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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL - AGENDA –(revised)

March 2, 2016 • Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall • Starting Time: 7:30^{PM}

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 011 16 Council President: 6TH Annual Run for Charlotte, Sunday, April 24th
- 015 16 Councilor Kokoros: Super Saturdays Road Race, Sunday, April 3rd
- 030 16 Councilor O'Brien: The Attorney General's office presentation regarding The Good Samaritan Law (The Attorney General's office **in the future will be scheduling** a presentation to the full council at a date to be coordinated regarding The Good Samaritan Law. They have offered to do it during a future Council meeting so that it would be broadcast.)
- 031 16 Councilor Hume: Thayer Public Library - Braintree's 6th Annual Community Read on March 12th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 23, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 023 16 Council President: Sheriff Michael Bellotti on How to Prevent Addiction & Invest in Kids

OLD BUSINESS

- 14 022(R) Council President: Update of Chapter 5-565: Peddling & Solicitation or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing March 2)
- 021 16 Council President: Town Council Rules – Rule 56 or take up any action relative thereto (no PH needed)
- 033 15 Council President: Town Auditor Position – Job Description to include qualifications, requirements, compensation, posting or take up any action relative thereto (**Update: the Town Auditor Job Posting is now on the Town Website – braintreema.gov, MMA website, Indeed, Monster and The Braintree Forum until March 21st and the RFP is on the Town Website as of Monday, February 29 until March 14th)**)

NEW BUSINESS

- 029 16 Council President: Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic or take up any action relative thereto - consisting of 4 members and the Council President to serve as Ex Officio. (SAME NIGHT ACTION)

Refer to the Committee on Opioid Epidemic:

- 027 16 Councilor Clifford: "An Obligation to Lead", from the MMA Municipal Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force, The "Call to Action" is a Clarion call for leaders to take specific actions and implement innovative programs based on local needs or take up any action relative thereto.

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 16 009 Mayor: Revoke Prior Order accepting land or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 010 Mayor: Vote on corrected motion for acceptance of donation of land or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 011 Mayor: Transfer land to conservation commission and to authorize conservation restriction or take up any action relative thereto

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting - **TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016@ 7:00pm**

This will be a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Please note start time!!!

ADJOURNMENT

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 23, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 2, 2016
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of February 2, 2016
 - Second:** by Councilor Bowes
 - Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- February 9, 2016
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of February 9, 2016
 - Second:** by Councilor Bowes
 - Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 024 16 Council President: Update from Chief Jenkins on Hotels in Braintree
Mayor Sullivan stated all 6 hotel representatives in Braintree and everyone involved including Councilor Kokoros, Chief O'Brien, Chief Jenkins came together in one room to discuss the hotel situation. There is sometimes criminal activity and disobedience in hotels. There were action steps

that came out of that meeting. We will establish a detailed officer at the 5 hotels. Motel 6 already has a detail. We are looking at getting the hotel registers from each hotel. Also to look at other means of egress coming in and out of the hotels where there will be cameras or keypads to heighten a level of security. We would also like to have all hotels only have guests pay by credit card. Each hotel/motel operator can say Braintree does not accept cash. That is another level of security.

Chief Jenkins spoke of training hotel staff to be alert to certain things and report to the Police Department. All Braintree Police Officers have been trained on this Human Trafficking problem. An officer can run the license plates and find if warrants are out for individuals staying in hotels. What is going on behind closed doors cannot be eliminated but we can try to control anyway we can.

OLD BUSINESS

• **16 003 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriations #1 Debt Service or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 16 003

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 16 003?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O'Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O'Brien stated this was discussed at the February 23 W&M meeting and unanimously voted for favorable action on all items to the Full Council. I did have some questions that were answered by Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff and Ed Spellman, Director of Finance.

Council President Powers ask if there is any other discussion on Order 16 003?

Mayor Sullivan came to the podium and stated he sent a memo to the Town Council on January 27 which was very self-explanatory. I want to thank the Ways & Means Chairman and members for their questions. I felt the discussion at the Ways & Means went well.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 16 003

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Ryan read the following (4) motions and they were voted on.

1. Finance Division – Principal on Bonds

MOTION: That the sum of \$68,167 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Finance Department / Program 50 Debt Principal/ Bond Principal account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

2. Finance Division – Interest on Bonds

MOTION: That the sum of \$26, 140 be transferred from the Town’s Stabilization fund to the Finance Department / Program 51 Debt Interest / Bond Interest account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

3. Water Enterprise Fund

MOTION: That the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Water Enterprise Administration program/ Reserve Fund account Water Enterprise / Program 50 Debt Principal/ Bond Principal account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

4. Water Enterprise Fund

MOTION: That the sum of \$11,003 be transferred from the Water Enterprise Administration program/ Reserve Fund account Water Enterprise / Program 51 Debt Interest / Bond Interest account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

• **16 004 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriations #2 Operating or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 16 004

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 16 004?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O’Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O’Brien stated it was at this time the Mayor joined this committee meeting. All of the Directors and Department heads were there as well. I did have some questions that were answered by the Mayor and his staff, Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff and Ed Spellman, Director of Finance and other department heads. This was discussed at the February 23 W&M meeting and unanimously voted for favorable recommendation on all items to the Full Council.

Please note item #9 was partly for the air conditioner at the Library and the other part for the elevator repairs.

Item #16 for the Town Council for \$25,000 was not given a presentation from the Council Chambers Committee. I would hope we get a presentation.

Council President Powers replied that we are currently getting proposals for a new desk. Once those proposals are in the Council Chambers Committee will review them and make a recommendation to the full Council.

Item #18 should read \$49,333 as the correct amount. I hope we would pause on using these funds until we get a new proposal from BELD.

Council President Powers ask if there is any discussion on Order 16 004? He stated Hearing None.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 16 004

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Ryan read the following (19) motions and they were voted on.

1. Department of Public Works

MOTION: That the sum of \$64,700 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Department of Public Works / Program 12 – Environmental Affairs and Waste Collections program / recycling processing account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

2. Licenses and Inspections

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 8,580 be transferred from the Town's Handicap parking fine account to the Licenses and Inspections Department / Program-05 Inspections - Code Enforcement program / ADA Coordinator account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

3. Town Council

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 3,500 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Town Council Department / Program-01 Administration / Audit Fee account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

4. Police Department

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 20,839 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Police Department and that the Director of Municipal Finance be authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various line items affected thereby.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

5. Police Department

MOTION: That the sum of \$12,711 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Police Department / Program-02/ Maintenance program/ building repairs account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

6. Legal Office

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 126,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Legal Department/ Program-01/ Administration program/ Legal Services account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

7. DPW

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 40,926 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Department of Public Works Department / Program 05-Construction Administration / Engineering account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

8. DPW

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 35,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Department of Public Works Department / Program 02-Facilities And Equipment Maintenance / Building Repairs account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

9. DPW

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 91,900 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Department of Public Works Department / Program 02-Facilities And Equipment Maintenance / Building Repairs account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

10. DPW

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 15,000 be transferred from the Department of Public Works Department / Program 69-capital equipment/ Compressor account to the Department of Public Works Department / Program 69-capital equipment / Roller account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

11. Planning and Development

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 21,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Planning and Development Department / Program 07-Economic Development / Consultant account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

12. Licenses and Inspections

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 6,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Licenses and Inspections Department / Program-05 Inspections - Code Enforcement program / mitigation account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

