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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

- AGENDA -

October 18, 2016 • Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall • Starting Time: 7:30_{PM}

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 067 16 Council President: A Lifeline for those concerned about a loved ones Addiction (MassBar)
- 102 16 Council President: Rotary Club Totally Team Trivia, October 22nd 1-4pm @SS Plaza
- 115 16 Town Clerk: Early Voting October 24 thru November 4
- 117 16 Council President: Recognition – BCAM-TV
- 120 16 Council President: Annual Christmas Party December 1, Granite Grill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- 16 053 Mayor: Appointment Board of Health - Laurie Melchionda or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 054 Mayor: Appointment Conservation Commission - Joyce Albrecht or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 055 Mayor: Appointment Community Preservation Committee - Thomas Whalen or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 056 Mayor: Appointment Department of Public Works Director – James Arsenault or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 057 Mayor: Federal Port Security Grant Matching Funds Capital Request or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

NEW BUSINESS

- 114 16 Town Clerk: Call to the November 8, 2016 State General Election (Same Night Action Required)
- 116 16 Council President: RESOLUTION - Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 16 058 Mayor: Fiscal Year 2017 Supplemental Appropriations #1 or take up any action relative thereto

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting - **TUESDAY, November 1, 2016@ 7:30pm in Johnson Chambers**

ADJOURNMENT

A LIFELINE

for those concerned
about a loved one's

ADDICTION

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 123, Section 35 permits individuals to petition the courts to involuntarily commit family members to an inpatient treatment program when their alcohol or drug use puts themselves or others at risk.

Get **FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE**
with Section 35 petitions. Contact:
SECTION 35 HELPLINE*

(844) 843-6221

or

HelpUs@MassBar.org



MASSBAR
ASSOCIATION

**The 'SECTION 35' HELPLINE is a project created by Massachusetts Bar Association President Robert W. Harnais to help friends and families who are struggling with a loved one's substance abuse. Callers will be referred to volunteer lawyers for assistance.*

Braintree Rotary Club & South Shore Plaza
proudly present...

A new "fun"draiser!



Totally Team Trivia!

October 22, 2016 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the South Shore Plaza

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Business/Organization Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Register a Team of 4 - \$100.00 Team name: _____
 Sponsor a Round - \$300.00 (includes full page in program Book and signage during the "Round")

Purchase Extra Chances

- Free Turn (\$25) extra chances may be purchased the day of the event also

Program Book Advertising

- Front Inside Cover (\$300) Back Inside Cover (\$300) Full Page (\$200)
 Half Page (\$100) Business Card (\$50) Friend Listing (\$25)
 ad enclosed will email ad re-use last year's ad
 email ad to: maryannegottfried@mvgconsulting.net

- Banner Sponsor (your banner displayed at Center Court of the South Shore Plaza on the day of the event) \$250.00

Please complete the Registration Form and mail to:

Totally Team Trivia

Braintree Rotary Club P.O. Box 850082 Braintree, MA 02185

Questions? E-mail mgarlisi@comcast.net

Checks should be made payable to Braintree Rotary Foundation.

Deadline: October 1, 2016



Rotary Club of Braintree, Massachusetts, Inc.

P. O. BOX 850082 • BRAINTREE, MA 02185

MEETS THURSDAY 12.15 at Granite Grill • 703 Granite Street • Braintree, MA 02184

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Russell Bertrand



September 1, 2016

Dear Friend of Rotary:

We would like to thank you again for your sponsorship last year for our 7th Annual "Great Grown-Up" Spelling Bee. The event was a huge success, generating quite a bit of media attention as well as public attention the day of the event. Having the event in Center Court of the South Shore Plaza truly added the extra "buzz" to the Spelling Bee.

This year we have decided to change it up a bit! The fundraiser will now be a Trivia Contest. Dubbed the "Totally Team Trivia" event, it has been scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at 1 PM again at the South Shore Plaza. We would love to give you the opportunity to advertise in our program book again this year. Attached is a registration form and list of advertising opportunities. Please complete and return as soon as possible with your camera ready artwork. If you would like to email an electronic version of your ad, you may send it to Maryanne Gottfried at marvannegottfried@mvgconsulting.net. Questions about the ad book or other advertising opportunities may also be directed to Melissa Garlisi at mgarlisi@comcast.net, Joanne Tully at jtully@braintreecooperative.com or Maryanne at 781-308-4792.

Please know that your donation as a sponsor will be used to increase our ability to fund educational and other local community projects. The Braintree Rotary Club takes pride in being actively involved in our community, and we depend on events such as this to fund these service projects. To find out more about Braintree Rotary, feel free to call me or visit our website at www.braintreerotaryclub.org or our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Al Varasso

Melissa Garlisi
President - Elect

RECOGNITION: BCAM-TV

Two of the shows on BCAM-TV and their respective producers won Bronze Telly Awards. The Telly Awards recognize work done by facilities like BCAM, ad agencies, small network affiliates etc. The shows are "Heaven's Kitchen with Janelle" produced by Janelle Snarsky and "Songbook" produced by Paul Agnew and John Capavella. The producers as well as the people who work on the shows are all entitled to awards. Bill Needham and Genevieve Bregoli work on both shows along with Gerald Commock and Wesley Rea.

