



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Minutes**

Complete video is available online: <https://youtu.be/JIq5JCB7PvQ>

1. Call to Order

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

Councilors Absent: None

Others Participating Remotely: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, Finance Director Sean Mangano, DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Minute-taker Lindsey McConnell, Regional School Finance Director Doug Slaughter, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich, Superintendent of Schools Mike Morris, Senior Planner Nathaniel Malloy

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.

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:

- May 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - Public Hearing on the proposed budget - joint with Finance Committee
 - Regular Town Council Meeting
- May 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - Public Hearing: permanent parking changes related to North Common
 - Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Council Committee Meetings:

- Community Resources Committee: May 11, 2:00 p.m.
- Joint Public Hearings of the Community Resources Committee and Planning Board, May 19:
 - Proposed Zoning Amendment to Article 15: Inclusionary Zoning: 7:00 p.m.

- Proposed Zoning Article 16: Temporary Moratorium for 180 Days on Building Permits for Construction of Residential Buildings with Three or More Dwelling Units: 8:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee: May 4, 1:00 p.m.
See additional meetings: Finance Committee FY22 Budget Review Meeting Schedule
Please note: Finance Committee meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. in May
- Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee: May 5, 10:30 a.m.
- Town Services and Outreach Committee: May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Griesemer also congratulated Amherst Regional High School class of 2021 and encouraged community support for the graduates.

Schoen requested diagrams of the North Common be posted somewhere before the May 24 hearing.

All meeting agendas and details are posted at www.AmherstMA.gov/Calendar

COVID-19 Call-in Number and Email: Town Council Agenda May 3, 2021 The COVID-19 Concern Line (413) 259-2425 and email address covidconcerns@amherstma.gov are now available for residents to communicate their concerns about masks, social distancing, gatherings, etc.

3. Hearings- *None*

4. General Public Comment

Zoe Crabtree, Amherst resident, responded to the proposed FY 22 Budget, expressed excitement about funding for the community responder and stated the funding level is drastically less than 2.2 million than Community Safety Working Group (CSWG) requested to fully fund this program. Crabtree urged the Council to consider how the program could be successful with such little funding.

Vincent O’Conner, Amherst resident, made a renewed request that the council appoint a refugee and asylum resettlement applicant commission. O’Conner spoke about larger national issues, the history of US involvement in other countries, federal responses and the need for coordinated individual action like housing someone who is seeking refuge or asylum. O’Conner asked the Council to refer the request to a committee for consideration and offered to provide a proposal.

Joanna Morse, Amherst resident, spoke in disappointment about their signature not being counted for the voter veto petition. Morse spoke about voter disenfranchisement when signatures were not considered valid without explanation and asked the Council to reconsider that and follow through with seeing the affidavits considered and votes counted.

Bailey Batty, Amherst resident, spoke about racial justice priorities the Council has stated in the past and and the CSWG’s hard work under intense deadlines. Batty stated they have been given 6% of budget they requested, there is a slight increase in police budget, and this is setting the community responder program up to fail. Batty asked the Council to fully fund the program and not to cut budget for schools. Batty spoke about school staff dedication in past year, and increased needs of students in coming years.

Maria Kopicki, spoke against thorough review and erroneous removal of signatures on the vote veto petition and stated this caused petition to be denied. Kopicki stated the Town should all be concerned when people are disenfranchised.

Mona Shadi, Easthampton resident who lived and worked in Amherst for many years and is a former student in the English Language Learner program, expressed deep concern about cuts in the proposed school budget. Shadi spoke provide the analogy of the police to paramedics stated the paramedics are not

expected to prevent heart attacks. Shadi stated prevention is the job of our community and more police does not lead to safe and thriving community. Shadi stated the people that stand to lose the most, like the art teachers and para-professionals are the people the Town should be nourishing. Shadi spoke in favor of funding the community responder program.

Lydia Irons, Amherst resident, asked the Council to fully fund the community responder program that was asked for in well written and research program request. Irons spoke about the Council's statement last year that an alternative was needed and stated an amazing group of people came together for little money to put lots of energy in to creating a proposal that is only being funded at 6%. Irons spoke against the public only having one hour prior to the meeting to see the budget. Irons also spoke about upsetting language in the budget including self-congratulatory statements about being the only community in Massachusetts to create this type of program. Irons stated if 96% of police calls are non-violent then 96% of calls would go to the community responder program and it is being set up for failure.

Adrienne Terrizzi, Amherst resident, spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters (LWV) in support of the Governance, Organization and Legislation committee's (GOL) deliberations and work on redistricting processes. Terrizzi stated the LWV believes the responsibly for districting should happen in independent commission composed of nine non-elected members. Terrizzi spoke in favor of the timeline proposed by GOL and in favor of allowing the public to look at the maps in at least one public hearing in the interest of public information and outreach.

