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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 2016

MINUTES

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

Council President Powers was in the chair.

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

Also Present: Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General
Marybeth McGrath, Municipal Licenses and Inspections Director
Paul McSoley, Police Department Finance Director
Marta Googins, resident
Roy Googins, resident
John Hafferty, President Chamber of Commerce
Jean Healey, resident
Robert Kearns, resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 083 16 Marybeth McGrath: DISCUSSION – Ticks/Lyme Disease

Marybeth McGrath, Municipal Licenses and Inspections Director discussed Ticks and Lyme disease. In 2015 there were 28 confirmed cases in Braintree. Symptoms can include: fever, headache, fatigue, rash, swollen lymph nodes and also possibly Bell's palsy. Symptoms can show up 1-8 weeks after bite. Lyme disease can affect the joints, heart and nervous system. Ticks hatch in July and August. You need to remove the tick with tweezers at the point of contact and wash thoroughly. People need to take personal preventative measures. Stay away from moist, shady, wooded areas with brush. Ticks don't like bright sun. People should use spray with deet. Deet helps deter ticks.

Councilor Mullaney left the meeting at 8:15pm and did not return.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 073 16 Council President: Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, the Good Samaritan Law
Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General attended the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Good Samaritan Law. Who is Exempt from Prosecution under Good Samaritan Law? The Caller to 9-1-1, Overdose Patient (Exempt from prosecution for possession of drugs (Class A,B,C,D, or E) under 94C, section 34, Exempt from prosecution for knowingly being present where heroin is kept under 94C, section 35, No exemption for prosecution of PWID, Distribution, Trafficking or Warrant Arrests.
Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General gave treatment & support resources:
MA Substance Abuse Referrals www.Helpline-Online.com 800-327-5050
Family and peer support www.Learn2Cope.org 508-738-5148
- 080 16 Council President: RESOLUTION - Union Street Rotary
The following Resolution was read by Councilor Kokoros:

WHEREAS: it is well known to Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan, the Braintree Town Council and the Massachusetts State Department of Transportation that the Union Street Rotary is a major intersection of entrance and exit ramps from Route 3, as well as a main business artery and thoroughfare in the Town of Braintree, and;

WHEREAS: Union Street, in addition to serving motor vehicles, provides a main pedestrian access-way to the Braintree MBTA Station, the Town Hall, the Thayer Public Library and the two primary business districts in coming from East Braintree, and;

WHEREAS: the Council and the Mayor's Office support walking as a safe mode of transportation which contributes to a healthy lifestyle, and;

WHEREAS: according to Massachusetts DOT statistics, twenty three accidents have occurred at the Union Street Rotary crosswalk intersections and more than 200 accidents in the area of the rotary in the past three years, and;

WHEREAS: according to the Town of Braintree Police Department statistics, more than 350 accidents in the area of the Union Street Rotary have occurred in the past three years;

WHEREAS: the Union Street Rotary crosswalks require critical improvements and significantly more pedestrian visibility, and;

WHEREAS: pedestrian flashing beacons have been installed in similar situations such as at Grossman Drive, at John Mahar Highway and at Liberty Street to better alert drivers and improve pedestrians' safety in seeking to cross the roads;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that we the undersigned, call on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to install pedestrian flashing beacons on the two crosswalks of the Union Street Rotary in Braintree.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve the Resolution

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (Mullaney, Ryan), Abstain (0)

Councilor Owens stated this Union Street Rotary is a dangerous area especially for pedestrians.

- 082 16 Councilor O'Brien: Compressor Station update
Councilor O'Brien stated he has attended the meetings on the proposed Compressor Station. It is an on-going situation. Councilor O'Brien mentioned that at one of the meetings Congressman Stephen Lynch passionately stated FERC will be taken to court if this happens.

OLD BUSINESS

- 027 16 Councilor Clifford: An Obligation to Lead – Opioid Epidemic (Update)
- 025 16 Councilor Clifford: Proposed Town flag created for those serving in the military or take up any action relative thereto (Jean Healey - Update)
Mrs. Jean Healey stated she is still working to get flags to military personnel who are serving. The person or family has to contact the Veteran's department. Each family would receive 2 town flags and certificates of appreciation. We have a Braintree Co-op Account set up for donations. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause please make check payable to: Friends of Braintree Military, c/o Braintree Cooperative Bank, 865 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 16 034 Councilor Clifford: Review Braintree's PILOT Program or take up any action relative thereto
Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer 16 034 to the Committee on Ways & Means
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (Mullaney, Ryan), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, June 28, 2016@ 7:30pm**

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

- 073 16 Council President: Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, the Good Samaritan Law
- 080 16 Council President: RESOLUTION - Union Street Rotary