

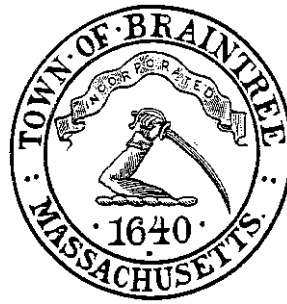
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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

July 16, 2013

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 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
Sean Powers
Charles Ryan
John Mullaney
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Henry Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli

Others: Linda Raiss, Community Preservation Committee
Elizabeth Mees, Braintree Historical Commission
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Bowes: Watson Park Splash Opening and Cookout

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **June 11, 2013**

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of June 11, 2013

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

OLD BUSINESS

Committee on Ways & Means

- **13 025 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – John Adams Memorial Plaza – First Congregational Church**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action. He explained that cost of the overall project is shown under the Alternate B Plan at \$43,140. The funding appropriation is for \$39,500...the \$3,640 difference being paid by the Church. The Community Preservation Committee voted to reduce the funding on landscaping; feeling Church members could decide and perform the landscaping as they thought would appropriate and, at their expense.

Council President Kokoros asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 13 025. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 025

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **020 13 Councilor Clifford: Discussion – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

Council President Kokoros asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 13 026. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 026

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

NEW BUSINESS

Committee on Ways & Means

- **13 029 Mayor: Proposed Zoning Ordinance – Medical Marijuana Moratorium**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **13 030 Mayor: FY2013 Line Item Transfer/Reversal and Correction**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **13 032 Mayor: Bond Authorization for Trash and Recycling Receptacle Purchase**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **13 031 Mayor: Appointment Board of Health – Dr. Arthur Bregoli**

Council President Kokoros informed members that same night action is required to conform to Section 2-10 of the Charter and, if there are no objections, the Order will be taken up this evening.

Councilor Dingee commented that he does not object to same night action as it is required by Charter.

Councilor Bowes made a motion to appoint Dr. Arthur Bregoli to the Board of Health:

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 031

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2- Joyce, DeNapoli)

Before adjourning, Councilor Clifford addressed Members reporting that he, along with Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor, met with the Finance Director, Ed Spellman last week to start the review and feedback process of formalizing a Capital Improvement Plan as well as establishing a tracking procedure to insure the fundamental commitments of the Meals Tax approval. Discussions were on the following points:

1. Accelerated incremental investments of \$500,000 annually above the previous baseline capital budgets start immediately to secure the benefits of future cost avoidances resulting from historical low interest rates of today. These are crucial to demonstrate accountability and excellent stewardship to our Braintree residents and the Braintree Chamber of Commerce.
2. Consider the value of establishing a new budgetary line item: a Capital Stabilization Fund Account. Powers and Sullivan have recommended this as an excellent vehicle to track, measure and report on our commitments.
3. There are many significant elements to include; among those is a full accounting of existing town assets. Today, total assets and asset value are unknown as observed in our municipalities/salary analysis. A full accounting of all departmental assets is needed to establish a baseline, insurance liability and coverage, and for future capital request.
4. This is a significant opportunity which can deliver substantial cost savings and avoidances to Braintree if implemented, tracked, measured and reported.
5. Establish compliance with our charter.
6. We are preparing a pro-forma of 5 years of cost avoidances to demonstrate its significance.

Eric Kinsherf gave an overview of the modeling he had completed that shows the Town could avoid \$1.8 million in capital costs if the Town borrows now rather than later. In his example Mr. Kinsherf showed that the \$500,000 in meals tax revenue could generate \$6.5 to \$7.0 million in bonding over twenty years at today's interest rates. As interest rates begin to rise the \$500,000 meals tax revenue generates less bonding dollars and higher interest costs.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- June 11, 2013 Minutes
- 13 025 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – John Adams Memorial Plaza - First Congregational Church
- 13 026 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Elm Street Cemetery
- 13 029 Mayor: Proposed Zoning Ordinance – Medical Marijuana Moratorium
- 13 030 Mayor: FY2013 Line Item Transfer/Reversal and Correction
- 13 032 Mayor: Bond Authorization for Trash and Recycling Receptacle Purchase
- 13 031 Mayor: Appointment Board of Health – Dr. Arthur Bregoli