

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

### MARCH 21, 2017

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on March 21, 2017 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

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

Not Present: Paul Dan Clifford  
Charles Ryan

Also Present: Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff  
James Casey, Town Clerk  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
Daryn Brown, Golf Director  
Debra J. Starr, Assistant Town Clerk  
Eric Coca, Principal Clerk  
Al Varraso, AARP fundraiser  
Travis Winden, resident  
Linda Kopkind, resident NBCA

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Powers stated congratulations to the BHS Girls Basketball team for a great season. They went to the State Finals but came up short. We are very proud of these fine young women.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- NONE

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **• 17 012 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Clerk or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman, John Mullaney of the Personnel Issues Committee stated the committee met on March 13, 2017. It was an easy vote. In 3 years accomplishments increased along with dog licenses and business certificates and has organized the Town Clerk's office.

Councilor Kokoros stated I support this re-appointment. Modernization of the Council came from Mr. Casey. Hiring and training in the Town Clerk's office is very well run. He made it easier for residents. He has done a great job for the Town of Braintree.

Councilor Owens stated I also support Mr. Casey's re-appointment. He has great knowledge and ability.

Councilor Bowes stated congratulations to Jim and his staff. The Town Clerk's office is always available with good advice when we need it.

Councilor O'Brien stated Mr. Casey is a welcoming presence and his entire staff. He has advanced with electronics. Great job Jim. I absolutely rise in support.

Councilor Hume stated I echo the support and especially during elections with results in a timely manner.

Councilor Mullaney stated I also want to point out the Assistant Town Clerk, Debra Starr who is always available to help out.

Council President Powers stated I voted for another candidate initially but now there is no question I support you. The entire Town Hall is uplifted by you and your staff. I appreciate all the work you do.

James Casey, Town Clerk came to the podium and stated Thank you for your support. I do have a great staff with Debra Starr, Jane D'Auria and Eric Coca. There will be new initiatives. We are changing our paper based office and modernizing. The objectives for the next 3 years come at a cost but due to modernization I have found \$30,000 in lost revenue.

### **MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8 (B) OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE THE TOWN COUNCIL RE-APPOINTS JAMES M. CASEY AS TOWN CLERK EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2017.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to Approve Order 17 012

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Clifford, Ryan), Abstain (0)

- **17 010 Mayor: Authorization of Five Year Lease Agreement – Golf Course or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman O’Brien stated thank you to Daryn Brown for attending these meetings.

Daryn Brown, Golf Course Superintendent discussed the need for a new five year lease for golf carts. This will increase the fleet to 60 carts. The Braintree Golf Course is a valuable asset for the Town. The Committee on Ways & Means voted to refer 17 010 to the full Council with favorable recommendation.

Councilor Bowes read the following Motion:

PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 30B, SECTION 12 (B), THAT THE TOWN, ACTING THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF OPERATIONS AND UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR, BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR GOLF CARTS BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2021 GOLF SEASONS.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Clifford,Ryan), Abstain (0)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

Councilor Bowes referred the following to committees:

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

- 17 015 Discontinuance: Bennett Lane or take up any action relative thereto

**MOTION:**

REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE & RULES.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Clifford,Ryan), Abstain (0)

#### **Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works**

- 17 016 National Grid Petition: Elmwood Avenue/Sumner Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 017 National Grid Petition: King Hill Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 018 National Grid Petition: Hancock Street/Smith Street/Smith Terrace or take up any action relative thereto

**MOTION:**

REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes

**Second:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Clifford,Ryan), Abstain (0)

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, April 4, 2017@ 7:30pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

**Documents provided for Meeting**

- 17 010 Mayor: Authorization of Five Year Lease Agreement – Golf Course or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 012 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Clerk or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 015 Discontinuance: Bennett Lane or take up any action relative thereto
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