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PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### September 16, 2014

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

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

Others: Dennis Regan, National Grid  
Tom Whalen, DPW Director

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 061 14 Councilor Clifford: Ground Breaking – Fallen Heroes Memorial at New Seaport Square Park
- 063 14 Councilor Powers: Heritage Day Farm to Table September 20<sup>th</sup>
- 068 14 Councilor Ryan: Lincoln Park Cleanup (9 AM -Noon on October 4th, at Hobart St.)
- 069 14 Council President: Recognition – Baseball Champs (10yr olds/Junior Legion)
- 070 14 Councilor Powers: POW/MIA Honor Chair – September 28@3pm Town Hall

Council President Bowes called a 5-minute recess at 7:53pm and called the meeting back to order at 7:58pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 2, 2014

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to approve

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Discussion:** Councilor Clifford stated "I want to Amend Minutes as per copy provided to all members". Amendment on page 6, paragraph 3, line 3 stating: Our job is to mitigate residents concerns for a smooth transition into the neighborhood.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Amend as stated

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

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

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to approve Minutes as Amended

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

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

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None

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

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **14 057 National Grid: Petition – Bower Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Bowes referred to Councilor Ryan for Committee on Public Works recommendation. Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works, stated the committee has recommended favorable action with staff recommendations.

Councilor Owens left the Council Chambers at 8:17pm to return at 8:19pm.

Councilor Powers read the specifics of the petition as well as staff recommendations: **To install and maintain approximately 240 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Bower Road, Braintree. From the existing 3 inch main in Commercial Street southerly to the intersection of Rogers Circle, in order to provide new gas service to houses #102 and #115 Bower Road and #4 Rogers Circle.**

**BELD:** Engineering has reviewed petition #14 057 and has no underground utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work.

**DPW:** These sections of Commercial Street and Bower Road are not under moratorium and no Town construction is pending this year. Bower Road is scheduled to be resurfaced next year. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time.

Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.

Council President asked Tom Whalen, DPW Director what was the reason of the additional DPW memo/staff recommendations. Tom Whalen replied all road closures need to come from himself or Stephen J. O'Brien. Contractors or sub-contractors are not allowed to close roads on their own.

Councilor Clifford asked Tom Whalen what is your thought to extend the current Moratorium to 7 or 10 years. Tom Whalen replied it would be nice because it seems once 5 years passed they want the roads open.

Tom Whalen noted proper signs will be up if roads need to be closed.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan for favorable action with staff recommendations

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- 14 058 Appointment – Crystal Evans to the Commission on Disabilities

Motion by Councilor Powers to refer Order 14 058 to the Committee on Ways & Means.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to refer Order 14 058 to committee

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- September 2, 2014 Council Minutes
- September 2, 2014 Council Minutes Page 6 Revision
- 061 14 Councilor Clifford: Ground Breaking – Fallen Heroes Memorial at New Seaport Square Park
- 063 14 Councilor Powers: Heritage Day Farm to Table September 20<sup>th</sup>
- 069 14 Council President: Recognition – Baseball Champs (10yr olds/Junior Legion)
- Memo DPW – additional staff recommendations to National Grid Petitions
- 14 057 National Grid: Petition – Bower Road
- 14 058 Appointment – Crystal Evans to the Commission on Disabilities