

Sean E. Powers
President
At Large

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

John C. Mullaney
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes
District 3



Charles B. Ryan
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

JULY 12, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on July 12, 2016 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

Present: Sean Powers, President
Thomas Bowes
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney
Michael Owens

Not Present: Charles Ryan, Vice President
Stephen C. O'Brien

Also Present: Lisa Maki, Town Solicitor
Henry Russell
Union representatives

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 087 16 Councilor Mullaney: Shade Tree Act Law – Henry Russell

A Powerpoint presentation was given by Henry Russell for Proposed Regulations, Town of Braintree, MGL Chapter 87 Shade Trees. Mr. Russell stated there should be a Tree Warden and it should be a non-paid position. Mr. Russell agreed his proposals needed revising prior to presenting them to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules.

Motion: by Councilor Mullaney to Refer 087 16 Shade Tree Act Law to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

Second: by Councilor Clifford

Vote: For (6), Against (1-Clifford), Absent (2-O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 027 16 Councilor Clifford: An Obligation to Lead – Opioid Epidemic (Update)

Councilor Clifford gave an update stating meetings have been taking place since April 10. We are making progress. A Drug Coordinator will be hired to help make more progress. Councilor Kokoros stated we are looking at writing our report. We will need to meet a few more times to do this. Partnership meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. This will help us move forward and apply for a \$1.5 million grant.

OLD BUSINESS

- 16 031: N.T. Development Inc: Street Acceptance Petition - Buker Corner Lane or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing June 28 TABLED)

Council President Powers asked IS THERE A MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilor Bowes made a MOTION to TAKE FROM the TABLE Order 16 031 and RECONVENE the Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

There was a MOTION by Councilor Bowes to CONTINUE the Public Hearing to August 16, 2016

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Owens

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

- 16 035 Mayor: Appointment - Town Solicitor, Lisa Skehill Maki or take up any action relative thereto
Councilor President Powers welcomed Lisa Skehill Maki.

Councilor Bowes read the MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA SKEHILL MAKI AS TOWN SOLICITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3-3 AND 3-5 OF THE TOWN CHARTER.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUIRED:

- 16 037 Town Clerk: Call of the State Primary Election Sept. 8, 2016 or take up any action relative thereto
Council President Powers stated if there are no objections for SAME NIGHT ACTION, we will take Order 16 037 Town Clerk: Call of the State Primary election, September 8, 2016. Hearing none Councilor Bowes read the following MOTION:

Call of the State Primary Election, September 8, 2016

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE IS HEREBY REQUIRED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM, TO VOTE AT THE POLLING PLACES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PRECINCTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices: Representative in Congress for the Eighth District; Councillor for Second & Fourth District, Senator in General Court Norfolk & Plymouth District, Senator in General Court Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District, Representative in General Court Fifth Norfolk District, Sheriff Norfolk County, County Commissioner for Norfolk County.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 16 036 Mayor: Acceptance of Herbert Road or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Owens

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Public Works (SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUESTED)

- 16 038 Mayor: Grant of Easement of Landing Pub/Ultimate Pizza or take up any action relative thereto

Council President Powers stated if there are no objections for SAME NIGHT ACTION, we will take Order 16 038 Mayor: Grant of Easement of Landing Pub/Ultimate Pizza or take up any action relative thereto. Hearing none Councilor Bowes read the following Motion:

That the Town vote to grant a seating and ramp easement to S&H Realty Trust, as the owners of the Landing Pub, located at 2-10 Commercial Street in Braintree, MA, over the sidewalk along Commercial Street, a town way, as it abuts the properties known as 2-10 Commercial Street in Braintree, MA. The seating and ramp easement area is 5 to 7 feet in width and 37 feet long, and is located upon a portion of the "sidewalk" area of the public layout of Commercial Street near its intersection with Brookside Road and further described as follows:

Beginning at a point 7.00 feet N22° 26' 58"W of the intersection of the westerly street line of Commercial Street and the northerly street line of Brookside Road, said point being the most southwesterly corner of the herein described Seating and Ramp Easement premises;

Thence N67° 33' 02"E 7.00 feet along a new Seating and Ramp Easement Line to a point;

Thence N22° 26' 58"W 25.00 feet along said new Seating and Ramp Easement Line to a point;

Thence S67° 33' 02"W 2.00 feet along said new Seating and Ramp Easement Line to a point;

Thence N22° 26' 58"W 12.00 feet along said new Seating and Ramp Easement Line to a point;

Thence S67° 33' 02"W 5.00 feet along said new Seating and Ramp Easement Line to a point on said existing westerly street line of Commercial Street;

Thence S22° 26' 58"E 37.00 feet along said westerly street line of Commercial Street to the point of beginning.

The above described Seating and Ramp Easement contains 235± S.F. and is shown as "Seating and Ramp Easement" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Showing Seating and Ramp Easement at 2 – 10 Commercial Street in Braintree, Mass." dated March 15, 2016, prepared by Neponset Valley Survey Assoc., Inc., and said plan is to be recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds along with a Grant of Easement. Further, the Mayor is authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate this vote.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Owens

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2 – O'Brien, Ryan), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, August 16, 2016@ 7:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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