13. Planning and Development

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 2,500 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Planning and Development Department / Program 07-Economic Development / Life Science Development Consultant account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

14. Fire Department

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 37,890 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to Fire Department and that the Director of Municipal Finance be authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various line items affected thereby.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

15. School Department

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 10,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to School department capital account# 01-400-65-6118 / Braintree High school Restroom repairs account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

16. Town Council

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 25,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Town Council Department / Program-01 Administration / furniture account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

17. Mayor's Office

MOTION: That the sum of \$ 10,000 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Mayors Department / Program-01 Administration / furniture account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

18. Town Council

MOTION: That the sum of \$49,333 be transferred from the Town Council Department / Program 04 Internal Audit / Town auditor account to the Town Council Department / program 01 administration / Consultant account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

19. Mayor's Office

MOTION: That the sum of \$2,318 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Mayors Department / Program-01 Administration / Consultants account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

• **16 007 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriation #3 For the Expanded Scope of the East Middle School Feasibility Study or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 16 007

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 16 007?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O'Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O'Brien stated on this item questions were asked and it is greatly appreciated the answers received. I appreciate the Mayor's attendance at this session and Dr. Frank Hackett who shed light on this issue. By taking this action we are going from a renovation project to an education project. The School Building Authority has been working on this for quite some time. It should be noted this money is only for a study. The MSBA is a partner of ours with this and they will pick up a considerable percentage of what occurs if anything.

Chairman O'Brien stated this was discussed at the February 23 W&M meeting and unanimously voted for favorable recommendation to the Full Council.

Mayor Sullivan came to the podium and stated this is an additional request for a feasibility study. Schools cost money to renovate, build and operate. Braintree is recognized as a strong educational community.

Dr. Frank Hackett came to the podium and stated this plan takes advantage of an opportunity that was not available a few months ago but the MSBA is now listening to us with a reimbursement program of up to 58%. What is best educationally first and what makes the most sense with the space issues that you have been dealing with for a few years now. This is a great opportunity as a school system and a town.

Councilor Hume stated the School Building Authority and the School Committee have been working on space needs since 2007. We completed the South project that was completed in 2010. We were asked for a priority school. We submitted East Middle School. We have been working on East since 2010. In the meantime, Monatiquot was opened. Our class sizes are smaller than they have ever been. The MSBA looks at that saying we have space in our schools and we could increase our class sizes. We chose as a community not to do that. We have looked at every option when it comes to adding on to school buildings. I think this is the best option before us and I am excited about this project.

Council President Powers ask if there is any other discussion on Order 16 007? Hearing none is there a motion to close the public hearing?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 16 007

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Ryan read the following motion:

That the Town appropriate the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty –Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Six (\$253,566) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs for a feasibility study for extraordinary repairs, including but not limited to substantial renovations and/or an addition thereto the East Middle School, located at 305 River Street , Braintree Massachusetts 02184 , including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty – Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Six (\$253,566) Dollars be transferred from the Town’s Building Capital Stabilization fund. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

• **033 15 Council President: Town Auditor Position - Job Description to include qualifications, requirements, compensation, posting or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O’Brien, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means for an update on the Town Auditor Job Posting.

Councilor O’Brien stated it is now on the Town of Braintree website – braintreema.gov, MMA website, Indeed, Monster and The Braintree Forum until March 21st. The RFP will be posted by Monday, February 29 until March 14, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to refer the following to committees and read:

Refer to the following Committees:

The Committee on Ways & Means, The Committee on Ordinance & Rules, The Committee on Public Safety, The Committee on Parks & Recreation, The Committee on Education & Library

- 027 16 Councilor Clifford: *"An Obligation to Lead"*, from the *MMA Municipal Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force*, The *"Call to Action"* is a Clarion call for leaders to take specific actions and implement innovative programs based on local needs.

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 021 16 Council President: Town Council Rules – Rule 56 or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 022(R) Council President: Update of Chapter 5-565: Peddling & Solicitation or take up any action relative thereto

Refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services

- 025 16 Councilor Clifford: Proposed Town flag created for those serving in the military or take up any action relative thereto

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting - **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016@ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- 16 003 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriations #1 Debt Service or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 16 004 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriations #2 Operating or take up any action relative thereto (see revision) (Public Hearing)
- 16 007 Mayor: FY2016 Supplemental Appropriation #3 For the Expanded Scope of the East Middle School Feasibility Study or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)



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Sixth Annual Run for Charlotte

**Give Help and Hope to
Families Fighting Pediatric Cancer**

10K and 5K Road Race ~ 5K Walk

April 24, 2016 ~ 10:00 am

For more information or to register: prayersforcharlotte.org

Post Race Celebration Led By Jim Plunkett ~ \$20 Donation for Non-Runners
Begins and Ends at Bayshore Athletic Club ~ 24 Plain Street, Braintree
USA Track and Field Certified Course - find us on coolrunning.com or racewire.com

Sunday, April 3, 2016

9:30 AM

5K Run/Walk Braintree High School

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SPRINT FOR



**Help Support Braintree Special
Needs Program!**

**Register Online
Racewire.com**

Thayer Public Library - Braintree's 6th Annual Community Read on March 12th

Thayer Public Library is kicking off Braintree's sixth annual community read on March 12, 2016.

Mayor Joseph Sullivan and Thayer Public Library Board of Trustees cordially invite you to participate in One Braintree, One Book during the months of March and April. We're asking the community to read with us the futuristic novel "*The Circle*" by Dave Eggers.

"The Circle" will have you questioning the importance of transparency, accessibility and privacy in our daily lives.

Thayer Public Library will be offering many technology programs during this event. Come to the library and explore.

To find out more about these events drop by the library and pick up a schedule of programs or visit www.thayerpubliclibrary.org

The idea behind One Braintree One Book is to encourage everyone in Braintree to read the same book and then have book discussions and events that tie into the book.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Norfolk



OFFICE OF THE
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September 1, 2015

Braintree Town Council
Braintree Town Hall
One JFK Memorial Dr.
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear City Council:

I am writing to you to alert you to a column recently published in The Quincy Patriot Ledger addressing an urgent issue facing all of our communities and too many families coping with drug and alcohol addiction. The recent focus by the Baker Administration and the Massachusetts Legislature on this epidemic makes clear that no community has escaped this scourge and that it demands all of our attention as elected officials.

As one of the largest county corrections facility in Massachusetts, the vast majority of those in our custody came here as a result of a drug-related offense or an offense that was directly influenced by their addiction. In a survey we conducted in March, we found that 82 percent of our inmates were dealing with addiction issues.

At an average cost of nearly \$55,000 to house one inmate for one year, this epidemic is not only a human tragedy but a waste of precious public resources that would be better spent on education and employment opportunities that would define a more successful path for these individuals. Reducing addiction also better protects our communities from the often random and sometimes violent crime that results from addiction.

While this issue is daunting, I believe that we can make a difference as public officials by continuing the public dialogue that the Governor and Legislature have prompted. This is a public health and public safety crisis that knows no bounds and every community in the Commonwealth is affected by it. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with your board to expand that dialogue and get your input on how we can directly address this issue.

Thank you for your good work on behalf of your community. I look forward to working with you in addressing this issue.