Early voting is now available to all registered voters in Braintree!

**Braintree  Town Hall
Cahill Auditorium**



Early Voting Dates

**Monday - Friday October 24th to November 4th
8:30am until 4:30pm**

Extended Hours on Tuesdays to 7:30pm

October 25th and November 1st

Saturday, October 29th from 9:00am until 1:00pm

- Town Clerk: Call to the November 8, 2016 State General Election or take up any action relative thereto (Same Night Action Required)

Call of the State General Election, November 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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 General Election for the candidates of the following offices: President and Vice President; Representative in Congress, Eighth District; Councillor, Second and Fourth District; Senator in General Court, Norfolk and Plymouth Districts and Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth Districts; Representative in General Court, Fifth Norfolk District; Sheriff, Norfolk County; County Commissioners, Norfolk County; Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District and four Initiative Petitions.

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

114 16



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of Braintree.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at:

- Precinct 1A** Marge Crispin Center – 74 Pond St. (Rear), Handicap Entrance: Front of 74 Pond St.
- Precinct 1B** Mary Flaherty School – 99 Lakeside Drive
- Precinct 2A** Hollis School – 482 Washington Street (Rear)
- Precinct 2B** St. Thomas More Parish Hall – 7 Hawthorn Road
- Precinct 3A** Ross School – 20 Hayward Street.
- Precinct 3B** Recreation & Community Events Building – 85 Quincy Avenue (Upper Level)
- Precinct 4A** East Middle School – 305 River Street
- Precinct 4B** Morrison School – 268 Liberty Street
- Precinct 5A** Town Hall – 1 JFK Memorial Drive
- Precinct 5B** Liberty School – 49 Proctor Road
- Precinct 6A** South Middle School – 232 Peach Street
- Precinct 6B** Highlands School – 144 Wildwood Avenue

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAintree, MA
2016 OCT -5 AM 9:00

**THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE FORENOON
AND CLOSE AT EIGHT O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING.**

on **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016**, from 7 :00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of the following offices: President and Vice President; Representative in Congress, Eighth District; Councillor, Second and Fourth District; Senator in General Court, Norfolk and Plymouth Districts and Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth Districts; Representative in General Court, Fifth Norfolk District; Sheriff, Norfolk County; County Commissioners, Norfolk County; Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District.

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track’s additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A **YES VOTE** would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A **YES VOTE** would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A **YES VOTE** would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

THOMAS M. BOWES

PAUL D. CLIFFORD

SHANNON L. HUME

CHARLES C. KOKOROS

JOHN C. MULLANEY

STEPHEN C. O'BRIEN

MICHAEL J. OWENS

SEAN E. POWERS

CHARLES B. RYAN

Town Council of Braintree

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned for the purposes therein mentioned.

Russell W. Jenkins, Constable of Braintree

A Resolution to Oppose “The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”
And the Creation of a Commercial Marijuana Industry
in the Commonwealth and This Community

Whereas: “The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act,” an initiative petition to be placed upon the November 2016 ballot, would create a billion-dollar commercial marijuana industry in Massachusetts to promote and support the consumption of so-called “recreational” marijuana by residents and visitors to the Commonwealth and its 351 cities and towns.

Whereas: The Act would authorize to be located in the Commonwealth and its cities and towns an unlimited number of marijuana retail stores, wholesale growers and manufacturers, to produce and distribute marijuana and marijuana products, including specifically marijuana candy and other edibles and highly potent marijuana concentrates.

Whereas: The states of Colorado and Washington that have been the earliest adopters of commercial marijuana are already experiencing highest-in-the-nation teenage use and a doubling of marijuana impaired driving fatalities.

Whereas: The Act severely limits the right and ability of cities and towns and their elected governments to impose reasonable and meaningful restrictions on the marijuana industry, including impediments to local rules around the number, type and location of marijuana retail stores, growers and manufacturers and on “home grows.”

Whereas: The Act would introduce new and additional drug-based activity into cities and towns at a time when so many residents, families and communities are struggling with the human and social consequences of addiction and the Commonwealth faces an unprecedented opioid crisis.

Whereas: The Act risks creating a new industry that, much like Big Tobacco, subverts public health for private gain, even as so many questions about its consequences remain unanswered and so much information that is available casts grave doubt on its merits and desirability.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of Braintree places itself on record as opposing adoption of the initiative petition known as “The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act.”



Office of the Mayor #16-053
One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

781-794-8100

September 15, 2016

To: Sean Powers, Council President

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor

(JCS)

Re: Appointment to the Board of Health

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Councilors
Clerk of the Council
Dr. Arthur Bregoli, Chairman, Braintree Board of Health

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAintree, MA
2016 SEP 20 PM 12:37

Pursuant to my authority as Mayor under Section 3-3 of the Braintree Town Charter I hereby appoint Laurie Melchionda, Med, BSN, RN to the Board of Health. I am sure that you will agree that her more than thirty years as a registered nurse including almost twenty years in the Braintree Public School system, the last two as the interim director of school nursing, make her extremely qualified to take on this role.

