supporters of defunding the police department. President Griesemer stated that there is no consensus about what should be done; next year's budget process begins now, and that if the Council decreases the police budget, the Council cannot allocate it for another purpose.

Councilor Pam spoke in support of adopting the budget with a freeze on two police positions, and that the Council must speak with experts who deliver and receive services.

Councilor De Angelis commented that she will support the budget and will advocate for holding the Council responsible for commitments made regarding social justice in the future.

Councilor Bahl-Milne spoke in favor of the Finance Committee's recommendations, to committing to next steps, and asked who will be involved in next steps and when will we have those conversations.

Curry Kautz, Amherst resident, spoke about the UMass reopening plan, stated that hopefully we can have more conversations in the future, that the Council has tried to make it more of a democracy, and reminded the Council that if Councilors vote no they will support them, and agreed with getting rid of weapons and abolishing the police.

Lydia Irons, Amherst resident, read a quote by James Baldwin and stated that the Council is asking for more time that the community does not have. Irons spoke about white wealthy residents calling the police, and language regarding "nuisance houses" is alarming. Irons stated that the Council should not talk down to us about how the budget works or how the government works.

Bailey Batty, Amherst resident, spoke about concrete suggestions for a plan to move forward with defunding the police and encouraged the Council to reduce the police budget now.

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, that the approval of the FY2021 Operating budget is made with the explicit understanding with the Town Manager that two upcoming anticipated vacant positions in the Police Department's budget not be filled until the Town Manager, in consultation with the Town Council, and Residents of Amherst, has fully explored alternative options of providing services and presented the results to the Town Council no later than January 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz was absent) that the approval of the FY2021 Operating budget is made with the explicit understanding with the Town Manager that two upcoming anticipated vacant positions in the Police Department’s budget not be filled until the Town Manager, in consultation with the Town Council, and Residents of Amherst, has fully explored alternative options of providing services and presented the results to the Town Council no later than January 31, 2021.

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Pam, to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-04B, “An Order Appropriating the Town of Amherst FY2021 Operating Budget”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on pages 7-8 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz was absent) to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-04B, “An Order Appropriating the Town of Amherst FY2021 Operating Budget”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on pages 7-8 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Pam to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-09, “An Order Approving and Authorizing Borrowing to Fund Capital Projects – Bond Authorizations” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 9 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

Councilor Steinberg noted the vote requires a 2/3 majority.

Councilor Schoen spoke about the discussions regarding the orders and rate increases.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz was absent) to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-09, “An Order Approving and Authorizing Borrowing to Fund Capital Projects – Bond Authorizations” as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 9 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Hanneke, to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-11, “An Order Approving the Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions for FY2021”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 10 of the document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

Councilor Steinberg explained that Town Meeting voted a similar article each year, there are provisions in state law that allow tax relief for veterans and others. The vote is taken each year to increase the benefit to those who qualify. Information on the amount of the benefit is shown in the Finance Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilor Swartz was absent) to adopt Appropriation and Transfer Order FY21-11, “An Order Approving the Acceptance of Optional Tax Exemptions for FY2021”, as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown on page 10 of the

document entitled “Town Council Finance Committee Recommendation on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and additional Orders.”

Agenda item 8.c. Action Items: Zoning Bylaw 11.250 Amendment – First Reading, Charter 2.10(a)

Planning Board chair Christine Gray-Mullen spoke about the bylaw amendment, the Planning Board report and joint meetings with the Community Resources Committee (CRC). C. Gray-Mullen spoke about the site plan review process as a way to improve projects with respect to traffic, parking, and signs to mitigate any negative impact on the community.

Councilor Hanneke reported that the CRC held a joint hearing with the Planning Board, noting that a Site Plan Review (SPR) is not a Special Permit and that requiring four votes would make the threshold for a SPR a higher vote than a Special Permit. The Planning Board size was reduced when the Charter was adopted. CRC voted against “not less than four” language for the amendment.

Councilor Ryan reported that the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee voted the amendment as clear, consistent, and actionable.

Councilor Schoen spoke in favor of changing the language to “not fewer than four,” stating that would be a simple majority of 7 members.

Councilor Schreiber spoke in favor of the amendment as presented, that it was supported by the Planning Board and that it is important for Planning Board members to vote rather than abstaining.

Councilor Pam and Councilor DuMont spoke in support of the “not fewer than four” wording.

Councilor Hanneke spoke about the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) previous requirement of three votes, which would be a unanimous vote of the ZBA, for Special Permits. Councilor Hanneke spoke about a past situation in which members were abutters and abutters to abutters, which did not leave enough members to vote.