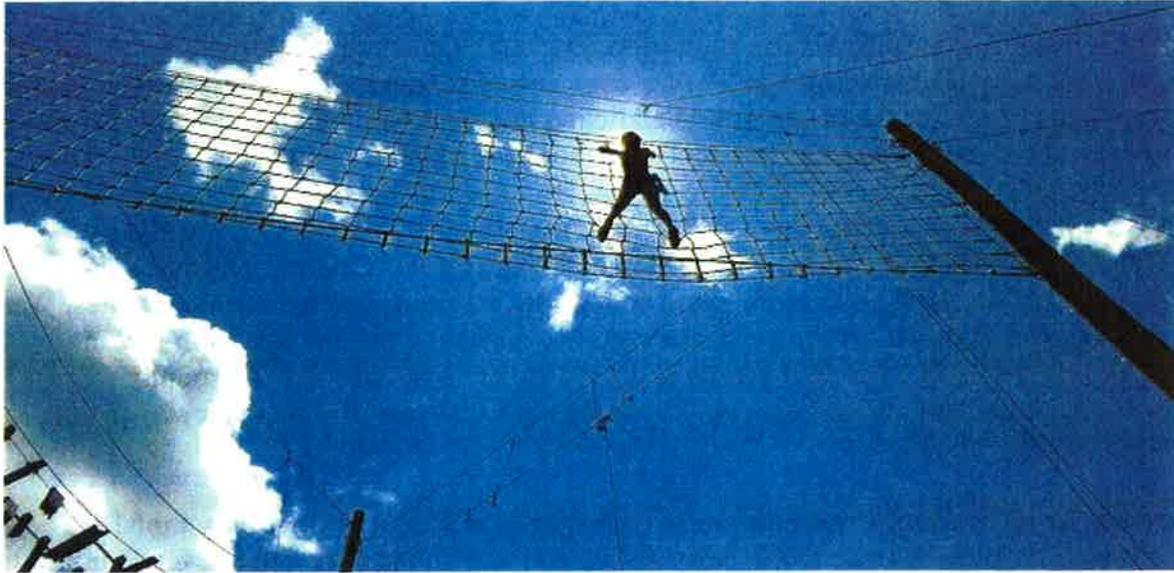
Sincerely,

Michael G. Bellotti
Sheriff
Norfolk County

The Patriot Ledger

August 19, 2015

SHERIFF MICHAEL BELLOTTI: To help prevent addiction, invest in kids



A camper from Quincy navigates a rope net about thirty feet off the ground. Kids participate in the Norfolk County Sheriff Departments summer Youth Leadership Academy in Braintree. Sheriff Michael Bellotti runs the camp for kids 10-14 in which they build confidence and learn teamwork.

By Michael G. Bellotti

Almost every summer since 2002 (we didn't have funding during three summers), the Norfolk County Office of the Sheriff has operated a Youth Leadership camp in Braintree for kids ages 10 to 14. The camp emphasizes good decision-making skills and working with peers to solve problems – like ascending 30-foot-high rope-climbing towers, which would make most adults cringe.

This may not be everyone's idea of summer camp, but every week is oversubscribed. We subsidize the cost and lower it for those whose families can't afford to pay because we don't want to lose anyone in this age group because of cost.

While we don't necessarily think of our campers as "at-risk" kids, we know that every child is potentially at risk regardless of whether they are from "good families" or "affluent communities."

Certainly many of the 6,600 people who have died in Massachusetts over the past decade from opioid overdoses came from “those families” and “those communities.” The statewide statistics on those who have lived long enough to get into treatment for drug and alcohol addictions is staggering – 105,000 in 2014 alone.

Of those, 53 percent self-reported heroin use among their addictions. Norfolk County, one of the most affluent counties in the state, accounted for 6,700 of those in residential treatment. Canton accounted for 165 of those patients, half of them for heroin addiction. In Brookline, one-third of the 117 people in treatment in 2014 were using heroin. Those are just the people who got into treatment, and these numbers are replicated across the state.

Gov. Charlie Baker and the Legislature are responding with urgency to the growing addiction crisis with a call for more treatment beds, better-coordinated services, and early intervention and education. And while all of the treatment and addiction intervention funding is needed, the only real long-term solution is prevention and education, some of which is included in the governor’s initiative.

When we surveyed our inmate population in March, 82 percent self-reported substance abuse. We have a waiting list for the substance abuse counseling programs that we run for inmates. We spend millions of dollars while they are in our custody counseling them on decision-making skills, substance abuse treatment and coping skills to help them re-enter the community when their time is done, and that doesn’t include the average \$55,000 cost of a one-year stay in our custody per inmate.

Our summer Youth Leadership camp is one small example of the many programs aimed at young adolescents when they are particularly susceptible to peer pressure and not yet equipped to say no to a bad choice. The South Shore YMCA has sent thousands of kids to summer camp on Cape Cod for generations, regardless of whether their families can afford to pay. Many of those kids have grown into successful adults who still talk about how that positive camp experience at a young age kept them on a straighter path even as they could see the other path right in front of them. It is a small price to pay to save even one life and to keep these kids from a treatment bed or a jail cell.

Investing in kids early will save lives and futures, and it will also save taxpayers millions of dollars that are tragically wasted on locking people up or treating them in expensive state-financed facilities. Imagine what that money might buy if it were spent on education, smaller class sizes and greater resources for families to help them intervene instead of watching their teenager on the slippery slope of drug use and addiction.

The time when we looked at heroin use and other opioid addictions as issues based on socio-economic status and neighborhood is now proven to be just an urban myth. We should invest in our kids while they are still young and have a chance to not only survive, but to thrive.

After all, inmates and addicts were also 10-year-olds once and they deserved no less then.

Michael G. Bellotti is the Norfolk County sheriff and the creator of the Norfolk County Youth Leadership Academy in Braintree. Send your response to editpage@ledger.com.

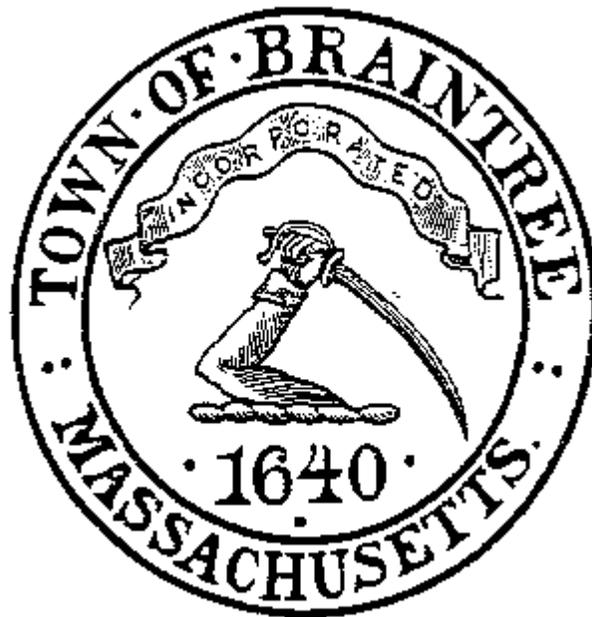
Chapter 5.565 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

SECTION 5.565.050 Solicitation and Canvassing

C. Prohibition and Requirements.

2. Persons engaged in solicitation or canvassing shall “prominently display around their neck a florescent orange ~~(5”x7”)~~ lanyard **and attached card holder, and a (5”x7”) Identification card** visible at all times on the chest area. The solicitor or company is responsible to provide said lanyard and create an identification card, which shall be inserted into ~~or attached to~~ the lanyard **card holder**. The identification-card will contain an 1) identification number (assigned by the company or entity soliciting), 2) company name, 3) solicitor’s name, 4) signature, 5) current photo, 6) phone number and name of company official responsible for the canvassing or soliciting operation in case of emergency or other immediate contact needs, 7) start date and expiration date (not to exceed 30 days), and shall have the approved 8) Braintree Police certificate of registration inserted in back of the identification card, and shall produce such certificate upon request. Failure to wear the provided lanyard **and card holder** shall result in a violation of \$300 per individual. 9) \$300 per primary employing entity per violation per day and shall be considered separate from item #8. If a fine is issued to any party or entity, said party will be prohibited from soliciting in the Town of Braintree until the fine is paid.

