

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

### February 5, 2015

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Thursday, February 5, 2015 beginning at 6:00p.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  
Michael Owens  
Charles Ryan

Not Present: Stephen O'Brien  
Paul Dan Clifford  
Charles Kokoros  
John Mullaney

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor  
Mike Coughlin, Chief of Staff  
Peter Morin, Town Solicitor  
Karen Shanley, Director Human Resources  
Ed Spellman, Director of Finance  
Various Department Heads

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 20, 2015

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of January 20, 2015

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 3, 2015

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of February 3, 2015

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

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

- 001 15 Mayor: State of the Town Address

1. Acknowledged DPW and Police Department for performance during snowstorms past few weeks:
  - Cost estimate exceeds \$400,000 budget. Currently over \$500,000 in actual expenses. Looking at over one million for current fiscal year. Some reimbursement from the state on first storm approximately 75% costs of that storm.
2. Capital Plan: - Endorsed by Ways and Means Committee
  - Addition to Elder Affairs Buildings
  - Reconstruction – Dougherty Gym Improvements
  - East Braintree Fire Station Reconstruction
  - Roads \$3 Million
  - Schools – Technology Two Million Dollar Grant/Two Million Town Funds
  - Lt. Governor Announced Level Funding for Local Aid
3. State of the Town:
  - Stronger Since 2008
  - New Form of Government has been responsive
  - Efforts to improve quality of life
  - Finances are strong, Roads are Better, Schools – Full-Time Kindergarten
  - Public Safety Higher Response Levels
  - Recreation Improvements Highlands Playground/Splash Pad
4. Preparing FY16 Budgets to be Level Funded

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **15 001 Mayor: Request to Adopt the town of Braintree's Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Continue public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

Council President Bowes asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 15 001.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Approve Order 15 001

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

- **15 002 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-General Fund Bonding or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Continue public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

Council President Bowes asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 15 002.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Approve Order 15 002

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

- **15 003 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-Enterprise Fund Bonding or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Continue public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

Council President Bowes asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 15 003.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Approve Order 15 003

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

- **15 004 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-General Fund Other Available Funding or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Continue public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

Council President Bowes asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 15 004.

**Motion:** by Councilor Powers to Approve Order 15 004

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-O'Brien, Clifford, Kokoros, Mullaney)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- January 20, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- February 3, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 15 001 Mayor: Request to Adopt the town of Braintree's Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 002 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-General Fund Bonding or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 003 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-Enterprise Fund Bonding or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 004 Mayor: Request for Appropriation Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan-General Fund Other Available Funding or take up any action relative thereto
- Fixed Assets document from Eric Kinsherf, CPA – Town Auditor