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At Large

SEAN POWERS
At Large

JOHN MULLANEY
District 2

THOMAS BOWES
District 3



CHARLES KOKOROS
Vice President
District 1

HENRY JOYCE
District 4

RONALD DENAPOLI
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

January 4, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 beginning at 7:35p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Christine Stickney, Director Planning and Community Development
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **065 10 Council President:** Braintree Community Youth Center
- **Councilor Bowes:** Annual Town Census
- **Councilor Clifford:** December 27, 2010 Snow Storm Review

Members discussed several snow storm related issues and collectively offered several administrative procedures to improve communications between residents, Council Members and Mayor Staff members.

- 1) Resident Notification: Utilization of Town website, local media, BCAM to communicate known problem areas as well as resident hotline number.
- 2) Resident Hotline: Telephone number for residents to leave message to communicate storm related issues with staff member providing response back to resident within one-hour.
- 3) Councilor Hotline: Telephone number for Council Members to speak directly with authorized staff member to communicate resident storm related issues they have received.
- 4) Post-mortem of storm (as is provided to local media)

Additionally, Councilor Powers asked if Mr. Morin could provide him with a response to the status of issues he raised regarding Park and Cedar Streets.

Council President Ryan directed the Clerk of the Council to forward the Council concerns to Mr. Morin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 21, 2010

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **10 067 Mayor:** Weymouth Landing – Proposed Zoning Ordinances

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to continue Public Hearing from December 21, 2010

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Dingee, Chairman Ordinance and Rules Committee reported the Committee recommended favorable action.

Council President asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak on the issue.

James Lucid, 18 Quincy Avenue, commented that he had met with Ms. Stickney and the Mayor and his questions were clarified and many of the problems he commented on at the December 21, 2010 meeting were resolved. Mr. Lucid stated that he was quite satisfied with the results.

John Fleming of 26 Quincy Avenue commented that he was in favor of the rezoning ordinance.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

At the request of Ms. Stickney, Councilor Kokoros presented the first of two motions; At the request of Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan, that the Town Council vote to amend the Braintree Zoning Ordinance pursuant to Article III, Section 301, Article VI, Section 601 and to approve the insertion of a new section under Article VI, Section 615 entitled, “The Braintree-Weymouth Landing Zoning District” as submitted in the September 30, 2010.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros presented the second of two motions; At the request of Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan, the Town Council vote to rezone an area as depict on a plan entitled, “Braintree-Weymouth Landing District” from the existing General Business & Commercial to the new zone “Braintree-Weymouth Landing District” as submitted in the September 30, 2010 application.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Council President Ryan directed the Clerk of the Council to prepare a letter to Mayor Kay of Weymouth to express the Council appreciation for the work that was performed by her staff to produce the zoning changes for the two towns.

- **10 080 Mayor:** Proposed Bonding of Synthetic Turf Fields

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney reported that the Committee recommends favorable action for the bonding of the synthetic turf fields. He then read the December 10, 2010 letter from Mayor Sullivan which outlined the request. He further explained that in FY2012 \$735,000 in old bond debt will expire. During the current fiscal year, the Council will have approved \$815,000 in new bond debt; assuming approval of the bonding for synthetic turf. The net increase in bond debt for FY2012 would be \$80,000. Total bond debt, principal and interest, for FY2011 was \$3,022,928.16.

Council President Ryan asked if there were any comments from the public. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the December 10, 2010 letter from Mayor Sullivan.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to Committee on Ordinance and Rules

- **10 081 Messina Commercial Properties:** Petition to Rezone Land – Franklin Street

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **065 10 Council President:** Braintree Community Youth Center
- **December 21, 2010 Minutes**
- **10 067 Mayor:** Weymouth Landing – Proposed Zoning Ordinances
- **10 080 Mayor:** Proposed Bonding of Synthetic Turf Fields
- **10 081 Messina Commercial Properties:** Petition to Rezone Land – Franklin Street