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Rule One: The President – Powers and Duties

The President shall take the Chair at the hour appointed for the Council to meet and shall immediately call the members to order. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the role of the President. If there is not available a Vice-President to preside, the At-Large Member who received the most votes in the last election will preside; if there is no At-Large Councilor Member available, then the member of District 1 will preside; and then if necessary proceed to each district numerically thereafter. The roll call shall then be called by the Clerk, who shall enter in the minutes of the meeting the names of the members present. In the absence of a quorum at the time appointed for a meeting, the members present may, by a majority vote, take a recess or recesses, and direct the Clerk to procure the attendance of absent members.

No President shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms.

The President shall not serve as Chair of a committee, standing or special.

Rule Two: Appeals from Decision of the President

The President shall preserve decorum and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to Council. Any member of the Council may appeal the decision of the President by motion. No other business shall be in order until the question of appeal is decided. In the case of an appeal from a ruling of the President, the question shall be: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the decision of the Council?" The vote upon the question of appeal from the ruling of the President shall be by roll call to be decided by a simple majority. If a member transgresses the rules of the Council, the President, or any member by addressing the President, shall call him/her to order, in which case he/she shall be seated, unless permitted to explain.

Rule Three: Substitute Chair

The President may call any member to the Chair, but such substitutes shall not continue longer than one meeting. The President may express his/her opinion on any subject under debate without leaving the Chair.

Rule Four: Viva Voce and Rising Votes

All questions shall be stated and put by the President. In case of a roll call vote, the President shall declare the result, after the Clerk has announced the number voting on each side. The results of viva voce votes shall be declared by the President without reference to the Clerk. Where a rising vote is taken, the President shall count and announce the result. Where the result of a viva voce vote is in doubt, the President may, and on demand of any member, shall call for a division of the Council, which shall be taken by a roll call.

Rule Five: Seating Arrangements

The President shall assign the seats of the Councilors and no members shall change his seat but by the permission of the President.

Rule Six: Admission to Council Floor

No person will approach the Council during Council meetings, except upon the permission of the President or presiding officer of the Council.

Rule Seven: Committee Appointments

The Council President shall appoint all members of all committees of the Town Council, whether special or standing.

Rule Eight: Clerk and Employees

The Clerk and other officers and employees of the Council shall work for every member of the Council. Every Councilor may have the right to request the Clerk and/or employees of the Council to perform work requested by a Councilor. The President will have the right to prioritize all work received from the Councilors. The President shall manage the Clerk and all employees of the Council.

Rule Nine: Addressing President or Chair

Every member speaking to a question or making a motion before a Town Council Committee shall address the Chair as “**Mr. President**” or “**Madam President**”, and in the absence of the **Council President shall address the Chair as “Mr. Chairman” or “Madam Chairwomen**”, who shall thereupon pronounce the name of the member entitled to the floor. Members addressing the Committee shall confine themselves to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

Rule Ten: Debate Limitation

No member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any one subject until every other member choosing to speak thereon shall have spoken, and no member shall speak more than twice upon any one subject, nor for a longer time than five minutes, without leave of the Council.

Rule Eleven: Speaking Decorum

No member shall be interrupted while speaking, but by call to order for the correction of a mistake; nor shall there be any conversation among the members while a question is being stated, while a member is speaking, or a paper being read. If a member is speaking or otherwise transgresses the rules of the Council any member may call him to order by addressing the President.

Any person wishing to speak during the Public Comments portion of the meeting or on a Public Hearing item, shall notify the President prior to the calling of that portion of the agenda. No person shall address the Council without first being recognized by the President. Each person addressing the Council shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not make repetitious, slanderous or irrelevant remarks, or engage in any other disorderly conduct which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council meeting. Any person who so disrupts the meeting may, at the discretion of the President or a majority of the Council, be subject to ejection from the meeting.

Rule Twelve: Point of Order

Any member on being called to order shall cease debate until the point of order is decided unless allowed by the President to explain.

Rule Thirteen: Voting

Every member present when a question is put may vote either “yes” or “no” or “abstain”. No member is required to vote on any matter and any member may leave the Council Chambers without explanation.

Any member may recuse himself or herself prior to debate or vote on any matter before the Council and request to be informed when said debate or vote has occurred. Any Member may return to the Council meeting at any time.

Rule Fourteen: Election of Officers

A majority of all members elected to the Council shall be required to elect a President, Vice-President, Town Auditor, Town Clerk and Clerk of the Council.

Rule Fifteen: Tie Vote

In case of a tie in votes on any proposal, the proposal shall be considered lost.

Rule Sixteen: Division of a Question

On demand of any member, a question under consideration covering two or more points shall be divided where the question permits of such division.

Rule Seventeen: Demand for Roll Call

Upon demand of any member, made before the negative has been put, the roll shall be called for yeas and nays upon any question before the Council.

Rule Eighteen: Motions and Procedure During Debate

When a question is before the Council, no motion shall be entertained except:

1. To adjourn
2. To lay on the table
3. The previous question
4. To postpone to a time certain
5. To refer
6. To amend
7. To postpone indefinitely
8. To reconsider – at any meeting at which a vote has been taken, it shall be in order for any Councilor who has voted with the prevailing side to move for immediate reconsideration or to serve notice that a motion for reconsideration shall take place at the next regular meeting of the Council. A motion to reconsider requires a two-thirds vote.

Such motions shall take precedence in the foregoing order. A roll call may be ordered at any time to ascertain the number of members.

Rule Nineteen: Motion to Lay on Table

A motion to lay on table shall preclude all amendments or debate on the subject under consideration. If the motion shall prevail, the consideration of the subject may be resumed only upon motion of a member voting with the majority and with the consent of a majority of all the members of the Council.

Rule Twenty: Adjournment and Recessing

A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except as follows:

- (A) When repeated without intervening business or discussion;
- (B) When made as an interruption of a member while speaking;
- (C) When the previous question has been ordered; or
- (D) While a vote is being taken.

A motion to adjourn is debatable only as to the time to which the meeting is adjourned.

Recess may be taken at the discretion of the President, or by Majority vote of the Council. In either case, the reason for the recess shall be clearly stated beforehand. If a recess is called by the President, it shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes without a majority vote of the Council. No Town Council business shall be conducted while the Council is in recess.

Rule Twenty-One: Written Proposals and Resolutions

All proposed ordinances, orders and resolutions shall be in writing and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member of the Council so directs; and no member shall be allowed to submit a written notice or resolution until he/she has read the same in his/her place or has provided the same in writing to every member of the council present.

Any proposal or proposition seeking Council endorsement of a particular course of action shall be presented in the form of a resolution. Every resolution shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by the Councilor(s) presenting such resolution. A copy of the original resolution shall be provided to all the Councilors prior to any vote on said resolution.

Rule Twenty-Two: Personal Privilege

The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to those cases set forth and referred to in Robert's Rules of Order **Newly Revised**.