Amara Donovan, expressed disappointment in the lack of funding for the community responder program and stated this level of funding shows lack of respect for the BIPOC community and spoke about the racist and oppressive history of the Town. Donovan spoke against investing in the Library as a building before investing in lives of black and brown people and against paying for gas for cop cars circling black and brown neighborhoods and spoke about the police saying they would be happy to not respond to non-violent calls.

Allegra, Amherst resident, asked the Council to fully fund the community responder program as the CSWG has put it forward. Allegra stated the understanding an additional police position became vacant last week should also be put towards this program. Allegra asked if money from the stimulus program would prevent cuts the school budget.

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

- 6.a. Waiver of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 6.a. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation
- 6.a. Adoption of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation • 8.b. Referral of FY22 Budget to Finance Committee
- 8.c. Referral of FY22 Capital Improvement Program to Finance Committee
- 9.a.(1) Approval of Town Manager appointments to Affordable Housing Trust
- 9.a.(2) Approval of Town Manager appointments to Human Rights Commission
- 11. Approval of Minutes:

- March 25, 2021 Joint Town Council & Town Services and Outreach Committee Meeting minutes – Public Forum on Pomeroy Village Intersection
- March 27, 2021 Joint Town Council & Town Services and Outreach Committee Meeting minutes – Public Forum on Pomeroy Village Intersection
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VOTED unanimously, 13-0 by roll call, 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

a. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

(1) Sponsor Remarks

Ryan thanked to Jen Houston for bringing this to the Council’s attention and referred to packet item 6a-AAPR-Heritage Month Proclamation. Ryan stated the Council proclaims the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we ask you to join us in the Town’s first Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month virtual celebration on Monday, May17th, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

VOTED via consent agenda to waive Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for the current agenda item.

VOTED via consent agenda to adopt the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation, as presented.

7. Presentations and Discussion

a. Library Update

(1) Voter Veto Petition- Charter Sec 8.4

Town Manager Bockelman summarized events that occurred since the Council voted on April 5th including:

- Voters petitioned to initiate this Charter Sec 8.4 process,
- 864 signatures were collected and submitted by the deadline, which became Tuesday because Monday was a holiday
- The Town clerk certified 842 signatures, 12 written statement were submitted requesting their names not be certified, 2 were not certified and the petition failed to produce enough signatures
- A legal complaint was filed, a hearing was held and a judge denied the complaints
- The Town Manager sent the vote results to Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC)

Bockelman and the Council discussed the situation including:

- The petitioner request appeal to the Board of Registrars regarding the additional names affidavits has been submitted. The town attorney has given legal opinion about a number of issues that will guide the decision of the board.
- The concern about voter disenfranchisement,
- The concern about voter disenfranchisement, the lack of clarity of the process, the substance of the petition, the number of signatures that were certified, and communicating information to the public to reduce confusion.
- The Town Manager's job to both ensure the Town Charter is honored and to carry out votes of the Town Council.

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

- a. Application for Municipality Opt-Out of State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Spraying

Griesemer stated the goal is to learn about this issue from the Town Manager and not to do debate the merits of the issue.

Bockelman summarized history and context of the issues including:

- A new law the state that gives expanded authority for aerial spraying
- 48hours advanced notice must be given and there is a process to opt out.
- Cities and towns can also opt by May 15th out but must have an approved alternative mosquito control plan.
- The town manager has contacted state officials, including the Town's senator and representative to get an extension so the plan can be devised.
- If an extension is not granted, the town manager is asking the Council to schedule an additional meeting to discuss and vote on a path forward
- Other towns are also asking for an extension, and many communities are part of a mosquito control district which has a cost associated with it

Brewer stated the Town's non-binary resolution on pollinators should be taken that in to account and stated Senator Comerford advised the Town about this in March and it has not been acted on until now.

The Council and town manager discussed when the board of health is meeting next and the director's indication they have enough information to devise an alternate plan.

8. Action Items

a. FY22 Regional School Budget

Griesemer reviewed the regional school budget process thus far and stated it is complicated and collaborative with the other three towns.

Steinberg stated the regional school district is a separate entity with separate set of laws regarding how budgets are adopted. Steinberg spoke about the advantages and challenges of having a regional district including using a methodology that appropriates portions to each member town, adequately funds schools and recognizes the unique budget pressures for every member town. Steinberg stated \$1.2 million in cuts is sometimes misunderstood and stated proposed cuts to actual programs is much smaller.

