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District 1

LELAND A. DINGEE  
At Large

SEAN E. POWERS  
At Large

CHARLES B. RYAN  
At Large

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District 2



THOMAS M. BOWES  
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

### October 15, 2013

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 15, 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: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff  
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 032 13 Council President: Fallon Ambulance Service Recognition of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Council President Kokoros noted that the recognition of the 9th Anniversary of Fallon Ambulance Service will be held at the next Council meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **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
- Councilor Joyce: Braintree Recreation Upcoming Events
- Councilor Joyce: Braintree Rotary – Annual Spelling Bee
- Councilor Powers: Annual Braintree Haunted Night
- Councilor Powers: Adult 50's Dance
- Councilor Clifford: Resident Flu Clinic
- Councilor Ryan: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Councilor Bowes: Award for Excellence in Finance

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **October 1, 2013**

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to approve minutes of October 1, 2013

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

- **035 13 Councilor Powers: Update on Peterson Pool and Rink**

Chief of Staff, Peter Morin, commented on the October 11, 2013 memo from Mayor Sullivan updating Council Members on the status of the Petersen Pool/Skating Facility. Mr. Morin noted that the Town has been in negotiations with the designated preferred bidder Braintree Recreational Group, LP. and the series of meetings in which proposals have been exchanged and reviewed. Mr. Morin stated the Town and the preferred bidder are reviewing their options and determining the best next steps.

Councilor Powers explained the reason he placed this on the agenda was to bring attention to the future of the Randolph Ice Area which appears to be at an end. Upon the closing of the Randolph facility the Braintree High School Hockey Team and Braintree Youth Hockey would be without a facility. He would like to give these hockey organizations an update on the proposed Braintree Facility.

Councilor Clifford asked Mr. Morin if the ice rink could be built before the swimming pool. Mr. Morin stated that the State Legislation would allow that action. Additionally, Mr. Morin stated that a decision on next steps would be forthcoming over the next several weeks.

- **036 13 Councilor Powers: Private Contractor 2013-2014 Snow Plow Rates**

Councilor Powers noted that last winter storms were very challenging and there were many issues with private contractors. He believed that private contractor rates should be competitive with surrounding towns to get the proper equipment to clear streets properly. Councilor Powers also wanted to find out what could be done to improve communications between the Mayor's Office and the Council to address resident's storm concerns more quickly as the previous year communications from the Mayor's Office was very slow. Mr. Morin replied that a survey of surrounding communities was completed and the Town has adjusted their rates by about \$20.00 per hour per vehicle for larger equipment. The Town policy is for less use of pickup trucks and higher usage of larger vehicles to clear streets.

Councilor Powers asked how the Council could proceed to develop a policy and procedure of communications during a storm event. Council President Kokoros commented that he would place it on the next agenda so it could be referred to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules for a recommendation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **13 045 Town Clerk: Call to the November 5, 2013 Election (Same Night Action Required)**

Council President Kokoros commented that if there were no objections Order 13 045 will be taken up this evening. No member objected.

Councilor Bowes read the Call to the November 5, 2013 Election submitted by the Town Clerk to the Council Office and made a motion to approve.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 045

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

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

### **Refer to the Committee on Public Works**

- **13 040 NationalGrid: Petition – 96 Conrad Street**

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to refer Order 13 040 to Committee on Public Works

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

**Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means**

- **13 041 Mayor: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Elm Street Cemetery**
- **13 042 Mayor: Appointment of Lucille A. Barton to the Department of Elder Affairs Board of Directors**
- **13 043 Mayor: Appointment of Henry N. Joyce, Jr. to the Department of Elder Affairs Board of Directors**
- **13 044 Mayor: Appointment of Ann M. Moore to the Department of Elder Affairs Board of Directors**
- **020 13 Councilor Clifford: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**
- **034 13 Council President: Review Covanta Contract**
- **037 13 Councilor Clifford: Financial Audit of Residential Trash Program**

Councilor Bowes made a motion to refer each of the above Orders to the Committee on Ways & Means.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council

## Documents provided for Meeting

- October 1, 2013 Minutes
- 030 13 Council President: Recycling of Old Trash Barrels/Recycling Bins
- 031 13 Council President: Seasonal Flu Clinic
- 032 13 Council President: Fall Yardwaste Curbside Pick-up
- 035 13 Councilor Powers: Update on Peterson Pool and Rink
- 036 13 Councilor Powers: Private Contractor 2013-2014 Snow Plow Rates
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