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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### January 17, 2012

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Kokoros was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Kokoros, President  
Thomas Bowes, Vice President  
Leland Dingee  
Sean Powers  
Charles B. Ryan  
John C. Mullaney  
Henry N. Joyce  
Ronald DeNapoli (arrived at 7:50pm)  
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff  
Michael Lang, East Braintree Civic Association  
Gerry Ridge, Blue Hill Cemetery  
Donald Crispin, Civil Engineer for Blue Hill Cemetery  
David Shaw, Resident  
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

**In light of the fact that the Council President has determined that portions of the meeting notice for the January 17, 2012 Braintree Town Council meeting did not conform with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and correlating regulations, specifically M.G.L., c.30A, S20(b) and 940 CMR 29.03(1) (b), The Town Council will engage in full discussion and deliberations on the following referenced items on January 24, 2012 as though no previous discussions, deliberations or votes had occurred at the January 17, 2012 meeting for the following topics:**

- a. **Acceptance of the Open Session Minutes for the January 3, 2012 Town Council Meeting**
- b. **Order 030-11 Update on Town Auditor Request for Proposal**
- c. **Or 12-001: Referral of Review of Council Rules to the Committee on Ordinance and Rules per Council Rule Fifty-Five**
- d. **Order 12-002: Referral of Review of Council Subcommittees to Committee on Ordinance and Rules to determine composition of and adding or deleting Subcommittees**
- e. **Order 12-003: Dedication of land at 692-700 West Street, Blue Hill Cemetery (Assessors' Map No. 2050, Plot 5) for cemetery purposes (Refer to Committee or Take Same Night Action or any action thereto)**
- f. **New Business: Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 003 12 – Council President: Fore River Bridge – Update

Michael Lang, a member of the East Braintree Civic Association, explained that the Fore River Bridge will be replaced with a vertical lift bridge at a cost of over \$326 million dollars. He has been working with other civic associations in Quincy and Weymouth to obtain public records and, after filing a complaint with the Secretary of State, the group received a CD of documents about a year after their initial request for documents. The cost of a bascule bridge, which is the preferred bridge of the three communities, is less costly.

Mr. Lang has submitted an inquiry with the State Auditor's Office to review the data and make a determination if the money being spent to build a vertical lift bridge is proper. Mr. Lang claims that the State Auditor's Office informed him that the Auditor's Office has not reviewed the documents as the generally do not review projects until they have been completed.

Mr. Lang has asked the Council if they could send a letter to the State Auditor requesting that they investigate the costs of this project. It was requested that Mr. Lang provided several bullet points for his request and the Council President would draft a letter.

Councilor DeNapoli arrived at 7:50pm

- 005 12 – Council President: Official District Map

Town Clerk Powers explained that the new voting district became effective on December 31, 2011. Notice of precinct changes will be mailed to all residents on January 23, 2012 via the 2012 Annual Census. Mr. Powers further explained that the first election under the new district plan will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. None of the twelve polling locations have changed; however approximately 1,200 households will be voting at a different polling location than in previous years.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 001 12 – Council President: Sustainable Braintree 4TH Annual Green Gala
- 004 12 – Bi-Centennial Time Capsule Committee February 7th Presentation
- Councilor Ryan – BFFE Event
- Councilor Dingee – Bill Hedlund Farewell Gathering
- Councilor Bowes – Eagle Scout Award

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Public Hearing**

- **11 065 – Mayor: Appropriation Community Preservation Fund – Sunset Lake Stormwater Improvement**

**Motion:** by Councilor Clifford to open public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, read the memo from Mayor Sullivan dated December 16, 2011 explaining the need for the additional funds for the stormwater project. Mr. Mullaney reported that the committee has recommended favorable action.

Council President Kokoros asked if any member of the council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the request. No one came forward.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to Close public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney Bowes read the motion as printed in the memo from Mayor Sullivan dated December 16, 2011.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to approve Order #11 065

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Kokoros informed members that he would email members with the new committee assignments within the next few days.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- January 3, 2012 Minutes
- 030 11 – Council President: Town Auditor - Update
- 003 12 – Council President: Fore River Bridge – Update
- 005 12 – Council President: Official District Map
- 001 12 – Council President: Sustainable Braintree 4TH Annual Green Gala
- 004 12 – Bi-Centennial Time Capsule Committee February 7th Presentation
- 11 065 – Mayor: Appropriation Community Preservation Fund – Sunset Lake Stormwater Improvement
- 12 001 – Council President: Town Council Rules
- 12 002 – Council President: Review of Sub-committees
- 12 003 Mayor: Dedication of 692-700 West Street as Cemetery