Steinberg stated if the budget fails to pass the regions school committee can amend the budget and send it back to the Towns and ultimately the Commission of Education can propose temporary budget to allow more time for agreement and if it still does not pass by a certain date, the commissioner can take control of the district. Steinberg stated the Finance Committee raised questions about the process they will recommend to discuss with partner towns over the summer. Steinberg stated the Finance committee concluded the School Committee worked very carefully with the Superintendent, American Recovery funds can address some gaps, and it is important that the Council engage in the process to move forward.

The council and school staff discussed the budget including

- Additional summer programming will be offered using federal monies.
- The process for discussing the upcoming motions
- Funding a less than level services budget will become the baseline for the next fiscal year
- Declining enrollment and smaller cohorts of students over time while charter numbers have remained stable.
- Dissatisfaction in the loss of electives and uncertainty about how federal funds may be used to mitigate the impacts.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by De Angelis, in accordance with Section 5.5(c) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter and in compliance with Sections 5.5(a) and 5.5(b) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to separately consider and act on the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District budgets and assessment method for Fiscal Year 2022 due to the agreement with the three other towns in the Regional School District.

VOTED unanimously, 13-0 by roll call, in accordance with Section 5.5(c) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter and in compliance with Sections 5.5(a) and 5.5(b) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to separately consider and act on the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District budgets and assessment method for Fiscal Year 2022 due to the agreement with the three other towns in the Regional School District.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Steinberg, in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-01: An Order

Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District – Assessment Method for FY 2022, as presented.

VOTED unanimously, 13-0 by roll call, in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-01: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District – Assessment Method for FY 2022, as presented.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Steinberg, in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-02: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District FY2022 Budget and Appropriating the Town of Amherst Share of the Budget Assessment, as presented.

DuMont spoke about the importance of at least maintaining level services from year to year and stated the Town and schools should have been able to do that by not taking so much for the capital budget or other departments. DuMont spoke in favor of maintaining elective programs and ELL.

Pam spoke about having faith the budget will be made whole with additional federal funds and spoke against cutting the things that motivate students in school.

Steinberg spoke the limited control Amherst has over the budget because of the four town process.

Schoen spoke about the dilemma of getting a budget after it has gone through the school committee, and lack of opportunity to explore other ways to address gaps in budget to protect classroom hours.

Morris stated central office staff has been cut by 20% and spoke about the challenge of meeting community demands for data with less office staff. Morris spoke about what he is learning from these conversations including holding meetings with towns earlier in the process and pushing towns more.

VOTED 12-1 by roll call, (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Hanneke, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilor DuMont voted No) in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-02: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District FY2022 Budget and Appropriating the Town of Amherst Share of the Budget Assessment, as presented.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Steinberg, in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-03: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Debt Authorization for FY2022, as presented.

VOTED unanimously, 13-0 by roll call, in accordance with Charter Sec. 5.5, having been referred to the Finance Committee, a public hearing held on April 5, 2021, having been recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 3, 2021, a Public Hearing held on April 5, 2021, notice of which was posted for a minimum of 10 days on March 25, 2021, to adopt Council Order FY22-03: An Order Approving the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Debt Authorization for FY2022, as presented.

The Council took a 5-minute break at 8:07pm

b. FY22 Budget

Grieseimer thanked Town staff for their hard work on the budget.

Bockelman spoke about being proud of this balanced budget that aligns with goals identified by the Council and responds to challenges the Town faces while coming out of the pandemic. Bockelman spoke about how the pandemic has impacted the Town and thanked staff for adjusting and taking on new roles. Bockelman stated in addition to the 279 page budget document, staff also created an online story map to make the budget more accessible.

Bockelman and Mangano presented the budget including:

- An overview of the proposed FY22 Budget of \$85,566,836 with an average operating budget increase of 2.1%
- The Town's COVID response
- Climate Action
- Community Health and Safety including \$130,000 to help move the community responder program forward in establishing policies, processes, hiring, etc.
- Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Economic Vitality
- Housing Affordability
- Capital Investments

Grieseimer stated in accordance with the Charter the Council can make cuts but not add to this budget.