Councilor Bahl-Milne stated that the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs requires a simple majority vote, and that SPRs in other towns require a simple majority.

Councilor Pam stated a simple majority is at least four.

Councilor Steinberg stated that if there is a vacancy on the Planning Board, putting a minimum of four votes alters the requirement because it would be greater than a majority.

Councilor Schreiber spoke about the situation Councilor Hanneke mentioned and stated that some SPRs are not controversial, such as resurfacing athletic fields.

Michael Birtwistle, Amherst resident and Planning Board member, commented that SPRs are often concerned with large projects with significant impact to the community; a narrow majority would be problematic, and that anything less than 2/3 vote should be indication that the project lacks community support. Birtwistle stated the Planning Board has had no difficulty in achieving a quorum, and spoke in opposition to the amendment, and stated the Planning Board should continue functioning as it has been.

Councilor Brewer spoke in opposition to the inclusion of a written Planning Board minority report in the Council packet, stating that in the future there will not be a written minority report from the Planning Board. Councilor Brewer stated that this is not a partisan issue, the Council does struggle to fill Planning Board vacancies, and spoke in favor of a simple majority vote.

Agenda Item 8.b. Action Items: Valley CDC Project at 132 Northampton Road – Local Option

Planning Director Christine Brestrup explained the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) determines if the project will accept a first round of tenants, up to 70%, with a local preference. Brestrup stated that there is concern that this may exclude minorities who are protected by fair housing laws; if the local pool of applicants does not include a specific demographic then applicants can be pulled from the larger pool of applicants.

Councilor De Angelis asked about residency requirements for homeless individuals, stating that abutters supporting the local option may be doing so for the wrong reasons.

C. Brestrup stated homeless residents may have an address at a local shelter. There must be a local and regional need in order for the project to go through.

Councilor Brewer stated that it is frustrating to agree with something that people are supporting for the wrong reasons. Spoke in favor of meeting the need in Amherst first, knowing the State will require an adjustment be made if demographics are not represented in the pool of local applicants.

Councilor Pam spoke in favor of the local option.

Councilor Bahl-Milne stated we need to work regionally to address homelessness, racism, addiction, and mental health.

Councilor Schoen noted one of the local option criteria is a parent with a child in Amherst schools; the apartments are studios and would not accept families.

Councilor Ryan spoke in favor of the local option.

Councilor De Angelis left the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Agenda item 7.b. Presentation and Discussion: Town Manager Evaluation

Town Manager Paul Bockelman stated the written self-evaluation and goals appear in the Council packet, and added that superb systems and excellent people working for the Town are what make managing the pandemic and budget more stable; stability is built over years of leadership of the Town.

Councilor Bahl-Milne spoke in appreciation of the Town Manager's values, commitment, and work.

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments - *None*

b. Town Council Appointments

(1) Non-Voting Members of Finance Committee

Councilor Ryan reported that the Governance, Organization, and Legislation committee voted 3-2 to recommend Bernard Kubiak as resident member of the Finance Committee; one applicant withdrew, so there are only three statements of interest (SOI) included in the packet. Councilor Ryan spoke about the qualifications, perspectives, and experience that Kubiak would bring to the Finance Committee.

Councilor DuMont spoke in opposition to the appointment as a protest that there was no transparency in the appointment, stating that there is a lack of notice as new applicants are not required to fill out a new Community Activity Form (CAF). Councilor DuMont stated the SOIs did not give the amount of information that they should.

Councilor Schoen stated that the SOIs did have more information than the CAFs, and while they wish they had been longer, the interview process pulled out more information. Councilor Schoen stated that there is a learning curve but coming up to speed on the committee does not take years, new eyes are helpful, and new members often ask questions that had not occurred to other members.

Councilor Ross stated that his experience with Kubiak during their work on the Bylaw Review Committee was incredibly useful; Kubiak's experience would be especially valuable during the coming challenging economic period.

President Griesemer spoke in favor of voting for the candidate recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee.

Councilor Brewer stated that the SOIs were attached to the meeting posting, and that there is more information in the short SOIs than are in the CAFs.

MOTION: President Griesemer moved, second by Councilor Ryan, to appoint Bernard Kubiak as a Non-Voting member of the Finance Committee per Charter Sec. 5.5, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee.

