

CHARLES C. KOKOROS
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LELAND A. DINGEE
At Large

SEAN E. POWERS
At Large

CHARLES B. RYAN
At Large

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2



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Vice President
District 3

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District 4

RONALD E. DENAPOLI
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

July 17, 2012

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 beginning at 7:34p.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
Charles B. Ryan
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Henry N. Joyce

Not Present: Ronald DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

CORRESPONDENCE

- 032 12 Council President: Disabled American Veterans Memorial Highway

Council President Kokoros announced that this item will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council President: Passing of Susan Wentworth
- Councilor Joyce: Recreation Department Upcoming Trips
- Councilor Powers: Independence Day Celebration

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve June 19, 2012 minutes

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Committee on Ordinance & Rules (CONTINUATION of Public Hearing)

- **12 009 Scott Palmer: Rezone of 7-11 Independence Avenue**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to take Order 12 009 off the Table

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to Table Order 12 009 until August 14th at 7:30pm

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (6), Against (1-Mullaney), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

Committee on Personnel Issues

- **028 12 Council President: Re-appointment Town Clerk**

Councilor Powers, Chairman on the Committee on Personnel Issues, reported that the committee met on July 5th and recommends favorable action on the re-appointment of the Town Clerk for a term of three years.

Councilor Dingee asked if the Town Clerk's performance evaluations submitted earlier this year were reviewed by the Committee. Councilor Powers responded "yes" along with a list of accomplishments. Councilor Dingee commented that there are a number of concerns he has with the outstanding issues going on in the Town Clerk's office. These issues have not been addressed and he is uncomfortable on taking a vote until he hears more about these outstanding human resource issues.

Councilor Dingee made a motion to indefinitely postpone; seconded by Councilor Mullaney. During discussion on the motion Councilor Ryan read Council Rule fifty-nine which requires the Council to take action on re-appointments 30-days prior to the employee's appointment date. Councilor noted that the Town Clerk's appointment date was September 9th and the Council next meeting was

August 14th. Councilor Mullaney commented that the Council has been silent and has allowed these issues to continue without addressing them. Councilor Powers noted that further discussions may violate the employee's rights.

Council President Kokoros called for a roll-call vote to indefinitely postpone:

Kokoros – No	Dingee – Yes	Powers – No	Ryan – No
Mullaney – No	Bowes – No	Joyce – Yes	

Motion to indefinitely postpone fails on a vote of 2 for and 5 against.

Councilor Joyce made a motion for a 60-day reappointment to allow time to address issues; seconded by Councilor Mullaney.

Kokoros – No	Dingee – Yes	Powers – No	Ryan – No
Mullaney – Yes	Bowes – No	Joyce – Yes	

Motion for a 60-day reappointment fails on a vote of 3 for and 4 against.

Councilor Bowes made a motion for a 3-year reappointment effective September 9, 2012; seconded by Councilor Powers.

Kokoros – Yes	Dingee – No	Powers – Yes	Ryan – Yes
Mullaney – No	Bowes – Yes	Joyce – No	

Motion for a 3-year reappointment effective September 9, 2012 carries on a vote of 4 for and 3 against.

- **029 12 Councilor Powers: Review of Job Description – Town Clerk**

Councilor Powers, Chairman on the Committee on Personnel Issues, reported that the committee met on July 5th and requests that Order 029 12 be tabled to allow further review.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Table Order 029 12 until August 14th at 7:30pm

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

Committee on Ways & Means

- **021 12 Councilor Clifford: Policy and Procedure Manual**

Council President Kokoros noted that the Chairmen of Ways & Means, Councilor Clifford, is absent and requests a motion to table.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to Table Order 021 12 until August 14th at 7:30pm
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **031 12 Council President: Citizen Petition Requesting Safety Road Signs – Jefferson Street**

Council President Kokoros read petition from residents of Jefferson Street and informed members that their request was forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Safety Committee (TASC).

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 12 033 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Gallivan House Roof

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Order 12 033 to Committee
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

Refer to the Committee on Public Works

- 12 034 NationalGrid: Petition for Gas Main – Thayer Road and Atlas Road

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Order 12 034 to Committee
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 12 035 Councilor Mullaney: Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 2-200, Mayor, Section: 2.200.010 Powers, In General

Councilor Joyce requested that the Order be reviewed by the Committee on Ways & Means for financial review after the Ordinance & Rules Committee has made their recommendation

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Order 12 035 to committee as noted by Councilor Joyce
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-DeNapoli, Clifford)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- June 19, 2012 Minutes
- 032 12 Council President: Disabled American Veterans Memorial Highway
- 12 009 Scott Palmer: Rezone of 7-11 Independence Avenue
- 028 12 Council President: Re-appointment Town Clerk
- 029 12 Councilor Powers: Review of Job Description – Town Clerk
- 021 12 Councilor Clifford: Policy and Procedure Manual
- 031 12 Council President: Citizen Petition Requesting Safety Road Signs – Jefferson Street
- 12 033 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Gallivan House Roof
- 12 034 NationalGrid: Petition for Gas Main – Thayer Road and Atlas Road
- 12 035 Councilor Mullaney: Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 2-200, Mayor, Section: 2.200.010 Powers, In General