I have attached Ms. Melchionda's resume for your review. I thank you for your attention to this matter and I request favorable action.



#16-054

Office of the Mayor

One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

781-794-8100

September 20, 2016

To: Sean Powers, Council President

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor 

Re: Appointment to the Conservation Commission

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Councilors
Clerk of the Council

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAINTREE, MA
2016 SEP 20 PM 12:37

Pursuant to my authority as Mayor under Section 3-3 of the Braintree Town Charter I hereby appoint Joyce Albrecht to the Conservation Commission filling the vacancy caused by the recent passing of Ms. Albrecht's husband, Commission Chairman Patrick Flynn. In attention to her passion for the outdoors that she shared with Pat she has extensive business experience as well as an understanding and appreciation of our environment. I have confidence in her abilities and believe that Joyce will serve our town well – as her husband did.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I request favorable action.



#16-055

Office of the Mayor

One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

781-794-8100

September 20, 2016

To: Sean Powers, Council President

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor

JCS

Re: Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Councilors
Clerk of the Council

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAintree, MA
2016 SEP 20 PM 12:37

Pursuant to my authority as Mayor under Section 3-3 of the Braintree Town Charter I hereby appoint Thomas Whalen to the Community Preservation Committee. I am sure you will agree that his more than thirty years of service to our town, most recently as Director of Public Works, makes him eminently qualified to take up this new role.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I request favorable action.

#16-056



Office of the Mayor

One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

781-794-8100

Date: September 26, 2016

To: Sean Powers, Council President

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor

Re: Appointment of James Arsenault, Department of Public Works Director

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAintree, MA
2016 SEP 27 AM 10:57

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Mayor by Sections 3-3 and 3-5 of the Charter of the Town of Braintree, I hereby appoint James Arsenault as Department of Public Works Director effective October 3, 2016. As his resume indicates, I believe that Mr. Arsenault's qualifications will serve the Town of Braintree well as DPW Director.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2016



Office of the Mayor
One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

781-794-8100

To: Sean E. Powers, President of the Council
Susan Cimino, Clerk of the Council
James Casey, Town Clerk

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor *JCS*

Cc: Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff and Director of Operations
Edward Spellman, Director of Municipal Finance
James O'Brien, Braintree Fire Chief

Date: September 29, 2016

Re: Federal Port Security Grant Matching Funds Capital Request

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAINTREE, MA
2016 SEP 29 AM 11:46

We are pleased to inform you that we have been awarded a 75% funding grant from the Department of Homeland Security under the Fiscal Year 2016 Port Security Grant Program in the amount of \$506,250 toward the purchase of a Fire boat. We are required to contribute a town match of \$168,750 or 25% of the total projected cost of \$675,000. The boat will allow us to provide expanded fire protection for the town along the waterways in the Fore River Basin.

This grant comes with a required time frame with the acceptance of the award made by November 23, 2016. In order to be responsive to the Federal deadline we are submitting this capital request separately before our annual town capital plan in November.

Through Chief O'Brien, the Fire department is working on obtaining quotes and the boat will be put out to bid once funding is approved and the specifications are finalized. The time from ordering the boat to delivery is approximately 6 months. The Fire department is also developing an annual operating budget incorporating the Fire boat for FY 2018. The basic plan for its operations is that a current engine company will respond from their quarters and run the boat when needed. This will not result in the need for any additional firefighting staff. The fire department also believes that there may be additional FEMA funds available for some of the operating costs like fuel and some required training.

To provide for the most efficient and responsive appropriation of town funds for the match to the Homeland Security grant, we propose to take the funds from the town's stabilization fund. The stabilization fund has a current balance of approximately \$540,000 before this action. Therefore we are requesting \$168,750 to provide the Town match to the \$506,250 Federal grant for the purchase of the Fire boat. This motion will accept the federal government's Department of Homeland security grant of \$506,250 (75%) and the Town's match of \$168,750 (25%) to the total cost for the purchase of a Firefighting boat.

The purchase of this Fire boat is good news for Braintree. It allows us to offer our citizens and businesses upgraded protection to benefit the safety of all. I know that you join with me in congratulating Congressman Stephen Lynch, Chief O'Brien, the members of our Fire Department and our Town Grant Writer Barbara Mello for their efforts in securing this federal funding for Braintree.

Accordingly, your review and approval of the following motion is requested:

1) Fire Department – Equipment

MOTION: That the sum of \$675,000 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a fire boat to meet said appropriation funding to come from the federal government Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$506,250 (75%) and the Town's match of \$168,750 (25%) to be transferred from the town's stabilization fund for the purchase of a Firefighting boat and any other costs related thereto.

Since these requests involve the appropriation of funds within the fiscal year 2017 budget, advertising and a public hearing is required under the sections 2-9 and 6-7 of the Town Charter.