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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

April 27, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council Vice- President Kokoros was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland A. Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Charles B. Ryan, President

Others: David Swanton, Principal Braintree High School
Ms. J. Smith
Project Prove Representatives
NationalGrid Representatives

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **018 10 Councilor Powers:** Recognition Award
- **022 10 Town Clerk:** Recognition Awards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **026 10 Bill Hedlund:** Recreation and Community Events
- **025 10 Council President:** Semi-Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- **013 10 Council President:** Ross School PTO Upcoming Events
- **024 10 Council President:** Annual Rabies Clinic
- **027 10 Town Clerk:** Online Ordering of Documents
- **Councilor Clifford:** Citizen Solider Bill

Councilor Mullaney left the Chambers at 8:15pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 12, 2010 6:30pm meeting

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to Approve

Second: by Councilor Powers

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

- April 12, 2010 7:00pm meeting

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to Approve

Second: by Councilor Powers

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

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

Councilor Mullaney returned to the Chambers at 8:20pm

OLD BUSINESS

Committee on Public Works

- **10 024 NationalGrid:** Petition – Hollingsworth Avenue

DPW Committee Chairman DeNapoli commented that the Committee had voted favorable action with staff recommendations on the ten NationalGrid petitions. On petition 10 024, the Committee added that no work to be performed in West Street as a condition of the petition. Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 1,000 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Hollingsworth Avenue, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main at West Street Southerly to the existing 2 inch gas main in Hollingsworth Avenue at Weston Avenue. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in Hollingsworth Avenue, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Hollingsworth Avenue** was microsurfaced in 2008 but is not under the moratorium. **West Street was totally reconstructed in 2009 and so is under the moratorium.** Connection of the main into the West Street main would be a long-side trench, which would be unacceptable. Trenchless installation may have been possible but that seems unlikely given that National Grid also plans to install 4 anodes below the new main for corrosion control. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be denied unless the work in West Street is deleted from the plan.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations including no work to be performed in West Street.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 025 NationalGrid:** Petition – Hillview Road

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 860 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Hillview Road, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Hillview Road at Washington Street Westerly to House #71 Hillview Road. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 1 ½ inch gas mains in Hillview Road, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Hillview Road** will be in the next roadway reconstruction program, and Washington Street is being resurfaced this season, so it is good that this work is being done now. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications, and that National Grid be advised to pursue this work through the MassDOT expeditiously.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 026 NationalGrid:** Petition – Tremont Street

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 260 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Tremont Street, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main at Brown Avenue Northerly to House #295. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Tremont Street, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Tremont Street** will be in the next roadway reconstruction program, and so it is good that this work is being done now. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 027 NationalGrid:** Petition – White Road

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 330 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in White Road, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Hawthorn Road Northeasterly to House #22. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in White Road, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **White Road** may be in the next roadway reconstruction program, but Hawthorn Road is under the 5 year moratorium. The main in Hawthorn Road appears to be within the roadway area but on the White Road side, meaning that the trench in the new pavement would be small. In order to get the main installed before possible White Road work it may be advisable to waive the moratorium. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications on White Road, but with an infrared repair of the new pavement in Hawthorn Road.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 028 NationalGrid:** Petition – Park Avenue

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 400 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Park Avenue, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Park Avenue at Standish Avenue Easterly to the existing 2 inch gas main at House #45. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Park Avenue, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Park Avenue** is not covered under any moratorium. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 029 NationalGrid:** Petition – Devon Road

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 420 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Devon Road, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Devon Road at Drinkwater Avenue to House #12 then Southerly to House #18. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Devon Road, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Devon Road** is in this year’s roadway reconstruction program, so it is good that this work is being done now. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications, and that National Grid be advised to pursue this work expeditiously.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 030 NationalGrid:** Petition – Blanchard Boulevard

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 1,400 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Blanchard Boulevard, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Blanchard Boulevard at House #116 Southeasterly to the existing 4 inch gas main in Elm Street. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Blanchard Boulevard, Braintree.

BELD: No utility conflicts with the petition

DPW: **Blanchard Boulevard** is not covered under any moratorium. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 031 NationalGrid:** Petition – Hillcrest Road

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 620 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Somerville Avenue and approximately 285 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Hillcrest Road, Braintree. In Somerville Avenue from the existing 2 inch gas main at Shaw Street. Also from the existing 2 inch gas main at Shaw Street to the proposed 2 inch gas main in Hillcrest Road. From the

proposed 2 inch gas main in Somerville Avenue Northwesterly to House #47. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Somerville Avenue and Hillcrest Road, Braintree.

BELD: There is a BELD 15kv duct bank within the scope of work on Shaw St. to be located and marked through the DigSafe process.

DPW: Neither **Somerville Avenue nor Hillcrest Road** are covered under any moratorium. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 032 NationalGrid:** Petition – Vinedale Road

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 175 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Vinedale Road, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main at Pleasant View Avenue Southeasterly to the existing 2 inch gas main at Trefton Drive. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Vinedale Road, Braintree.

BELD: There are BELD 15kv and **115kv** duct banks within the scope of work on Vinedale Road to be located and marked through the DigSafe process. Please contact the BELD Engineering Dept. forty-eight hours prior to any excavation in close proximity to the BELD **115kv** oil filled cable. The engineering dept. will provide on site safety personnel if necessary at no charge to National Grid or its contractor.

DPW: **Vinedale Road** is in this year’s roadway resurfacing program, so it is good that this work is being done now. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our “standard” repair specifications, and that National Grid be advised to pursue this work expeditiously.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 033 NationalGrid:** Petition – Inglewood Street

Councilor DeNapoli read scope of the petition.

To install and maintain approximately 350 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Inglewood Street, Braintree. From the existing 2 inch gas main in Inglewood Street at Vindale Road

Southwesterly to House #70. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in Inglewood Street, Braintree.

BELD: There are BELD 15kv and **115kv** duct banks within the scope of work on Vinedale Road to be located and marked through the DigSafe process. Please contact the BELD Engineering Dept. forty-eight hours prior to any excavation in close proximity to the BELD **115kv** oil filled cable. The engineering dept. will provide on site safety personnel if necessary at no charge to National Grid or its contractor.

DPW: **Inglewood Street** is in this year's roadway resurfacing program, so it is good that this work is being done now. It is our recommendation that this petition **should be approved with our "standard" repair specifications, and that National Grid be advised to pursue this work expeditiously.**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes for favorable recommendation with staff recommendations.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

NEW BUSINESS

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Committee on Ways & Means

- **10 042 Town Clerk:** Line Item Transfer
- **10 043 Mayor:** FY2011 Operating Budget
- **10 044 Mayor:** FY2011 Revolving Accounts

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

Prior to adjournment, on a motion by Councilor DeNapoli, Seconded by Councilor Bowes, it was unanimously voted to reschedule the May 4th Council meeting to May 3rd beginning at 5:45pm to allow Mayor Sullivan to present the FY2011 Proposed Budget

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council