The Council and Town Manger discussed the proposed budget including;

- Praise for the expansion of North Amherst public library
- Concern about \$130,00 for community responder program, the chance of getting additional grant funding and the program development process including determining what calls will be going to the community responders, hiring and training staff and the lack of similar programs to use as models
- The timeline and goals of the consultant CSWG hired
- Funding for requested department level positions to work on diversity and climate action goals and the authority these position could have

VOTED via consent agenda in accordance with Section 5.5(a) of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, to refer the FY22 budget submitted by the Town Manager to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation back to the Council by June 7, 2021.

c. Capital Improvement Program

VOTED via consent agenda to refer the Town Manager's May 3, 2021 FY22 Capital Improvement Program to the Finance Committee for a report and recommendation to the Council by June 21, 2021.

d. Proposed Zoning Amendment to Article 15: Inclusionary Zoning

Brestrup summarized the history of inclusionary zoning in Amherst as it is explained in packet item 8.d. Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw Amendments - Memo to Town Council - 04-30-2021.

Malloy stated staff sees amendment as a periodic update that aligns with priorities for the Town by: clarifying local preference language, redefining “new dwelling units” to capture projects that may try to phase in units to be exempt this bylaw, eliminating special permit requirements, redefining affordability in a tiered income model for mixed income development.

The Council and Town staff discussed the amendment including:

- The payment-in-lieu of option applicability to the whole town
- The ability to locate affordable units off site including the proximal distinction to prevent segregation in Town, compliance with fair housing laws and support by the Housing Trust
- If the Smart Growth Tool kit offered by the state would be useful for Amherst
- Further clarifying how local preference can be offered

Councilor Swartz left the meeting at 9:36 pm

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Hanneke, to refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 15, Inclusionary Zoning, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources for a joint hearing held no later than July 7, 2021, and for a written recommendation and an explanation as to whether the proposed bylaw is not inconsistent with the Master Plan from the Planning Board to the Town Council and to the Community Resources Committee no later than 21 days after the joint hearing, and for the Community Resources Committee to send a written recommendation to the Town Council and to submit all materials to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for review of clarity, consistency, and actionability within 60 days of the hearing held by the Community Resources Committee.

VOTED 12-0, 1 absent 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 refer the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw Article 15, Inclusionary Zoning, to the Planning Board and the Community Resources for a joint hearing held no later than July 7, 2021, and for a written recommendation and an explanation as to whether the proposed bylaw is not inconsistent with the Master Plan from the Planning Board to the Town Council and to the Community Resources Committee no later than 21 days after the joint hearing, and for the Community Resources Committee to send a written recommendation to the Town Council and to submit all materials to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee for review of clarity, consistency, and actionability within 60 days of the hearing held by the Community Resources Committee.

e. Pomeroy Village Intersection – First Discussion

DuMont spoke about Town Services and Outreach Committee’s process to decide if the design should be a roundabout or lights as described in packet item 2021-05-03 TSO Report to Town Council (2). DuMont thanked staff and volunteers on committees who worked on this process.

Brestrup stated a line item estimate for each option cannot be offered until a site survey and engineering plan is underway. Brestrup stated some nearby landowners are concerned about the possibility of losing parking spaces or not meeting zoning standards if land is taken for the construction of a roundabout.

Ross spoke about in appreciation of the Transportation Advisory Committee’s report and DuMont’s work facilitating the process.

Ziomek stated Town staff have been having conversations with some of the business and property owners, this will be a multi-month process and outreach and discussion will need to continue.

Bahl-Milne asked about communication with the Disability Access Committee.

Brestrup stated they have been contacting, are formulating regulations and communication is ongoing.

Public Comment:

Alan Sharpe, President of Slobody Development, spoke in opposition to the roundabout and in favor of a signalized intersection, due to the taking of property to build the roundabout.

Dwight Scott spoke in favor of a signalized intersection.

Sharpe added that he believes signalized intersections are safer than roundabouts.

Brewer stated the TSO Committee had not heard these comments at any of their meetings or during outreach efforts.

Pam spoke about parking at the Montessori school.

DuMont stated TSO did not have information on the financial implications or climate impact of each option prior to their vote.

Steinberg spoke about the difference between traffic circles and roundabouts, and referenced research regarding severity of accidents at signalized intersections versus roundabouts.

Councilors discussed the taking of land, and traffic and pedestrian safety.

f. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Bylaw

Ryan reported the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee recommended a change to add “and their designee” to both the IDDE and Stormwater bylaws, the Town’s attorney’s reviewed the language and agreed with the addition of the phrase.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Ryan, to adopt the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Bylaw, as shown on pages 5-11 of the Draft Motion Sheet.

VOTED 12-0, 1 absent 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 adopt the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Bylaw, as shown on pages 5-11 of the Draft Motion Sheet.

g. Stormwater Management Bylaw

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Ryan, to adopt the Stormwater Management Bylaw, as shown on pages 11-18 of the Draft Motion Sheet.

