

TOWN OF AMHERST
Open Space Advisory Committee

September 21, 2021

APPROVED

1 In attendance: Peter Lyon, Arnie Rosenblatt, Mike Campbell, Rob Cissel, and Jamin Warren
2 Also in attendance: Bill Stoughton
3 Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Recording Secretary
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5 **1. Roll Call to Order**

6 Peter Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
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8 **2. Approval of Minutes**

9 Arnie Rosenblatt clarified that at the last meeting he made an incorrect statement that the
10 previous Open Space Advisory Committee never bought any properties in Town. He noted that
11 the group actually did purchase a small piece of property from Steve Desmarais.
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13 **Arnie Rosenblatt moved to accept the meeting minutes of September 7, 2021, as**
14 **written. Rob Cissel seconded.**

15 **Voting: Peter Lyon - aye, Arnie Rosenblatt - aye, Jamin Warren - aye, Mike**
16 **Campbell - aye, and Rob Cissel - aye; motion carried unanimously.**
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18 In response to a question from Rob Cissel regarding the bond process, Peter Lyon explained that
19 there is \$6M available for this venture over 5 years. The Town is not able to spend more than
20 \$2M in any given fiscal year. Whether the Town spends \$0, or \$2M in one fiscal year, it still has
21 \$2M available to it the next year.
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23 Bill Stoughton clarified that this amount can be supplemented out of the Amherst Conservation
24 Commission's Conservation Fund. The Town is not able to spend more than \$2M per each fiscal
25 year out of the bonding authority.
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27 **Arnie Rosenblatt moved at 5:03pm that the Open Space Advisory Committee will**
28 **enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II, (d) *Consideration of the***
29 ***acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public,***
30 ***would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the***
31 ***general community.* Peter Lyon seconded.**

32 **Voting: Peter Lyon - aye, Arnie Rosenblatt - aye, Jamin Warren - aye, Mike**
33 **Campbell - aye, and Rob Cissel - aye; motion carried unanimously.**
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35 No motions were made, and no action was taken in this non-public session.
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37 **Arnie Rosenblatt moved at 5:43pm to exit non-public session. Peter Lyon seconded.**
38 **Voting: Peter Lyon - aye, Arnie Rosenblatt - aye, Jamin Warren - aye, Mike**
39 **Campbell - aye, and Rob Cissel - aye; motion carried unanimously.**
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41 **Arnie Rosenblatt moved adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. Peter Lyon seconded.**
42 **Voting: Peter Lyon - aye, Arnie Rosenblatt - aye, Jamin Warren - aye, Mike**
43 **Campbell - aye, and Rob Cissel - aye; motion carried unanimously.**
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47 *Respectfully submitted,*

48 *Kristan Patenaude*

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50 Minutes approved: October 5, 2021