



Thomas M. Bowes  
President  
District 3

Shannon L. Hume  
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan  
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros  
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY  
District 2

Sean E. Powers  
Vice President  
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien  
District 4

Michael J. Owens  
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

January 7, 2014

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Kokoros was in the chair.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

14 001: Council President: Oath of Office

Mayor Sullivan administered the oath of office to the nine members of the Braintree Town Council and the four recently elected members of the School Committee.

#### **BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL**

##### **Councilor-At-Large**

Sean E. Powers  
Charles B. Ryan  
Shannon L. Hume

##### **District Councilors**

1 – Charles C. Kokoros  
2 – John C. Mullaney  
3 – Thomas M. Bowes  
4 – Stephen C. O'Brien  
5 – Michael J. Owens  
6 – Paul Dan Clifford

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

##### **4-YEARS**

David M. Ringius, Jr.  
Cyril A. Chafe  
George C. Kokoros

##### **2-YEARS**

Kate N. Naughton

Mayor Joseph Sullivan and Congressman Stephen Lynch expressed best wishes to all members of the Council and School Committee.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Kokoros, President  
Thomas Bowes, Vice President  
Sean Powers  
Charles Ryan  
Shannon Hume  
John Mullaney  
Stephen O'Brien  
Michael Owens  
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Joseph Sullivan, Mayor  
Stephen Lynch, Congressman 8<sup>th</sup> District  
John Keenan, State Senator  
Mark Cusack, State Representative  
Michael Morrissey, Norfolk County District Attorney  
Maureen Murray, School Superintendent  
Various School Committee Members  
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk  
Debra Starr, Assistant Town Clerk

Council President Charles Kokoros thanked many elected officials and staff members for their support during his term as Council President.

### **Reorganization of Town Council**

At this time Joseph Powers, Town Clerk, asked for a motion to open up nominations for Council President. A motion was made by Councilor Kokoros and seconded by Councilor Ryan. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Clerk Powers asked for nominations for President. Councilor Kokoros nominated Councilor Bowes. Nomination was seconded by Councilor Powers. Clerk Powers asked Councilor Bowes if he would accept the nomination. Councilor Bowes responded "yes". Clerk Powers asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations presented.

Clerk Powers asked for a motion to close nominations for Council President. A motion was made by Councilor Kokoros and seconded by Councilor Powers. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a motion by Councilor Kokoros and seconded by Councilor Powers to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Bowes for President. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Joseph Powers, Town Clerk, asked for a motion to open up nominations for Council Vice-President. A motion was made by Councilor Kokoros and seconded by Councilor Ryan. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Clerk Powers asked for nominations for Vice-President. Councilor Kokoros nominated Councilor Powers. Clerk Powers asked Councilor Powers if he would accept the nomination. Councilor Powers responded "yes". Clerk Powers asked if there were any other nominations. Councilor Mullaney nominated Councilor Ryan. Clerk Powers asked Councilor Ryan if he would accept the nomination. Councilor Ryan responded "yes". Clerk Powers asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations presented.

Clerk Powers asked for a motion to close nominations for Council Vice-President. A motion was made by Councilor Kokoros and seconded by Councilor Mullaney. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Clerk Powers informed members that he would ask for a vote for the first person nominated and then the second person nominated only if the first person did not receive at least five votes. Clerk Powers asked for a vote by rising of hands for Councilor Powers. Councilor's Powers, Bowes, Kokoros, Clifford and O'Brien raised their hands. Clerk Powers declared Councilor Sean Powers as Vice-President.

Councilor Bowes, newly elected Council President, took over the Chair.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor O'Brien informed the public of a meeting planned for Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposal from OIB Corporation on their development change at White Hills.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- December 17, 2013
- December 19, 2013

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to approve minutes of December 17 and 19, 2013

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Abstain (1- Hume)

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

- 001 14 Council President: Braintree Youth Hockey – Discussion on Braintree Ice Rink

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to table to January 21, 2014

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0)

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

- 003 14 Council President: Town Council Committee Appointments or take up any action relative thereto

Councilor Bowes asked members to submit their committee requests to the Clerk of the Council by Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Refer to Committee on Ways & Means**

- 14 002 Mayor: Appointment to Community Preservation Committee – Ronald F. Frazier or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 003 Mayor: Haemonetics Application for Project Approval

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to refer Orders 14 002 and 14 003 to Committee

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0)

## **Executive Session**

- 002 14 Council President: Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a) purpose number 1: “To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or changes brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Clifford to table to January 21, 2014

**Second:** by Councilor Kokors

**Vote:** For (7), Against (2-Bowes, Powers)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council

## Documents provided for Meeting

- December 17, 2013 Minutes
- December 19, 2013 Minutes
- 001 14 Council President: Braintree Youth Hockey – Discussion on Braintree Ice Rink
- 003 14 Council President: Town Council Committee Appointments
- 14 002 Mayor: Appointment to Community Preservation Committee – Ronald F. Frazier
- 14 003 Mayor: Haemonetics Application for Project Approval
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