

CHARLES RYAN
President

LELAND DINGEE
At Large

SEAN POWERS
At Large

JOHN MULLANEY
District 2

THOMAS BOWES
District 3



CHARLES KOKOROS
Vice President
District 1

HENRY JOYCE
District 4

RONALD DENAPOLI
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 15, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 beginning at 7:45p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

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

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
Thomas Bowes
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Ronald DeNapoli
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
John C. Mullaney
Henry N. Joyce

Others: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk
Erick Kinsherf, Town Auditor
Senator Brian Joyce
Senator John Keenan
Representative Mark Cusack
Michael Nelligan, Powers & Sullivan
Carl Johnson, Attorney Messina Properties

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.

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to take item 008 11 – Council President: State Budget Review.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Dingee

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

Senator Joyce, Senator Keenan and Representative Cusack provided members with highlights of the proposed FY2012 State Budget and impacts to Braintree relative to Local Aid and Chapter 70 Funding. Senator Joyce noted that State revenues increased modestly over the past year however the State will no longer have federal stimulus dollars. The Governor has proposed increasing General and special education funding. In total, State aid to Braintree would increase to \$17,170,685 or approximately \$214,000 over FY2011.

Councilor Clifford commented on the amount the State spends on illegal immigrants and asked that this expense be looked at for savings.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **003 11 Council President:** Run for Charlotte
- **Council President:** Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
- **Councilor Dingee:** Thayer Public Library – Upcoming Events

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 8, 2011

Councilor Bowes requested that his announcement on the Braintree/Weymouth Landing PWED meeting be included in the minutes. Additionally, on Council Order 11 001 he did not second the motion and would like it to be corrected to reflect the Councilor who had made the second.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve as amended

Second: by Councilor Dingee

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- **011 11 Council President:** Elmlawn/Conrad Streets – Gas Leaks

Council President Ryan read the email he received from Mr. Jim Prendergast of 146 Elmlawn Road requesting that the Town address the gas leak that is in the road prior to the road being repaired. He then read an email response from Ms. Kim Schneider of NationalGrid which shows that the gas line is scheduled for replacement this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings

- **10 081 Messina Commercial Properties:** Petition to Rezone Land – Franklin Street

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Dingee

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to continue public hearing until March 15, 2011

Second: by Councilor Dingee

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **006 11 Council President:** FY2010 Outside Audit Report – Powers & Sullivan

Mr. Michael Nelligan of Powers & Sullivan Auditing Firm provided an overview of the financial documents for FY2011. Mr. Nelligan informed members that out of the nine deficiencies in the FY2009 report, six have been resolved and the remaining three are being addressed by management. Overall, the Town is fully compliant with their financial procedures and has been given a clean opinion.

Motion: by Councilor Dingee to accept report

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

- **007 11 Councilor Bowes:** Fore River Bridge - Discussion

Michael Lang of 74 Cotton Avenue provided an overview of his report on the proposed replacement of the Fore River Bridge and the vertical lift design being recommended by the State. He claims that the decision was based on faulty data and the bascule design bridge would serve the community in a better fashion.

Councilor Bowes made a motion to send a letter to state and federal officials as well as the Coast Guard to support the bascule design bridge.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (4-Kokoros, Mullaney, Joyce, DeNapoli)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Casey

Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **003 11 Council President:** Run for Charlotte
- **February 1, 2011 Minutes**
- **011 11 Council President:** Elmlawn/Conrad Streets – Gas Leaks
- **10 081 Messina Commercial Properties:** Petition to Rezone Land – Franklin Street
- **008 11 Council President:** State Budget Review – Braintree State Senators/Representative
- **006 11 Council President:** FY2010 Outside Audit Report – Powers & Sullivan
- **007 11 Councilor Bowes:** Fore River Bridge - Discussion