



**Residents Advisory Committee
March 16, 2021
11:00 AM**

Link to Zoom video: <https://tinyurl.com/b4ctmxwf>

Present: Dennis, K., Kruger, C., Pistrang, J. (Chair & note taker), Bockelman, P.

Pistrang read the OML suspension statement re: Remote Participation

Video and Audio check - Dennis, Kruger, Bockelman and Pistrang all checked in and everyone could be heard.

Video of this meeting will be recorded to the Cloud. Video will be posted to Town of Amherst YouTube Channel by IT staff.

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM

2. Approval of minutes from January 20, 2021

VOTED: Kruger voted yes. Dennis voted yes. Pistrang voted yes. Unanimous approval of RAC minutes from January 20, 2021.

3. Review of interviews since last meeting

Pistrang had one interview since the last meeting, for an open position on the Affordable Housing Trust. The candidate was recommended by the interviewing committee and appointed by the Town Manager.

Kruger had not participated in any interviews since the last meeting.

Dennis had not participated in any interviews since the last meeting.

4. Review of upcoming interview assignments

Bockelman said that there are openings and anticipated upcoming interviews for the following committees:

Agricultural Commission
Public Arts Commission
Human Rights Commission

Bockelman will be creating a new DPW Building Committee that will involve some interviews that will include a RAC member on the interview committee. Another new committee involving a future homeless shelter location will not require a RAC member in the appointment process.

A short discussion was held regarding reappointments of existing members to committees. RAC members agreed unanimously that interviews should not be required for standard 2nd-term appointments.

5. Review proposed memo to the Town Manager

Changes will be made to the memo by Pistrang to formalize the wording and make it more suitable for public access. The committee voted to allow Pistrang to make changes and send the memo without further discussion.

VOTED: Kruger voted yes. Dennis voted yes. Pistrang voted yes. Unanimous approval to modify and release the memo.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Other topics not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting

A brief discussion was held on the future return to in-person meetings. At this point RAC will continue with zoom meetings. The town is looking at the possibility of holding meetings in the future that allow simultaneous zoom and in-person participation.

8. Meeting Date

The next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday May 11 from 11:00 to 12:00.

9. Adjourned at 11:30 AM