Rule Twenty-Three: Suspension of Rule

Except as controlled by statute, any rule may be suspended by a **majority vote** of the Council.

Rule Twenty-Four: Council Meetings

Regular meetings of the Council shall be held in the Council Chamber the first and third Tuesday evening of each month, commencing at 7:30 PM and shall adjourn not later than 11:00 PM. The Clerk of the Council shall notify the Councilors of all meetings of the Council by notice delivered personally, sent by mail or notification of availability in the Councilor's office. Whenever the first or third Tuesday evening of the month is a holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the first or third Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 PM unless otherwise provided for by motion. During July and August regular meetings shall be suspended by a majority vote of the Council. The Council may, by majority vote, dispense with any regular meeting, or change the day and hour of holding or adjournment of any regular meeting. No Town Council meeting shall be scheduled on the eve of a Preliminary or Final Election in the Town of Braintree. These meetings will be held on the first Wednesday following said election.

Rule Twenty-Five: Executive Session

Executive session may be entered only after the Council has first convened in open session for which notice has been appropriately posted. The President shall cite the reason for going into executive session and indicate whether the Council shall leave executive session for the purpose of adjournment or return to open session. The President shall ask for a roll call vote of the Council. The vote of each member is entered into the minutes, with a majority necessary to initiate executive session.

Rule Twenty-Six: Special Meetings – Notice

The President of the Council, or any four (4) members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting of the Council by causing written notices stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting and signed by the person or persons calling the same, to be delivered in hand to each member of the Council, or left at his/her usual dwelling place, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of such meeting.

Rule Twenty-Seven: Hearings

The time devoted to public hearings at any meeting of the Council shall not be more than three (3) hours at any one sitting. Any hearing not completed within the specified time may be continued to another meeting. Hearings which are authorized by the order of the Council shall have precedence and shall be followed by public presentations. Five (5) minutes shall be allowed each speaker to express his/her views on the matter being heard by the Council. **Additional time may be granted at the discretion of the Council President or Chairperson.**

In all hearings before the Council, the case of the petitioner shall be first submitted, except where the President of the Council rules otherwise.

Rule Twenty-Eight: Attendance at Public Hearings & Voting

Any Councilor may vote on enactment of an ordinance or measure if that Councilor is absent from the public hearing on the said ordinance or measure, provided that the Councilor, in his or her opinion, is fully informed of all testimonial and other matters before the Council at the public hearing as provided by available video tapes, audio tapes or the record of minutes, etc. of that public hearing.

Rule Twenty-Nine: Order of Business and Agenda

At every regular meeting of the Council the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of silence
2. Roll Call
3. Announcements
4. Act on Minutes
5. Citizen Concerns/Council Response
6. Old Business
7. Communications and Reports from the Mayor, Town Officers and Town Boards
8. Reports of Committees
9. New Business
10. Motions, Orders and Resolutions
11. Adjournment

The above order shall not be changed except by vote of a majority of all the members of the Council and upon the motion to change the order, no debate shall be allowed. New Business items will be assigned to an appropriate Committee for review and response unless otherwise ordered by the Council.

AGENDA

All items for the agenda including communications and reports from the Mayor, other Town Officers and Town Boards shall be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office **and to the Clerk of the Council** no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday preceding the regular Council meeting. A copy of said reports and agenda shall be delivered to the Council no later than Friday preceding the regular Council meeting. Late items require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Town Council to be allowed at the Council meeting. Any item authorized for the agenda must be specified on the agenda, by whom it is introduced.

Rule Thirty: Citizen Participation at Council Meetings

Individuals requesting time to address the Council under "Citizens Concerns/Council Response" shall make their request no later than 10:00 AM on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. Speakers shall limit the time for remarks to five (5) minutes. All items including but not limited to letters, written communications, reports or other materials being submitted from individuals addressing the Council must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office **and to the Clerk of the Council** no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday preceding the regular Council meeting.

The agenda will be prepared by the Clerk of the Council or his/her designee and the President. All matters to be brought before the Council shall be numbered by the Clerk of the Council or his/her designee at the time they are filed. Each item shall be numbered sequentially beginning with the first item filed in a calendar year.

Rule Thirty-One: Anonymous Communications

Unsigned communications shall not be introduced in the Council.

Rule Thirty-Two: Standing Committees

There shall be appointed standing committees of the Council as follows:

- WAYS AND MEANS** to consist of five (5) members
- ORDINANCE & RULES** to consist of four (4) members
- PUBLIC PARKS & RECREATION** to consist of three (3) members
- PUBLIC WORKS** to consist of three (3) members
- PUBLIC SAFETY** to consist of three (3) members
- ELDER AFFAIRS/VETERAN’S SERVICES** to consist of three (3) members
- EDUCATION/LIBRARY** to consist of three (3) members
- PERSONNEL ISSUES** to consist of three (members)

The following are presented as guidelines for consideration by each committee:

The Ways and Means Committee

Section 2-10 of the Town Charter. Assessor’s business

- i. Tax Classification
- ii. Over-Lay Budget
- iii. Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program
- iv. Property Valuations (all Classes)
- v. Exemptions
- vi. Appellate Tax Board Representation (As needed)
- b. Capital Planning Budget
- c. Stabilization Fund (requires major emphasis after years of spending down our “rainy day fund”).
- d. Free Cash Appropriations
- e. Reserve Fund Items
- f. Most Other Municipal Finance Items

The Ordinance & Rules Committee may consider and report on all matters relating to general ordinances of the town, including proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances or Zoning Map, land use and planning, special permits, consider Councilor rules and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Public Parks & Recreation Committee may consider and report upon all matters relating to public park and recreation operations and programs and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Public Works Committee may consider and report upon all matters relating to public works operations and programs, including but not limited to streets, including requests for the appropriation of funds from the Chapter 90 State Highway Fund Account, sidewalks, snowplowing, street sweeping, rubbish collections, recycling, water works, drains and sewers, public buildings and grounds, traffic, and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Public Safety Committee may consider and report on all matters relating to the Police Department, Fire Department, the Police and Fire Auxiliary, the Emergency Management Department, and local Emergency Planning Committee, Public Health, and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Elder Affairs and Veteran Services Committee may consider and report on all matters relating to the elder affairs and veteran operations and programs and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Education and Library Committee may consider and report on all matters relating to the educational and library operations and programs and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

The Personnel Committee may consider and report on all matters relating to personnel issues and any other matters referred to it by the Council or Council President.

Rule Thirty-Three: Attendance of Councilors at Committee Meetings

The attendance of a Councilor at a committee meeting or at a meeting of another board, committee or commission or like entity of the Town shall be in his/her capacity as the representative of his/her constituency and shall not be counted or constituted as part of a quorum of the Council, unless the Council has called for and convened a meeting of the Council in accordance with the Town Charter, Rules of the Council or other provisions of applicable law.

Rule Thirty-Four: Special Committees

Special Committees may be authorized at any time by majority vote and shall be appointed by the President to consider such matters as the Council may refer to them.

Rule Thirty-Five: Committee Meetings

Committees shall meet on the call of the Chair, or a majority of its members, to be communicated by the Clerk of the Council or his/her designee. In case the Chair of any committee shall fail for ten (10) days from the time the subject has been referred to it, to call a meeting of the committee, a majority of the committee may call a meeting.

Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time for meeting, but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all the members of the committee.

