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At Large

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District 2



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Vice President
District 3

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District 4

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District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

November 19, 2013

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, November 19, 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
Henry Joyce
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Ronald DeNapoli

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Peter Moring, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Barbara Mello, Grant Writer
Maureen Murray, Superintendent of Schools
Members of the Board of Assessors
Robert Brinkmann, Assessor
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor
Dennis Regan, National Grid
Stephen O'Brien, Councilor-Elect
Michael Owens, Councilor-Elect

CORRESPONDENCE

- 046 13 Council President: Fahey-Maccarone Recognition
- 047 13 Council President: Marge Crispin Center Holiday Food Drive
- 048 13 Council President: Thanksgiving Day Rally
- 049 13 Clerk of the Council: 2014 Proposed Meeting Calendar
- Council President: Steven Lemieux – Eagle Scout Project

The Council President call for a 5-minute recess at 8:10pm and called the meeting back to order at 8:15pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 030 13 Council President: Recycling of Old Trash Barrels/Recycling Bins
- 032 13 Council President: Fall Yardwaste Curbside Pick-up
- 038 13 Council President: Braintree Christmas Party for Toys for Tots
- 041 13 Councilor Joyce: 3rd Annual Morrison School/PTO Jingle Jaunt 5K Run/Walk
- 043 13 Council President: Veterans Day Observance
- 044 13 Council President: Trash Cart Pickup Schedule

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **13 056 NationalGrid: Petition – 61 Somerville Avenue**

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that the committee recommends favorable action with staff recommendations.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 056 with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 058 NationalGrid: Petition – 97 Eleanor Drive**

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that the committee recommends favorable action with staff recommendations.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 058 with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 059 Mayor: Appointment of Richard McDonough to Zoning Board of Appeals**

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on the appointment of Richard McDonough to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 24, 2013 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 059

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 061 Councilor Clifford: Council Compensation [Withdrawn]**

Councilor Clifford informed members that the Order has been withdrawn.

- **13 060 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Braintree Soldier’s Memorial Statue**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 060.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the appropriation request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 24, 2013 memo from Mayor Sullivan

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 060

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 047 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations FY14 – School**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 047.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the appropriation request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 047

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 048 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Mileage Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 048.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the appropriation request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 048

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 049 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Vandalism Repairs Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 049.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 049

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 050 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Mileage Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 050.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 050

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 051 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Administrative Clerical Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 051.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 051
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

- **13 052 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Finance/IT Maintenance Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 052.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 052
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

- **13 053 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Waste Collections Consultant Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 053.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 053
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

- **13 054 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Building Repairs Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 054.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 054
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

- **13 055 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Sewer/Bond Principal Account**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 055.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the line item transfer request. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the October 15, 2013 memo from Peter Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 055

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- **13 057 Board of Assessors: FY2014 Tax Levy**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Mayor Sullivan explained that the Town was in a strong fiscal position and the real estate values have increased year-to-year. Braintree business tax rate is competitive with other communities and the residential tax rate is the 2nd lowest in Norfolk County.

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on Order 13 057.

Council President asked if any many of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the FY2014 Tax Levy. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Councilor Bowes read the first of four motions provided to the Council Office in an email dated November 14, 2013.

(1) Favorable action to adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors to approve the Classification Tax Rate Shift of 175% to be applied to commercial, industrial and personal property.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 057(1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- (2) Favorable action to approve the “Small Business Exemption” as recommended by the Mayor and Board of Assessors in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 12, 2013 and as filed with the office of the Town Clerk.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 057(2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli), Abstain (1-Kokoros)

- (3) Favorable action to continue to adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors, as outlined in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 12, 2013 and as filed with the office of the Town Clerk, to decline the adoption of the “Open Space” discount.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 057(3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- (4) Favorable action to continue to adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors, as outlined in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 12, 2013 and as filed with the office of the Town Clerk, to decline the adoption of the “Residential Exemption”.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 057(4)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- 046 13 Council President: Fahey-Maccarone Recognition
- 047 13 Council President: Marge Crispin Center Holiday Food Drive
- 048 13 Council President: Thanksgiving Day Rally
- 049 13 Clerk of the Council: 2014 Proposed Meeting Calendar
- 032 13 Council President: Fall Yardwaste Curbside Pick-up
- 038 13 Council President: Braintree Christmas Party for Toys for Tots
- 041 13 Councilor Joyce: 3rd Annual Morrison School/PTO Jingle Jaunt 5K Run/Walk
- 13 056 NationalGrid: Petition – 61 Somerville Avenue
- 13 058 NationalGrid: Petition – 97 Eleanor Drive
- 13 059 Mayor: Appointment of Richard McDonough to Zoning Board of Appeals
- 13 061 Councilor Clifford: Council Compensation
- 039 13 Councilor Dingee: Financial Audit Meeting Expenses
- 13 047 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations FY14 – School
- 13 048 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Mileage Account
- 13 049 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Vandalism Repairs Account
- 13 050 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Mileage Account
- 13 051 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Municipal License and Inspection/Administrative Clerical Account
- 13 052 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Finance/IT Maintenance Account
- 13 053 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Waste Collections Consultant Account
- 13 054 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – DPW/Building Repairs Account
- 13 055 Mayor: Line Item Transfer FY14 – Sewer/Bond Principal Account
- 13 057 Board of Assessors: FY2014 Tax Levy
- 13 059 Mayor: Appointment of Richard McDonough to Zoning Board of Appeals
- 13 060 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Braintree Soldier's Memorial Statue
- 13 061 Councilor Clifford: Council Compensation
- 040 13 Councilor Powers: Policy and Procedure for Storm Communications