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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

June 5, 2012

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Kokoros was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Kokoros, President
Thomas Bowes, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Charles B. Ryan
Sean Powers
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: John C. Mullaney

Others: Peter Nagle, NationalGrid Representative
Dennis Regan, NationalGrid Representative
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

- 026 12 – Councilor Bowes: BNYL – Gavin Erdody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council President: Kyleigh's Cure Roadrace

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve May 29, 2012 minutes

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Ryan requested that Order 12 009 be taken out of order.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Committee on Ordinance & Rules (CONTINUATION of Public Hearing)

- **12 009 Scott Palmer: Rezone of 7-11 Independence Avenue**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to take Order 12 009 off the Table

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to Table Order 12 009 until July 17th at 7:30pm

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Committee on Public Works

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, reported that NationalGrid had withdrawn their petition on Order 12 021 and 12 024. For the remaining five petitions, the committee recommends favorable action to include staff recommendations.

- **12 018 NationalGrid: Petition – Front and Oak Streets**

Councilor Bowes read the petition request to install and maintain approximately 1,030 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Front Street, Braintree, from the existing 6 inch gas main in Commercial Street, Easterly to the existing 4 inch gas main at Oak Street and approximately 515 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Oak Street from the proposed 4 inch gas main at Front Street Northerly to the end of the gas main at House #41. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 3 inch and 2 inch gas mains in Front Street and the 2 inch and 1 ½ inch gas mains in Oak Street, Braintree.

Councilor Bowes then read the following staff recommendation for the petition: BELD has no utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work. DPW notes that Front Street was recently reconstructed in conjunction with the re-opening of the Greenbush Commuter Rail Service. It is just out of the 5-year moratorium in January and is in excellent condition. Oak Street East is also in good condition. It is our recommendation that this petition should be approved with more rigorous repair specifications than our standard conditions, to include a final hot mix asphalt pavement at least 4" deep being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement for a year, and then 1 ½ inch grind and inlay to neat lines one foot beyond the trench limits at the completion of the year.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 018 with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **12 019 NationalGrid: Petition – Edgemont Road**

Councilor Bowes read the petition request to install and maintain approximately 675 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Edgemont Road, Braintree, from the existing 2 inch gas main at Quincy Avenue, Westerly to the existing 2 inch gas main at House #57. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in Edgemont Road, Braintree.

Councilor Bowes then read the following staff recommendation for the petition: BELD has no utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work. DPW notes that Edgemont Road has not been resurfaced recently and is not on the short list for improvement. It is our recommendation that this petition should be approved with our "standard" repair specifications, with a final pavement being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement immediately (do not leave the trench down).

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 019 with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **12 020 NationalGrid: Petition – Liberty Street/Norfolk Road**

Councilor Bows read the petition request to install and maintain approximately 930 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Liberty Street, Braintree, from the existing 3 inch gas main at House #341, Northerly to the existing 3 inch gas main at Mayflower Road and approximately 270 feet more or less of 4 inch gas

main in Norfolk Road from the proposed 4 inch gas main at Liberty Street Westerly to the existing 2 inch gas main at House #16. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 3 inch gas main in Liberty Street and the existing 1 ½ inch gas main in Norfolk Road, Braintree.

Councilor Bows then read the following staff recommendation for the petition: BELD has no utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work. DPW notes that Norfolk Road has not been resurfaced recently and is not on the short list for improvement. It is our recommendation that this part of the petition should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications, with a final pavement being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement immediately (do not leave the trench down.)

This section of Liberty Street was just out of the 5-year moratorium last January (2011) and is a main road in excellent condition. It is our recommendation that this part of the petition should be approved with more rigorous repair specifications than our standard conditions, to include a final hot mix asphalt pavement at least 4” deep being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement for a year, and then 1 ½ inch grind and inlay curb to crown along the length of disturbance at the completion of the year.