Rule Thirty-Six: Chair-Quorum

The Chair of a Committee shall be the member named first, and the member named next shall be the Vice-Chair. A majority of the members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Rule Thirty-Seven: Committee Reports

Every committee of the Council to which any subject may be referred, shall report thereon to the Council.

Rule Thirty-Eight: Town Council Action on Committee Reports

The President of the Council or the presiding officer, upon receipt of the Committee Report, shall call the vote on the motion, petition or order as introduced so that the vote would be on the order, not on the committee report.

Documents referred to in committee shall be returned with the report. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit the introduction of minority reports.

Rule Thirty-Nine: Failure to Report

When a committee to which a matter is referred, with instructions to report at a time named in the order of reference, is not ready to report at such time, the matter so referred shall, unless further time is granted **by a majority vote of the Council**, be considered as though reported back without recommendation. In such case, the committee shall forthwith return to the Clerk the documents pertaining to the matter, and the matter shall take its proper place in the order of business.

Rule Forty: Relieving From Further Consideration

Upon motion, the Council may, by **an affirmative vote of five (5)** members of the Council, relieve a committee of further consideration of a matter referred to it and order the same placed on the calendar.

Rule Forty-One: Secretary to Committees

The Clerk of the Council or his/her designee shall act as secretary to the several committees, and keep a record of the attendance and business transacted at their meetings.

Rule Forty-Two: Reference to Committees

All petitions, orders, resolutions and ordinances may be referred to appropriate committees for investigation and report.

Rule Forty-Three: Town Solicitor

At the request of the Council President, the Town Solicitor shall be required, either in person or by deputy, to attend Council meetings. Any member of the Council may at any time call upon the Town Solicitor for an oral or written opinion to decide any question of law, but not to decide upon any parliamentary rules. The Town Solicitor shall have a seat but no vote in the meetings of the governing board.

Rule Forty-Four: Town Auditor

At the request of the Council President, the Town Auditor shall be required, either in person or by deputy, to attend Council meetings. Any member of the Council may at any time call upon the Town Auditor for oral or written opinions of the financial conditions of the town.

Rule Forty-Five: Department Heads

At the request of the Council, any Department Head shall, either in person or deputy, attend meetings of the Council. Any member of the Council may at any time call upon the Department Head for oral or written opinions relative to his/her department.

Rule Forty-Six: State of Federal Cooperation

All proposals for projects which contemplate cooperation with, or financial participation by, the state or federal government, may be introduced to the Council by any member thereof or the Mayor. If a Town board or department head desires to propose such a project, the proposal shall be filed with the President of the Council. The Council shall refer all proposals to the Ways and Means Committee and to the Chair of the proper improvement committee. The Committee shall report their recommendations to the Council. If the Council approves the proposal, it shall by resolution, authorize the Mayor to make application to the proper authority.

Rule Forty-Seven: Permission to Address the Chair

Persons other than members of the Council, Town officials and news reporters, shall not be permitted upon the floor of the Council, or to address the Council, except upon introduction by a member of the Council with the consent of a majority of said Council. The Chair shall limit the time for the remarks of such person to five (5) minutes and such remarks shall be confined to the subject matter which is under consideration at that meeting. If anyone other than a Town official desires to speak to a member of the Council while the Council is in session, the member, if agreeable to the request, shall leave his/her seat and retire to the rear of the Council Chamber or elsewhere until the conversation is finished.

Rule Forty-Eight: The Council Chambers

The Council Chamber shall be under the supervision and control of the Clerk of the Council or his or her designee when the Council is not in session. Except as herein provided, it shall be used solely by the Council and its committees for the transaction of public business of the Town. If not required for such use, the Clerk or his or her designee may permit its use by any agency of the federal, state or local governments for the transaction of public business or by any nonpolitical organization in the Town, provided due notice is given the President of the Council. Seasonable application for such use must be made to the Clerk or his or her designee in such manner as may be prescribed by him or her. Any permission so granted may be canceled or revoked by the President of the Council forthwith where necessary for the protection of Town Property, the preservation of order, or other sufficient reason.

Rule Forty-Nine: By-Laws, Etc., of Council

All by-laws passed by the Council shall be termed ordinances and the enacting style shall be, "Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Braintree." In all votes by which the Council expresses anything by order or command the form of expression shall be "Ordered" and in all votes by which the Council expresses opinions, principles, facts or purposes, the form shall be "Resolved".

Rule Fifty: Communications from Mayor

A list of the communications from the Mayor with their subject matter to be submitted to the Council shall be mailed at least two (2) days before the Council meeting to every Town Councilor.

Rule Fifty-One: Council Expression

The Council President or Vice President is authorized to convey the expression of interest shown by the Council on all occasions affecting its members and their families.

Rule Fifty-Two: Notification of Committee Meetings

The Clerk of the Council or his or her designee shall notify all Councilors of all Committee meetings.

Rule Fifty-Three: Publication

The **Clerk of the Council** shall determine the newspaper in the Town in which shall be published any loan order or any ordinance and said publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

Rule Fifty-Four: Amendment and Repeal

None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be amended or repealed at any Town Council meeting unless a majority of the members consent thereto and a motion for that purpose shall not be made and acted upon at the same meeting.

Rule Fifty-Five: Parliamentary Procedure

The Council shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" in all questions of parliamentary practice not provided for by special rules or orders.

Rule Fifty-Six: Adoption of Rules

These rules will be reviewed and adopted within 90 days after the first Council Meeting in every even year.

Rule Fifty-Seven: Authorization to Sign Bills

The President of the Council is authorized to sign all bills, vouchers, payrolls, and similar documents pertaining to expenditures under the jurisdiction of the Town Council on behalf of the Town Council, and further, in the absence of unavailability of the President of the Council, the Vice President of the Council is hereby authorized to sign such documents, subject to the same restrictions. (Passed in Council – June 17, 2008)

Rule Fifty-Eight: Clerk of the Council signing documents on behalf of Council

The Clerk of the Council shall not be authorized to sign any documents on behalf of a Council Member and shall not deliver documents that normally would have a signature until such time the document is signed by the appropriate Council Member, except for citations that have been voted by the Council and for which the Council Member has provided prior authorization for the Clerk to use a signatory stamp to affix said Council Member's signatures to said citation. (Passed in Council – August 19, 2008)

Rule Fifty-Nine: Travel Reimbursement Policy For Braintree Town Councilors

Expenses – Subject to appropriation, the Town Councilors shall be entitled to reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. This policy will be considered prior authorization by the Town Council that allows mileage reimbursement in accordance with IRS federal tax regulations. Such reimbursement should be submitted to the President of the Braintree Town Council. This prior authorization will be limited to \$2,500 per year for each Braintree Town Councilor and will not need an additional vote by the Braintree Town Council. Should a Councilor exceed this amount, they will still be able to submit a request to the full Braintree Town Council for approval. (Passed in Council – January 5, 2016)

Rule Sixty: Resolution – Town Council Reorganization

Be it Resolved this day January 5, 2016 that the process of the Town Council re-organization will not be encumbered by the standing tradition of automatically elevating its Vice President to President.

Resolve that the de-facto standard of electing a, President in waiting, 2 years in advance be modified and revised, And...

Resolve that because the informal tradition of Town Council re-organization was never formally considered, through Council Rules, or Charter that it be addressed formally now this day January 5, 2016, And...

Resolve that the re-organization process shall be open to all Council members to nominate their candidate of choice, And...

Resolve this open process become effective immediately this day January 5, 2016 and recorded in the Town Council Rules and Charter, as appropriate. (Passed in Council – January 5, 2016)

029 16 Council President: Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic - consisting of 4 members and the Council President to serve as Ex Officio.

Rule 34: Special Committees

Special Committees may be authorized at any time by majority and shall be appointed by the President to consider such matters as the Council May refer to them.

Council President Powers is requesting a Special Committee be authorized by a majority vote for a Committee that will discuss:

027 16 Councilor Clifford: "An Obligation to Lead", from the MMA Municipal Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force, The "Call to Action" is a Clarion call for leaders to take specific actions and implement innovative programs based on local needs or take up any action relative thereto.

This item was referred to the following Committees at the February 23 Town Council Meeting:

The Committee on Ways & Means, The Committee on Ordinance & Rules, The Committee on Public Safety, The Committee on Parks & Recreation, The Committee on Education & Library

To have all these committees meet would be a logistical nightmare. It would be a lot to ask department heads to be available for each committee.



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James Casey, Town Clerk

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor

Date: February 26, 2016

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RE: Acceptance of Gift of Land from O.I.B. Corp. for Property within Whites Hill Estates II,
With Reservation of Slope and Grading Easement

You may recall that, pursuant to Order No. 15-005, the Town Council voted to accept a donation of land off Liberty Street from O.I.B. Corp. and that the Council's vote, which I supported, included a stipulation that the land would be held for conservation purposes (Council Order No. 15-005). Subsequent to that vote, our Interim Town Solicitor, Carolyn Murray, has been working with counsel for O.I.B. Corp. to finalize the deed to properly transfer this property to the Town. During the review, it was discovered that Road A, as shown on the subdivision plan, was also supposed to be conveyed to the Town but was not included in the Council's prior vote. Further, the Planning Department has informed me that O.I.B. Corp. must reserve a permanent slope and grading easement upon an approximately 1,100 square foot portion of Road A in order for O.I.B. Corp. to maintain, repair and replace White's Hill Drive, at its intersection with Road A, and this easement was not reflected in the Council's prior vote.

Accordingly, in order to correctly and permanently convey the appropriate parcels to the Town as originally intended, I am respectfully requesting that the Town Council rescind its prior vote on this matter and vote the following three (3) measures so that we may solidify our agreement on this property while protecting the Town's interest:

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MEASURE No. 1: That the Town Council vote to rescind its vote contained in Order No. 15-005.

MEASURE No. 2: That the Town Council vote to accept a donation of a portion of that property described in a deed recorded in Book 10672, Page 213 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, said property located off Liberty Street in Braintree, identified as Lots 10, 11,

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12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and Road A, as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Plans for Whites Hill Estates II in Braintree, Massachusetts," dated October 12, 2013, revised through November 7, 2014 (17 sheets), prepared by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., of which Sheets 3 and 4 have been recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on April 28, 2015 in Plan Book 638 on Pages 52/53, said subdivision plan having been approved by the Braintree Planning Board on January 13, 2015, and a copy of which is on file with the Office of Planning and Community Development, reserving to O.I.B. Corp. a permanent slope and grading easement, in, across, through, over and under a portion of "Road A," shown as "Slope and Grading Easement 1,105 +/- S.F." on a plan entitled Whites Hill Estates II Braintree, Massachusetts Prepared for O.I.B. Corp.," dated February 7, 2016.

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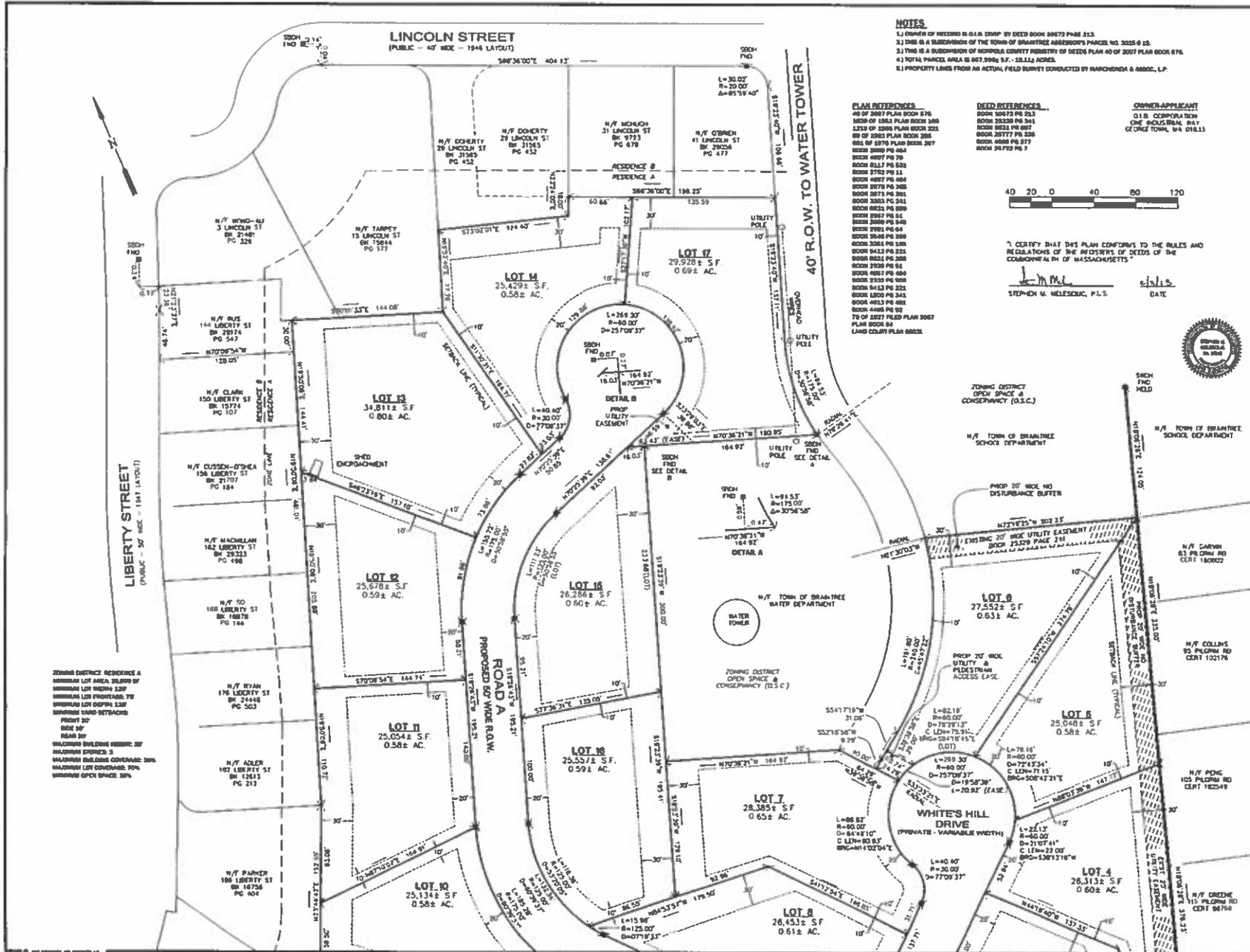
MEASURE No. 3: Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15A, that the Town Council vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a portion of the land described in a deed recorded in Book 10672, Page 213 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, said property located off Liberty Street in Braintree, identified as Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and Road A, as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Plans for Whites Hill Estates II in Braintree, Massachusetts," dated October 12, 2013, revised through November 7, 2014 (17 sheets), prepared by Marchionda & Associates, L.P. of which Sheets 3 and 4 have been recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on April 28, 2015 in Plan Book 638 on Pages 52/53, to the Braintree Conservation Commission to be held for open space and conservation purposes, and further, to authorize a conservation restriction that complies with General Laws Chapter 184, Sections 31-33 to be placed upon said land.