VOTED 8-2-1 (Bahl-Milne, Brewer, Griesemer, Hanneke, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors DuMont and Schoen voted No; Councilors De Angelis and Swartz were absent) to appoint Bernard Kubiak as a Non-Voting member of the Finance Committee per Charter Sec. 5.5, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. **Community Resources Committee** – Councilor Hanneke stated that the written committee report includes the appointment process for the Planning Board, the committee will discuss the applicant pool sufficiency and draft selection guidance at the meeting tomorrow, and may also discuss interview dates and statements of interest.
- b. **Finance Committee** – No further report
- c. **Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee** – No further report
- d. **Joint Capital Planning Committee** – No report
- e. **Town Services and Outreach Committee** – Councilor DuMont stated that the committee will meet Thursday at 6:30 pm to discuss the committee review process.
- f. **Liaison Reports:** Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Board of License Commissioners, Community Preservation Act Committee, Council on Aging, Disabilities Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee

11. Approval of Minutes – Consent Agenda

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- d. **July 13 Special Town Council Meeting - Library Update**
- e. **July 13 Joint Finance Committee/Council Budget Hearing**

VOTED via Consent Agenda 12-0 to approve the following Town Council Meeting minutes as presented:

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12. Town Manager Report

Councilor Ryan asked about a decrease in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from what was requested from CARES Act funds.

Town Manager Paul Bockelman responded that applicants with a regional approach were prioritized and the CDBG request focused on the Amherst downtown rather than the region.

13. Town Council Comments

- a. **President Report** – President Griesemer spoke about conversations with staff regarding virtual meetings.

Councilor DuMont spoke in favor of making members of the public visible in public meetings, and asked about importance and priority of climate action goals for staff.

Councilor Ryan suggested inviting UMass representatives and Police representatives to the next Council meeting to discuss students returning.

- b. **Future Agenda Items**

- c. **Councilor Comments**

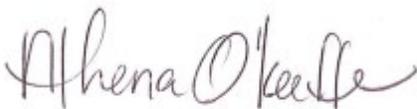
14. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

15. Executive Session – None

16. Adjourn

President Griesemer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m. on July 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Athena O’Keeffe

Clerk of the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

00. 07-20-2020 Draft Motions for Town Council as of 7-20-20

00. 07-20-2020 FINAL Town Council Agenda

7.a. Community responses to Bockelman letter to UMass Chancellor 1

7.a. Community responses to Bockelman letter to UMass Chancellor 2

7.a. COVID-19 Town Council Presentation 07-20-2020 FINAL

7.a. Reopening News Release

- 7.a. Town of Amherst Response 20200720
- 7.a. UMass Concerns COVID-19 FINAL 07-10-2020
- 7.b. Election Polling Locations 07-20-2020 PB
- 7.c. Timeline for Town Manager FY20 Evaluation - Draft as 7-6-2020
- 7.c. Town Manager FY20 Annual Self-Evaluation FINAL
- 8.a. 2020 July Centennial WTP borrowing Memo DPW
- 8.a. 2020 July GBT borrowing Memo DPW
- 8.a. 2020 July Reuse water borrowing Memo DPW
- 8.a. 2020 July Well number 4 borrowing Memo DPW
- 8.a. Final Budget document
- 8.a. Finance Committee report 07.20.20
- 8.a. FY21 Elementary Request
- 8.a. Library FY21 Request
- 8.b. ZBA-local preference
- 8.c. 2020-06-24 CRC Report to Town Council
- 8.c. Article 11, Section 11.25, Planning Board Decision - Amendment
- 8.c. Memo-2019-02-28 - Planning Board Voting Requirements
- 8.c. Minority Report to TC Article 11 final to town council
- 8.c. PB SPR Approvals last year 102
- 8.c. Report to TC on Article 11 SPR Voting Requirements FINAL
- 8.c. SPR Decision Voting Requirements Summary
- 9.b.1. Jayne Statement of Interest
- 9.b.1. Kubiak Statement of Interest
- 9.b.1. Sheffler Statement of Interest
- 10.a. 2020-07-16 CRC Report to Town Council
- 10.c. 2020-07-20 GOL Report to Town Council
- 11.a. 06-17-2020 DRAFT Joint Town Council and Governance Organization and Legislation Committee Minutes
- 11.b. 06-29-2020 DRAFT Town Council Minutes
- 11.c. 07-06-2020 DRAFT Special Meeting of the Town Council - Public Safety minutes
- 11.d. 07-13-2020 DRAFT Joint Meeting of the Town Council and Library Trustees - Library Update minutes
- 11.e. 07-13-2020 DRAFT Joint Meeting of the Town Council and Finance Committee - Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget minutes
- 12. Town Manager Report 07-20-2020