



**Town of Amherst
Special Town Council Meeting and
Special Finance Committee Meeting
Public Forum Regarding an Appropriation Not in the Annual Budget
Monday, November 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Minutes**

Complete video is available online: <https://amherstmedia.org/content/amherst-town-council-november-16-2020>

1. Call to Order

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

Councilors Absent: None

Finance Committee Members Participating Remotely: Robert Hegner, Bernie Kubiak

Finance Committee Members Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Finance Director Sean Mangano, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Principal Assessor Elizabeth Duffy, Chair of the Board of Assessors Ken Hargreaves, IT Director Sean Hannon, and 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 6:35 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. Presentations and Discussion

a. Council Order FY21-05B: An Order Appropriating Funds for the Town of Amherst Capital Program – Purchase of a new Ambulance

Finance Director Sean Mangano spoke briefly about the need of a new ambulance. The Town’s oldest ambulance failed inspection and the cost to replace it would be over \$30,000. The cost of a new hybrid ambulance is \$300,000. The funds would come from the ambulance receipts fund.

3. Public Comment – More than one-half of the meeting time on the agenda will be devoted to public comment

a. Public Forum – Charter Sec. 5.6 – Regarding an appropriation outside the annual budget: Council Order FY21-05B: An Order Appropriating Funds for the Town of Amherst Capital Program – Purchase of a new Ambulance

There was no public comment in favor, no comment opposed, and no questions.

Finance Committee Chair Councilor Steinberg declared the presence of a quorum, confirmed non-voting members can hear and be heard, and called the special meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 6:45 p.m.

There were no motions offered to reconsider the vote to recommend Council Order FY21-05B.

4. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting –
None

5. Adjourn

President Griesemer declared the special Town Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Councilor Steinberg declared the special Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Athena O'Keefe

Clerk of the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

00. 11-16-2020 FINAL Special Town Council Agenda - Public Forum on Ambulance Appropriation

8.b. Ambulance Replacement Memo to Town Council - 11-05-2020

8.b. Finance Committee report 11.16.20

8.b. CO FY21 - 05B PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE