

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

**MAY 3, 2016**

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on May 3, 2016 beginning at 7:35p.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 arrived @ 7:40pm  
Michael Owens

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor  
Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff  
Mark Cusack, State Representative  
Ed Spellman, Director of Finance  
Russell Jenkins, Police Chief  
Frank Hackett, Superintendent  
Karen Shanely, HR Director  
Barbara Mello, Grant Writer  
Christine Stickney, Planning & Community Director  
Nelson Chin, Director Parks & Recreation  
Sharmila Biswas, Director Elder Affairs  
James Casey, Town Clerk  
Bob Campbell, Acting DPW Director  
Terri Stano, Library Director  
Christopher Griffin, Assist to the Mayor  
Ann Toland, Marge Crispin Center  
Pat Conrad, Marge Crispin Center  
Dennis Regan, National Grid  
Raymond Kasperowicz, Town Auditor  
Thaddeus Kasperowicz, Town Auditor  
Dave Oliva, resident

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 069 16 Councilor Bowes: Recognition – Stamp Out Hunger, Letter Carrier’s Food Drive Day May 14  
Councilor Bowes read a proclamation for the Letter Carriers and their Stamp Out Hunger campaign. Ann Toland and Pat Conrad were in attendance. The Marge Crispin Center is the recipient of all food collected on this day.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- NONE

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

- 16 027 Mayor: FY2017 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto  
Mayor Sullivan addressed the Council about the FY2017 Proposed Budget he submitted on April 29, 2016. He stated this is a \$141 Million document. It is within our means. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> balanced budget. I offer this submission. This is one to move our community forward. The department heads and I are ready to substantiate this document. Mayor Sullivan acknowledged Representative Cusack, Senator Joyce and Senator Keenan. New growth will assist us like Katz Academy and the Landing Project. This fully supports our schools and will allow us additional teachers. Mayor Sullivan acknowledged the town’s Veterans services and we are thankful for this assistance. We have new technology with the ability to pay bills online. A position within the Town will be created for Constituent Services. SEE-CLICK-FIX is a program to better catalog and respond to constituent needs. We will await the Town Council findings from the Opioid Committee and we are prepared to add additional funds for this epidemic.

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

- 072 16 Council President: Spectra Compressor Station, North Weymouth  
Dave Oliva, resident, came to the podium and stated if you see the news on the Pennsylvania explosion – it could be devastating to an area like ours. A lot more work needs to be done.  
Councilor Bowes replied thank you to you and Mike Lang. My main concern is Pond Meadow Park and thru Union Street and East Braintree. I will not support this.  
Councilor O’Brien stated his is also against this.

It was unanimously voted to send a letter of Opposition to FERC on the Spectra Compressor Station.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 16 014 National Grid Petition: Hilliard Ct or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 015 National Grid Petition: Hoover Ave or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

- 16 016 National Grid Petition: Sherman Rd or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 017 National Grid Petition: Spruce St or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 018 National Grid Petition: Talbot Rd or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 019 National Grid Petition: Williams Ct or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 020 National Grid Petition: Wilson Ave or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Recommend in Favor to the full Council per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Owens  
**Vote:** Unanimous
- 16 021 National Grid Petition: West St or take up any action relative thereto  
**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)
- 16 026 National Grid Petition: River St or take up any action relative thereto  
 Discussion on Order 16 026 took place, stating that River Street is under Moratorium. National Grid representative Dennis Regan stated he does not have the authority to accept terms stated in revised Moratorium (Order 15 033) on how the road will be re-surfaced. Dennis will get this information.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve the Vine Street portion of Order 16 026 per Staff Recommendations.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to TABLE the River Street portion of Order 16 026.  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

- 16 024 (2) Mayor: Fiscal Year 2016 Supplemental Appropriations (TABLED on 4/26/16) or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing Tabled OPEN-TABLE to May 31-CLOSE)

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to TABLE to May 31

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Kokoros left Cahill Auditorium at 8:50pm and returned at 8:54pm.

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

Our new Town Auditors Ray Kasperowicz and Thaddeus Kasperowicz were introduced.

Suggestions/Votes to be taken to allow contract to move forward per Town Solicitor, Carolyn Murray:

Councilor Ryan made the following Motions:

**MOTION:**

“Vote to Amend Section IV. COMPENSATION to include: This contract states the standard hourly rate of \$130 for principal owner, Raymond Kasperowicz with an hourly rate of \$80 for all other CPA staff members and an hourly rate of \$50 for all other staff members. Travel time to be billed at \$50 per hour and all reasonable documented expenses (postage, photocopying, etc.) shall be billed at cost.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Kokoros)

**MOTION:**

“Section V. ENFORCEABILITY OF CONTRACT that the Council President be authorized to execute this contract on the behalf of the Town Council.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Kokoros)

**MOTION:**

“Section VI. TERMINATION be Accepted as presented.”

**VI. TERMINATION**

This contract may be terminated by either party upon receipt of thirty days advance written notice by certified mail to the Designated Representative identified in Paragraph II. In case of such written notice of termination, all services under this contract shall cease with the exception of such work as may be necessary to bring the work in progress to a reasonable and safe condition. RAYMOND KASPEROWICZ shall then submit a final bill based on work actually performed. There shall be no penalty for termination for the convenience of the Town. **HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR THE TOWN TO EXECUTE A VALID AND LEGAL TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT, SIX MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MUST VOTE IN FAVOR OF TERMINATING THIS CONTRACT.**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (0), Present (1-Kokoros)

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

Councilor Clifford gave an update on the Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic stating President of the Mass Bar Association, Robert Harnais and Sheriff, Michael Bellotti will be attending the meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Councilor Clifford stated we need to have, as stated in the MMA brochure “An Obligation to Lead”, all 12 sectors come before us and then write a report on our findings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 071 16 Councilor Ryan: Resolution - Local 2222 Verizon Workers or take up any action relative thereto  
Councilor Ryan read the Resolution and made a motion to accept this resolution. This will be signed by all Councilors. Mayor Sullivan stated he will be happy to sign resolution. This was forwarded to the Verizon Corporate Office.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

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

- 16 030 Mayor: Fiscal Year 2016 Supplemental Appropriations #5 DPW-Front End Loader replacement/purchase or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

- 16 032 Blue Hills MA School Building Authority Feasibility Study or take up any action relative thereto  
(Blue Hills can present to W&M on May 10 during their Budget Hearing)

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

#### **Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules**

- 16 031 Street Acceptance: Buker Corner Lane or take up any action relative thereto  
(Planning is hearing this item on May 10)

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

**Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting - **TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016@ 7:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

**Documents provided for Meeting**

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