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Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Chair Erica R.

I. Introduction:

II. Roll Call: Present:

- Erica Rodman (Chair)
- Jeffery Zeplovitz (Vice-Chair)
- Luci Miranda (Member)
- Tom Roetzer (Member)
- Chong Cheng (Member)
- Bill Prenevau (Building Department)
- Zachary Garlick (Human Resources)
- Endell Osuna (Member)
- Angela Marinucci (Liaison, Councilmember)
- Fran Knab (Member)
- Jamie Sheldon (Member)
- Dave Whalen (Member)
- Jamie Hanzlian Mobberly (Member)
- Barbara Robertson (Secretary)
- Sonali Vardhan (Guest: Amherst resident observing for a class)

III. Old Business:

A. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve June minutes: Moved by Jeffery Zeplovitz, seconded by Erica R. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve August minutes: Moved by Luci Miranda, seconded by Erica R. Passed unanimously.

B. Amherst Bike Path Emergency Phones

- Discussion led by Erica R on the status of emergency phones.
- Motion to request accessible signage for the one working emergency phone: Moved by Erica R, seconded by Jeffery Zeplovitz. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to table advocacy for replacement of bike path phones: Moved by Erica R, seconded by Barbara Robertson. Passed unanimously.

C. Guest Speakers for Fall 2025

- Emergency Services department confirmed for November meeting.
- Motion to re-invite Police Chief for October meeting: Moved by Erica R, seconded by Chong Cheng. Passed unanimously.

D. Website Updates

- Dave Willer made updates including health fair photos and reorganization of files.
- New contact form added for direct communication with the committee.
- E. Senior Center Accessible Door Button
 - Update provided by Councilmember Angela Marinucci: Button height is within code, but town will explore lowering it during future maintenance.

IV. New Business:

A. Committee History Document

- Erica R presented a compiled timeline of committee accomplishments since 2008.
- Decision to review again at next meeting before adding to website.

B. Procedure for Handling Resident Concerns

- Discussion on developing a written policy for addressing issues between meetings.
- Motion to create policy and procedure for fielding resident concerns: Moved by Erica R, seconded by Luci Miranda. Passed unanimously.

C. Attendance Policy and Membership Changes

- Discussion on potential changes to Rules of Order regarding attendance.
- Lindsay Cassick's resignation noted.
- Motion to transfer Dave Whalen to resource person role: Moved by Erica R, seconded by Luci Miranda. Passed unanimously.

D. Passed Motions:

- Approval of June minutes
- Approval of August minutes
- Request for accessible signage on working bike path emergency phone
- Tabling advocacy for bike path phone replacement
- Re-inviting Police Chief for October meeting
- Creating policy for handling resident concerns
- Transferring Dave Whalen to resource person role

V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

VI. Next meeting date: October 6, 2025