

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

OCTOBER 4, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

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

Not Present: John Mullaney
Michael Owens

Also Present: Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff
Ed Spellman, Finance Director
Paul Shastany, Police Chief
James Arsenault, DPW Director
Terri Stano, Library Director
Ann Toland, Library Board of Trustees
Jeff Kunz, Library Board of Trustees
James Quaglia, Superintendent Blue Hills Regional
Steven Moore, Asst. Superintendent Blue Hills Regional
Eric Erskine, Braintree Representative Blue Hills Regional
Carl Franceschi, DRA Architects
Kevin Connolly, DSC Norwood
Bill Needham, resident
Mike Barbuto, resident
Mike Moran, resident
Gerald DeGregorio, resident
Liz Page, resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 5, 2017

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Approve minutes of September 5, 2017

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 076 17 Councilor Clifford: Holbrook Waste Transfer Station

Councilor Clifford stated this is a great quality of life issue. It will cause a mess, sludge, grime and safety issues. Over 200 trucks will travel here round trip per day. Property values will go down. Braintree and Brockton have offered Holbrook to use their transfer stations. Randolph has budgeted \$100,000 for legal fees to fight this. There is a FaceBook site you should join STOP HOLBROOK TRANSFER STATION. We need to put traffic litigation in place to defer the traffic.

Councilor Kokoros stated South Street is the most residential street that would most be impacted. We need signs for No Trucks Over 2 ½ Tons.

Councilor O'Brien stated he is against this. We need to do something on South Street.

Councilor Powers stated Mayor Sullivan is in opposition and has been in contact with folks.

Councilor Clifford stated: The Town Council is opposed to the Holbrook Transfer Station.

Motion: by Councilor Clifford

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

OLD BUSINESS

- 17 051 Blue Hills MSBA Renovation Project or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 051

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

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

Chairman O'Brien stated the Committee on Ways & Means provides a favorable recommendation to the Full Council.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 051?

James Quaglia, Superintendent Blue Hills Regional began the presentation stating Blue Hills is keeping this project manageable and responsible. It is made up of only parts in need of dire repair and replacement. The overall cost of the project is \$84.8 million. MSBA reimbursement will be up to 55.89%. HVAC is a costly piece of the project. ADA compliance needs to happen. We have a consultant that specializes in ADA compliance so we do what we need to do. We need two new elevators including one in the pool area and new ramps. This project includes Improvement of Life Safety Systems includes PA systems, phones, etc. New Electrical System with electrical panels, emergency generators and switch gear. The project includes new windows and entries and improved 2/3rds of the roof. Educational benefits are improved

network and telecommunications. This plan will include improvement to the environment and climate. There will also be new and improved lockers and locker rooms.

Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent Blue Hills Regional stated Braintree's projected cost will be \$10,978,474 including interest payments. This school is 50 years old and the repairs need to get done, if not now the costs will escalate at 5% each year. Projected cost assessment is based on average enrollment.

James Quaglia stated we currently put \$600,000 capital improvement into the budget yearly. Now we can spend less on this and put into the stabilization fund.

Steven Moore stated monies put in the stabilization fund are not money we will use. It will be money to keep the costs down for you.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 051

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ryan read the following Motion:

ORDERED:

That the Town hereby approves the \$84,862,768 borrowing authorized by the Blue Hills Regional Technical High School District for the purpose of paying costs of renovating, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Blue Hills Regional Technical High School District High School, located at 800 Randolph Street, in Canton, Massachusetts 02021, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Committee; that 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 Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and eighty- nine hundredths percent (55.89%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

- 17 057 Mayor: Acceptance of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 17C or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Bowes to Take from the TABLE and continue the Public Hearing for Order 17 057

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Council President Powers referred to Councilor Clifford (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ordinance & Rules recommendation. Chairman Clifford stated the committee brought a favorable motion to the full Council.

Joe Reynolds, Chief of Staff displayed a color-coded map that showed Collector Roads in Red. All others would be 25mph. This is an initial suggested list that can be modified anytime.

Chief Shastany stated we will try to educate public with compassion and understanding. Speeding is non-criminal event. The intension is to control speed on residential roads. Speeding is the most frequent complaint/call we get.

Councilor O'Brien stated I rise in concern especially the Collector Road list. I do applaud your efforts Chief Shastany because people are slowing down out there because Braintree Police are visible.

Councilor Clifford stated I will support this. Reducing the speed limit is a good thing. My concern is the ability to enforce. We need to spend more money. We need clarification. Warnings are a good tool.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 057?

Bill Needham, resident of Peach Street stated this road is a gateway for large trucks and it begins at 4am. I see Citgo, Clean Harbors and many more. This street should prohibit any trucks over 2 ½ tons.

Councilor Powers stated I view this as a tool to manage our safety and traffic. We will continue to fine-tune this. Traffic is the most issues I get calls about.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 057

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

- (1) That the Town Council vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 17C, which authorizes the City to establish a speed limit of 25 mph for all roadways inside any thickly settled and business districts in the Town of Braintree on any way that is not a state highway. This applies only to roads where a speed limit is not otherwise posted.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0), Present (1-O'Brien)

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

- (2) That the Town Council vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 18B, which authorizes the City to adopt 20 mph speed limits in certain Safety Zones, which are designated by specific criteria in certain areas where vulnerable road users are likely to be present. This applies only to roads where a speed limit is not otherwise posted

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0), Present (1-O'Brien)

- 17 062 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriation #1 or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 062

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

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

Chairman O'Brien stated the Town Auditor does remember this item as a supplemental to be added later from budget time as Summer Saturdays being discussed. The Town Auditor noted the supplemental appropriation to be appropriate. The Committee on Ways & Means provides a favorable recommendation to the Full Council.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 062?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 057

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

That the sum of \$22,500 be transferred from the Town's Stabilization fund to the Library Department/ Program 05 Current topics and title/ Extended hours account.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

- 17 063 Mayor: Appointment – Commission on Disabilities – Caitlin Reilly or take up any action relative thereto

This item has been WITHDRAWN. No further action needed.

- 17 064 Mayor: Appointment – Commission on Disabilities – Meredith Lincoln or take up any action relative thereto

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3-3 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MEREDITH LINCOLN TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

Councilor Bowes read the following Motions for referrals to committee(s):

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 17 061 Councilor Mullaney: Request to Increase Mayor’s Salary or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 17 065 Mayor: Funding Request for Community Preservation Project – Braintree Housing Authority or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 17 066 National Grid Petition: Conrad Street or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney/Owens), Abstain (0)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- Minutes September 5, 2017
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- 17 063 Mayor: Appointment – Commission on Disabilities – Caitlin Reilly or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 064 Mayor: Appointment – Commission on Disabilities – Meredith Lincoln or take up any action relative thereto