VOTED 12-0, 1 absent 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 adopt the Stormwater Management Bylaw, as shown on pages 11-18 of the Draft Motion Sheet.

h. Districting Advisory Board

Ryan referenced documents in the packet: charge document and memo, and asked if Councilors are interested in statements of interest from the applicants and if interviews should be conducted.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by De Angelis, to adopt the Districting Advisory Board charge, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee report of May 3, 2021, as presented.

Hanneke spoke about the very short timeline for the board’s work, and noted the vacancy notice must be posted for 14 days.

Brewer commented about the term length and the appointment process and interviews.

Steinberg asked about when the Census bureau will have data.

Ryan responded the first numbers will be available August 15, the members will need training, final figures will be available September 30, and the board will need to vote by October 30.

Hanneke stated it would be ok to skip interviews but that statements of interest should be collected.

DuMont suggested short interview questions.

Griesemer spoke in favor of a diverse committee that is representative of Amherst.

VOTED 12-0, 1 absent 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 adopt the Districting Advisory Board charge, as recommended by the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee report of May 3, 2021, as presented.

MOTION: Griesemer moved, second by Ryan, to refer to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee recommendation to the Council of appointments to the Districting Advisory Board, including publication of a Charter 9.12(e) vacancy notice, solicitation of statements of interest, interviews, and recommendation to the Town Council by June 21, 2021

VOTED 12-0, 1 absent 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 refer to the Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee recommendation to the Council of appointments to the Districting Advisory Board, including publication of a Charter 9.12(e) vacancy notice, solicitation of statements of interest, interviews, and recommendation to the Town Council by June 21, 2021

9. Appointments

a. Town Manager Appointments

VOTED via consent agenda to approve the following Town Manager reappointments under Charter Section 2.11(b):

- For terms expiring June 30, 2023, reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust:
 - Robert Crowner
 - Carol Lewis
 - Erica Piedade
 - William Van Heuvelen
- For terms expiring June 30, 2024, reappointments to the Human Rights Commission:
 - Benjamin Herrington June 30, 2024
 - Deborah Neubauer June 30, 2024

b. Town Council Appointments-None

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Community Resources Committee** – Hanneke stated upcoming dates are included in the written report.

- b. **Elementary School Building Committee** – Schoen reported the committee conducted interviews for an owner’s project manager, selected a finalist and the Town Manager will negotiate the contract.
- c. **Finance Committee** – Steinberg reported that the committee is still working on the Audit Request for Proposals Committee recommendation.
- d. **Governance, Organization, and Legislation Committee** – Ryan spoke about the committee’s discussion regarding recognition of resolutions and proclamations, and the committee is continuing the work on an appointment policy.
- e. **Joint Capital Planning Committee**
- f. **Town Services and Outreach Committee**
- g. **Liaison Reports: Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Health, Community Preservation Act Committee, Council on Aging, Disabilities Access Advisory Committee, LSSE Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee** - Brewer reported the Board of License Commissioners promulgated regulations, which were included in the Council’s meeting materials.

11. Approval of Minutes

VOTED via consent agenda to adopt the following Town Council minutes, as presented:

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12. Town Manager Report

DuMont asked about a grant awarded to the Business Improvement District, and asked for clarification regarding the Board of Assessors’ exemption study.

De Angelis asked about a permanent shelter and showers.

13. Town Council Comments

- a. **President Report** – Griesemer reported there is a list of upcoming agenda items in the Council’s meeting packet.
- b. **Future Agenda Items**
- c. **Councilor Comments**

Councilors asked about the following:

- Parking garage
- Band shell on the common
- P3 projects at UMass

14. Executive Session – None

15. Adjourn

President Griesemer declared the meeting of the Town Council adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey McConnell

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

00. 05-03-2021 Draft Motions for Town Council
00. 05-03-2021 FINAL Town Council Agenda
6.a. AAPI Heritage Month Proclamation 2021_Final
8.a. BudgetRelatedMotions_RSCMtg_03232021
8.a. CO FY22 - 01 02 03 REGION - Assessment Method, Budget and Capital
8.a. FY22 ARPS Region presentation v5
8.a. FY22-Region-Line-by-Line-03232021
8.a. Regional budget process DESE
8.d. Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw Amendments - Memo to Town Council - 04-30-2021
8.e. MassWorks_Pomeroy_Presentation_TownCouncil_Jan252021
8.e. Pomeroy Village MassWorks Grant Process Memo - 01-04-2021
8.f. IDDE_Bylaw as voted by GOL 4-20-21
8.f-g. Stormwater Management and IDDE Bylaws 12_21_20 Town Council presentation
8.g. Stormwater Bylaw as voted by GOL 4-20-21
8.h. 2021-05-03 GOL Memo on DAB
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