

CHARLES RYAN
President

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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

November 1, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

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.

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: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development
Peter Kurzberg, Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

- 047 11 – Councilor Joyce: Recognition of Braintree July 4th Committee Co-Chairman
- 048 11 – Councilor Joyce: Recognition of Charles Tufankjian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 039 11 – Council President: Friends of John Morelli Event
- 040 11 – Councilor Joyce: Morrison School “Jingle Jaunt” 5K Road Race/Walk
- 014 11 – Councilor Joyce: Recreation Department Upcoming Events
- 042 11 – Councilor Dingee: BASE Raffle
- 046 11 – Council President: Seasonal Flu Clinic – November 9th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve October 18, 2011 minutes

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 049 11 Councilor Powers: South Shore Plaza – Holiday Season

Councilor Powers commented that several residents have approached him regarding the holiday season traffic at the plaza and wanted to know how the town was going to address the issue. Councilor Powers noted that the South Shore Plaza, as part of their order of conditions, have filed a holiday traffic plan with the Planning Board. He would like to invite representatives from the Police Department and the South Shore Plaza to the next Council meeting to discuss their plans. Members of the Council agreed. Council President Ryan instructed the Clerk of the Council to invite both parties to the November 15th Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **11 044 – Mayor: FY2012 Supplemental Appropriations**

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Open Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the committee had recommended favorable action on each of three supplemental appropriation requests. Mr. Mullaney read into the records the September 19, 2011 memo from Peter Morin, Chief of Staff.

Mayor Sullivan, provided an overview of the supplemental appropriation request. He explained that, as a result of the final FY2012 state aid numbers, the Town received additional funding in net local aid. The Mayor has requested that these additional funds be distributed as follows; (1) School Department to cover the expense of filling the positions previously left vacant in the original FY12 budget, (2) Highway Department overtime account that was exhausted due to cleanup efforts as a result of Hurricane Irene in August, and (3) the balance to be placed into a reserve account for future appropriation. Additionally, the Town has filed for federal reimbursement of \$155,000 for storm related expenses.

Peter Kurzberg, Superintendent of Schools, explained the funding request for the schools will reduce class sizes in four elementary schools.

Council President Ryan asked if any member of the Council or the Public would like to speak on the issue. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the first of three motions as printed in the September 19, 2011 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 11 044(A)

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the second motion.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 11 044(B)

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the last of the three motions.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 11 044(C)

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

- **11 045 – Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Union School Roof Restoration**

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Open Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the committee had recommended favorable action. Mr. Mullaney read into the records the September 27, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that the Union School may be the oldest municipal building in use today and qualifies as a historical building. This building may be better known as the American Legion Post building.

Council President Ryan asked if any member of the Council or the Public would like to speak on the issue.

Al Varasso, Commander of the American Legion Post, informed Committee Members that the roof is currently leaking and is causing damage to the building. No other individuals in the audience came forward to speak on the Order. Joseph Powers, Town Clerk, confirmed Christine Stickney's comment that the Union School was the oldest municipal building in use.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the September 27, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

At this time, Councilor Dingee and Councilor Joyce, both members of the American Legion Post, each read the following disclaimer into the records:

1. I am a member of the American Legion.
2. I am not an officer nor do I serve on the board of directors for the American Legion.
3. I receive no compensation from the American Legion, nor do I have a financial interest in the matters of the American Legion.
4. The American Legion building is owned by the Town of Braintree.
5. I have conferred with the Town Solicitor and confirmed that it is not a conflict for me to vote on the request submitted by the Community Preservation Committee to fund roof repairs to the American Legion building.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 11 045

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

- **11 046 – Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Old Thayer Assessment & Master Plan – Phase II**

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the committee had recommended favorable action. Mr. Mullaney read into the records the September 27, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has been reviewing plans on the preservation project for the building. The project is eligible for matching funds from the commission.

Council President Ryan asked if any member of the Council or the Public would like to speak on the issue.

Councilor Clifford asked if he could be provided with the current balance of the Community Preservation Fund Account. Edward Spellman, Finance Director, informed members that the balance was \$4.6 million. No other individuals in the audience came forward to speak on the Order.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the September 27, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 11 046

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- **October 18, 2011 Minutes**
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