

BRAINTREE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

May 8, 2007

Regular meeting of the Braintree Board of Selectmen, held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at East Middle School, in Room 220, Braintree, Massachusetts

IN ATTENDANCE: Darrin M. McAuliffe, Chairman; Charles B. Ryan, Clerk; Joseph F. Powers; James M. Casey

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Kay, Interim Executive Secretary; Carolyn Murray, Town Counsel; Deborah Carlino, Recording Secretary; members of the press and public

Chairman McAuliffe opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.; all members of the Board who were present answered to a roll call.

NEW BUSINESS:

RE: Request from Planning and Conservation to Accept Gift Check (\$30,000) from Hanover R.S. Limited Partnership – Lenox Farms

The Board received a memo from Linda Raiss of the Planning Dept. advising that on April 26, 2007, the Dept. of Planning and Conservation received a check in the amount of \$30,000 submitted in compliance with Condition 128 of the Conditions of Approval for Lenox Farms. Said condition stipulates that the funds are part of traffic mitigation for Lenox Farms and are “to help fund the development of or implementation of a Traffic Improvement Plan”. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board and Town Engineer.

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to accept the check in the amount of \$30,000 as recommended by Staff
SECOND: by Mr. Powers
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

RE: Take Position: Special Town Meeting Articles
-Article 9 – Rescind Borrowing – DPW Vehicles
-Article 10 – Rescind Borrowing – Library Land Purchase
-Article 11 – Wheelchair replacement

-Article 9 – Rescind Borrowing – DPW Vehicles

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to recommend favorable action
SECOND: by Mr. Casey

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Powers stated that he has concerns re: using borrowing funds vs. in hand funds.

VOTE: 2:2 (against: Mr. Casey; Mr. Powers)

-Article 10 – Rescind Borrowing – Library Land Purchase

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to recommend favorable action
SECOND: by Mr. McAuliffe
VOTE: 2:2 (against: Mr. Casey; Mr. Powers)

-Article 11 – Wheelchair replacement

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to recommend favorable action
SECOND: by Mr. Powers
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

RE: Take Position: Annual Town Meeting Articles

- Article 5 – Capital Improvement and Equipment Outlay
- Article 6 – Stabilization Fund - IP
- Article 15 – Non BPMA Wage and Salary Classification - IP
- Article 16 – Misc. Part-time and Schedule G Wage and Salary Classifications
- Article 17 – Changes in Job Descriptions/Classifications/New Positions
- Article 18 – Salary Increase Appointed Officials - IP
- Article 20 – Community Preservation Fund – Reconsideration
- Article 21 – Replacement of Outdated Computers/Printers – IP

IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Connolly, Finance Director

-Article 5 – Capital Improvement and Equipment Outlay

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to recommend favorable action

SECOND: by Mr. Powers

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

-Article 6 – Stabilization Fund - IP

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to IP this article

SECOND: by Mr. Casey

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

-Article 15 – Non BPMA Wage and Salary Classification - IP

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to IP this article

SECOND: by Mr. Casey

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

-Article 17 – Changes in Job Descriptions/Classifications/New Positions

IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Whalen, DPW Director; Kathy Clements, Water/Sewer Dept. Office Manager

Mr. Whalen advised that he went before the FinCom and Personnel Board and with their support is asking Town Meeting is requesting a staff addition to the DPW Dept. for one full time S-5 Principal Clerk/Customer Service Representative position.

Ms. Clements also spoke in favor of this very much needed personnel addition.

MOTION: by Mr. Powers to recommend favorable action

SECOND: by Mr. Casey

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

-Article 16 – Misc. Part-time and Schedule G Wage and Salary Classifications

IN ATTENDANCE: Sandra Pickett, Personnel Director

Ms. Pickett advised that the Personnel Board and FinCom have both voted favorably on this article.

MOTION: by Mr. Ryan to recommend favorable action

SECOND: by Mr. Powers

VOTE: 3:0:1 (abstaining: Mr. Casey)

-Article 20 – Community Preservation Fund – Reconsideration

Ms. Murray advised that there is very strong legislative language re: changing articles put forth by the CPC. Only the CPC can amend its articles and recommendations.

There was no action by the Board at this time.

- Article 18 – Salary Increase Appointed Officials - IP**
- Article 21 – Replacement of Outdated Computers/Printers – IP**

There was no action needed nor taken by the Board at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Ryan advised that he has been called by several residents on Adams Street re: traffic.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino
Recording Secretary