Additionally, the area of Liberty Street is at the front of the Morrison School driveway and should be completed before school begins in September.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 020 with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **12 021 NationalGrid: Petition – 559-644 Liberty Street**

Petition was withdrawn at the request of NationalGrid

- **12 022 NationalGrid: Petition – Amherst/Portland Road**

Councilor Bowes read the petition request to install and maintain approximately 745 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Amherst Road, Braintree, from the existing 2 inch gas main at House #21, Northerly to the existing 2 inch gas main at House #87 and approximately 805 feet more or less of 2 inch gas main in Portland Road from the existing 2 inch gas main at Proctor Road Westerly to the existing 2 inch gas main at Amherst Road. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in Amherst Road and Portland Road, Braintree.

Councilor Bowes then read the following staff recommendation for the petition: BELD has no utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work. DPW notes that these two streets were totally reconstructed in 2005, just got out of the moratorium in January of 2011 and are in excellent condition. It is our recommendation that this petition should be approved with more rigorous repair specifications than our standard conditions, to include a final hot mix asphalt pavement at least 4” deep being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement for a year, and then 1 ½ inch grind and inlay to neat lines one foot beyond the trench limits at the completion of the year.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 022 with staff recommendations
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

- **12 023 NationalGrid: Petition – Summer Street**

Councilor Bowes the petition request to install and maintain approximately 360 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Summer Street, Braintree, from the existing 2 inch gas main at Washington Street Westerly to the end of the gas main at House #31-33. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 1 ½ inch gas main in Summer Street, Braintree.

Councilor Bowes then read the following staff recommendation for the petition: BELD has no utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work. DPW notes that Summer Street has not been resurfaced recently and is scheduled for sewer work within the next two years. It is our recommendation that this petition should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications, with a final pavement being maintained flush with the surrounding pavement immediately (do not leave the trench down.)

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 023 with staff recommendations
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Mullaney)

- **12 024 NationalGrid: Petition – Washington Street**

Petition was withdrawn at the request of NationalGrid

Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- **12 002 – Council President: Review of Sub-committees**

Councilor Powers, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Ordinance & Rules, reported that the Committee has recommended, on a vote of 2 for and 1 against, that the current makeup of committees be retained. He then read the names of each committee and the number of members for each committee, as printed in Council Rule thirty-two.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve as recommend by Committee
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (1-Powers), Absent (1-Mullaney)

- **12 001 – Council President: Town Council Rules, per Council Rule fifty-five**

Councilor Powers, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Ordinance & Rules, reported that the Committee has made several changes in the previous version of the Council Rules and each of the changes are highlighted in the handout provided to each member with their meeting documents. The Committee recommended favorable action on the revised Council Rules.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve as recommend by Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (1-Powers), Absent (1-Mullaney)

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- **12 029 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund-Old Thayer Library Phase II**
- **12 031 Mayor: Line Item Transfers for Various Departments for FY2012**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Orders 12 029 and 12 031 to Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- **12 030 Christine Stickney: Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Amendment to ZBL Section 608**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Order 12 030 to Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- May 29, 2012 Minutes
- 12 018 NationalGrid: Petition – Front and Oak Streets
- 12 019 NationalGrid: Petition – Edgemont Road
- 12 020 NationalGrid: Petition – Liberty Street/Norfolk Road
- 12 021 NationalGrid: Petition – 559-644 Liberty Street
- 12 022 NationalGrid: Petition – Amherst/Portland Road
- 12 023 NationalGrid: Petition – Summer Street
- 12 024 NationalGrid: Petition – Washington Street
- 12 009 Scott Palmer: Rezone of 7-11 Independence Avenue
- 12 002 – Council President: Review of Sub-committees
- 12 001 – Council President: Town Council Rules, per Council Rule fifty-five
- 12 029 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund-Old Thayer Library Phase II
- 12 031 Mayor: Line Item Transfers for Various Departments for FY2012
- 12 030 Christine Stickney: Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Amendment to ZBL Section 608