



**Town of Amherst  
Special Town Council Meeting  
Public Forum on Community Preservation Act Budget  
Monday, March 22, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting  
Minutes**

Complete video is available online: <https://youtu.be/404WyxFXHDU>

**1. Call to Order**

Councilors Participating Remotely: Bahl-Milne (joined at 6:37 pm), Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam (joined at 6:42), Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz

Councilors Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Building Commissioner Rob Morra, Department of Public Works Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Procurement Officer Anthony Delaney, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, and Minute Taker Lindsey McConnell

After confirming all participants could hear and be heard, President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum, called the meeting to order at 6:31 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**

**3. Presentation and Discussion**

a. Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Act Appropriations

President Griesemer announced Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) chair Sarah Marshall and staff member Anthony Delany are present to answer any questions that may come up.

Appropriation and Transfer Order FY22-07 was displayed on the screen.

**4. General Public Comment**

a. **Public forum on Community Preservation Act (CPA) Appropriations**

Brestrup asked for clarification on if there were two requests regarding the North Common.

Delaney responded affirmatively and referenced what is shown on the Appropriation and Transfer Order FY22-07.

Schoen noted the Belchertown Road affordable housing project CPA appropriation was approved earlier this year in a separate order.

Bruce Coldham, Amherst resident, noted most projects are Town related and asked inquired about this change in trend.

Griesemer noted two CPA appropriations are not on this order including the one Schoen announced and another potential order for \$1 million for the Jones Library. Griesemer stated the Town is considered a respectable applicant.

Delaney agreed the Town makes up majority of the current requests, stated one non-Town proposal was not accepted because it was ruled not eligible for funds. Delaney stated the CPA has ideas for marketing and information sessions to advertise the program.

Marshal stated the pandemic may have slowed down the work of private organizations.

Janet Keller, Amherst Resident, asked if this was only comment on the North Common.

Gabriela Horvay, Amherst resident, asked to comment on the North Common project and if that project will include adding a band shell.

Griesemer stated there are two proposals on the table for the North Common and neither include a band shell. Griesemer stated there will be a public comment period for the North Common later in the meeting.

There were no further questions or comments raised by members of the public.

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

**6. Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey McConnell

**Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented**

00. 03-22-2021 FINAL Special Town Council Agenda - CPA Forum

8.e. 2021-03-08 Finance Committee Report to Town Council

8.e.3. CO FY22 - 07 CPA - Project Allocations

8.e.3. CPAC Annual Report FY22 - Final

8.e.3. CPAC Recommendations - Town Council Presentation