Please be advised that Measure No. 3 requires a 2/3 vote of the Council to be adopted.

I offer my appreciation to the members of the Town Council as well as my apology for any confusion that now needs to be specifically and forever clarified with this action.

Additionally, I wish to thank Councilor O'Brien for his efforts on this land agreement and for the full support of the Council. I believe we have acted in the best interest of our Town.

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NOTES:
 1.) OWNER OF RECORD IS O.L.B. CORP. BY DEED BOOK 28673 PAGE 213.
 2.) THIS IS A SUBDIVISION OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE ANNEXORS PARCEL NO. 3025 0 15.
 3.) THIS IS A SUBDIVISION OF NORFOLK COUNTY PERMITS OF DEEDS PLAN 40 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 674.
 4.) TOTAL PARCEL AREA IS 897,996 S.F. - 20.46 ACRES.
 5.) PROPERTY LINES FROM AN ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY MARCHIONDA & ASSOC., L.P.

PLAN REFERENCES:
 40 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 674
 2007 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 308
 2007 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 322
 40 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 305
 04 OF 2007 PLAN BOOK 307
 DEED 2869 PG 404
 DEED 2867 PG 70
 DEED 2837 PG 036
 DEED 2828 PG 111
 DEED 2827 PG 404
 DEED 2878 PG 085
 DEED 2873 PG 081
 DEED 2883 PG 041
 DEED 2889 PG 040
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 DEED 2886 PG 64
 DEED 2891 PG 64
 DEED 2848 PG 089
 DEED 2884 PG 106
 DEED 2832 PG 223
 DEED 2822 PG 208
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DEED REFERENCES:
 DEED 2817 PG 213
 DEED 2828 PG 241
 DEED 2825 PG 087
 DEED 2877 PG 226
 DEED 2886 PG 277
 DEED 2879 PG 9

OWNER/APPLICANT:
 O.L.B. CORPORATION
 ONE INDUSTRIAL WAY
 GEORGETOWN, MA 01833

DATE: _____



I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE RECORDERS OF DEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

J. M. M.
 STEPHEN M. MELESKIC, P.L.S.
 DATE: _____



For Registry Use Only

Notified Registry of Deeds
 Deed Book: _____
 Date: Apr. 28 2015

Plan as Filed
 Plan No: 53
 Date: 6/17/15

APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD
 Date: 02/23/12

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DEFINITE PLANS
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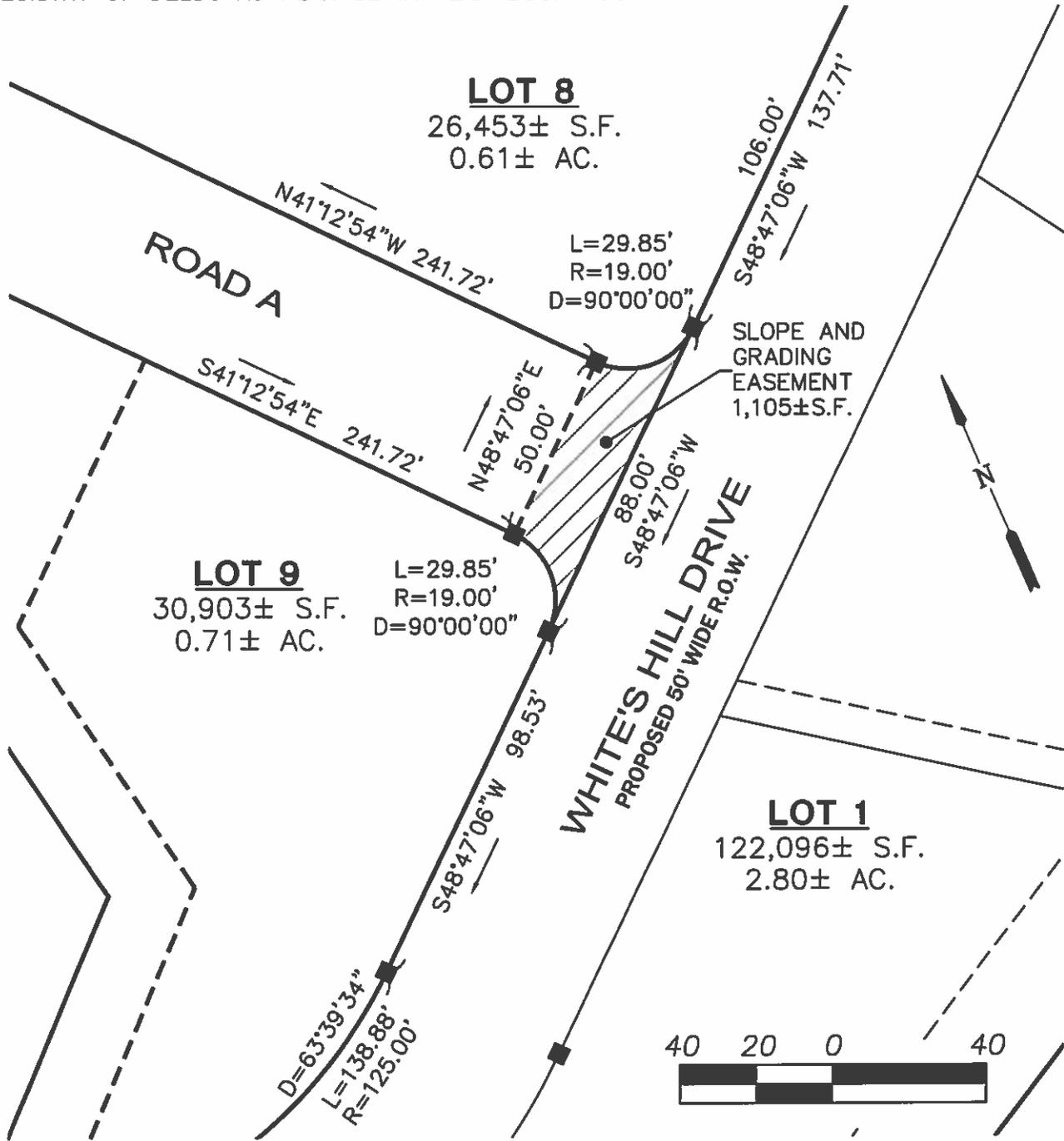
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NOTES:

- 1. OWNER OF RECORD IS O.I.B. CORP. BY DEED RECORDED AT THE NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 10672 AT PAGE 213.
- 2. SEE THE APPROVED DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN RECORDED WITH THE NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS AS PLAN 52 IN PLAN BOOK 638.



SLOPE AND GRADING EASEMENT EXHIBIT

WHITES HILL ESTATES II
BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS
 PREPARED FOR
O.I.B. CORPORATION
 ONE INDUSTRIAL WAY
 GEORGETOWN, MA 01833

MARCHIONDA & ASSOCIATES, L.P.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS

62 MONTVALE AVE. SUITE I
 STONEHAM, MA. 02180
 (781) 438-6121

DATE: 2/7/16

SCALE: 1"=40'