

Thomas M. Bowes
President
District 3

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2



Sean E. Powers
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

May 27, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 beginning at 7:05p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Shannon Hume
Charles Ryan (Arrived at 7:14pm)
Stephen O'Brien
Michael Owens
Paul Dan Clifford
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney

Others: Joseph Sullivan, Mayor
Senator John Keenan
Representative Mark Cusack
Peter Morin, Town Solicitor
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Various Department Heads
Maureen Murrery, School Superintendent
Various School Committee/Staff Members
James Quaglia, Superintendent Blue Hills Regional Vocational School
Terry Longley, Assistant Business Manager, Blue Hill Regional School
Germano Silveira, Braintree Representative to Blue Hill Regional School
Christine Stickney, Director of Planning & Community Development
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 040 14 Councilor Powers: Recognition of 2nd Anniversary - Southside Tavern
- 051 14 Councilor O'Brien: Recognition of Jim Dawson
- 042 14 Councilor Owens: Recognition Sustainable Braintree – Monatiquot River Organizers
- 052 14 Councilor Powers: Recognition of Sandra Sisk
- 044 14 Council President: Kyleighs Cure Annual Road Race
- 047 14 Councilor Clifford: Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 048 14 Councilor Hume: Mass Fallen Heroes
- 054 14 Council President: Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
- 055 14 Braintree Chamber of Commerce - Pizza Palooza

At 7:40pm, Council President Bowes informed members that if there were no objections he will take items out of order and move to "Old Business". No objections came forward.

OLD BUSINESS

- **14 032 Mayor: FY2015 Operating Budget**

Motion by Councilor Powers to Open Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported the committee recommends favorable action on each FY2015 department request as submitted by Mayor Sullivan.

Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan noted the FY2015 Budget request is \$111,863,087, up 4.7% over FY2014. The budget accounts for several new positions, in public safety and DPW entry level positions and expansion of library hours on Saturdays. He expressed his thanks to all who have contributed many hours in preparing and reviewing the proposed budget.

Councilor Powers read each department's FY2015 proposed budget totals.

Department/Programs		FY 2014 Original	FY 2015 Proposed	Difference 2015-2014
111	Town Council Programs	308,028	309,099	1,071
121	Mayor's Office-Programs	425,598	455,781	30,183
133	Finance Programs	6,519,262	6,491,662	(27,600)
151	Law	248,059	256,758	8,699
152	Human Resources-Programs	17,726,575	17,729,791	3,216
161	Town Clerk	276,457	298,002	21,545
175	Planning and Community Development	403,222	438,807	35,585
210	Police	8,271,116	8,698,278	427,162
220	Fire	7,409,119	8,032,499	623,380
241	Municipal Licenses and Inspections	832,146	911,832	79,686
300	Education	53,944,606	57,242,261	3,297,655
350	Blue Hill Regional	2,130,748	2,143,378	12,630
400	Public Works Department	6,751,716	7,169,364	417,648
541	Elder Affairs	255,103	280,172	25,069
610	Library	<u>1,344,673</u>	<u>1,405,403</u>	<u>60,730</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		106,846,428	111,863,087	5,016,659
400	Golf	1,479,006	1,399,510	(79,496)
436	Sewer	8,830,628	9,390,815	560,187
438	Water	<u>6,899,705</u>	<u>6,972,163</u>	<u>72,458</u>
TOTAL WATER AND SEWER		15,730,333	16,362,978	632,645
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		<u>124,055,767</u>	<u>129,625,575</u>	<u>5,569,808</u> <u>5,569,808</u>

Council President Bowes asked if any other member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the issue at hand. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Powers to Close Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

After reading Order 14 032 (1) Councilor Powers made a motion to approve:

1. That the Town of Braintree raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,863,087 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and programs for the fiscal year 2015 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the source of funding for said expenditures as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, that the sum of \$71,156 be transferred from Golf Course receipts, the sum of \$150,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus account, the sum of \$4,350 be transferred from the Waterways Improvement fund, the sum of \$22,000 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots, the sum of \$489,458 be transferred from Water and Sewer receipts, the sum of \$100,000 be transferred from the Municipal Building Insurance Fund and the balance to be raised in the tax levy.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

After reading Order 14 032 (2) Councilor Powers made a motion to approve:

2. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$1,399,510 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Golf Course and related programs for the fiscal year 2015 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$1,399,510 be raised in the Golf Course receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

After reading Order 14 032 (3) Councilor Powers made a motion to approve:

3. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$16,362,978 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Water and Sewer Division and related programs for the fiscal year 2015 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$600,000 be transferred from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings, that the sum of \$103,694 be transferred from the Water Sewer Rehabilitation Fund and the balance of \$15,659,284 be raised in the Water and Sewer receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

After reading Order 14 032 (4) Councilor Powers made a motion to approve:

4. Pursuant to General Law Chapter 44, Section 31D, the town is authorized to incur a liability in excess of the amount appropriated for snow and ice for fiscal year 2015.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

• **14 033 Mayor: FY2015 Revolving Accounts**

Motion by Councilor Powers to Open Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported the committee recommends favorable action on each of the nine revolving accounts as submitted.

Councilor Powers read each of the nine revolving fund requests.

- R1.** THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS WITHOUT FURTHER

APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, TO PAY SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWN'S ELDERLY RESIDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES AND CHARGES RECEIVED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015 FROM PERSONS USING SAID PROGRAMS. THE COUNCIL ON AGING MAY SPEND UP TO \$30,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

- R2.** THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, TO PAY FOR SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASING, PROMOTING, AND ADMINISTERING PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATIONS AND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015 FOR IMMUNIZATIONS ADMINISTERED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE BOARD OF HEALTH MAY SPEND UP TO \$50,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015

R3. THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS, AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS. THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FINES AND FEES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015 FOR LOST OR OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS. THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES MAY SPEND UP TO \$45,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

R4. THAT THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SALARIES RELATED THERETO. THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL REVENUE FROM THE RENTAL OF MEETING ROOMS COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015. THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES MAY SPEND UP TO \$5,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

R5. THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE MAYOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECYCLING COORDINATOR, WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOME COMPOSTING BINS, CURBSIDE RECYCLING BINS, RECYCLING BAGS AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND PAYMENTS FOR RECYCLING MATERIALS, INCLUDING HAZARDOUS WASTE. THE RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015. THE MAYOR MAY SPEND UP TO \$3,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

R6. THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE MAYOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECYCLING COORDINATOR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND PAYMENTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE-GENERATING MATERIALS AND TO USE THE INCOME TO PROMOTE TOWN RECYCLING INITIATIVES AND EVENTS, INCLUDING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS. THE RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015. THE MAYOR MAY SPEND UP TO \$25,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

- R7.** THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014, TO PAY FOR SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF FULL DAY KINDERGARDEN. THE REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FULL DAY KINDERGARDEN FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY SPEND UP TO \$650,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2015.
- R8.** TO AUTHORIZE A NEW ARTS CENTER PARK AND RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT UNDER MGL C44 s53D THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53D THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE MAYOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARTS CENTER COUNCIL, WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR , FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND RUNNING ART PROGRAMS AND CLASSES INCLUDING HIRING PROGRAM TEACHERS, ARTISTS AND STAFF FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND PAYMENTS FOR PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS, ART CENTER REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES COLLECTED DURING FISCAL YEAR. THE MAYOR MAY SPEND SAID FUNDS IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES, WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

R9. TO AUTHORIZE A NEW SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY REVOLVING ACCOUNT UNDER MGL C71 §47 THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A REVOLVING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 71, SECTION 47 THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR SALARIES, EXPENSES, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL FEES AND CHARGES FROM ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FROM STUDENTS ENGAGING IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

Council President Bowes asked if any other member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the issue at hand. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Powers to Close Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (1) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (2) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (3) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (4) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (5) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (6) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (7) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (8) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 033 (9) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

• **14 039 Mayor: FY2015 Budget Community Preservation Committee**

Motion by Councilor Powers to Open Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported the committee recommends favorable action on each of the nine revolving accounts as submitted.

Councilor Powers read each of the five Community Preservation Fund requests.

- C1.** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, THAT THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSING RESERVE FOR ACQUISITION, CREATION, PRESERVATION, OR SUPPORT OF **COMMUNITY HOUSING** OR THE REHABILITATION OR RESTORATION OF COMMUNITY HOUSING THAT IS ACQUIRED OR CREATED AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

- C2.** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, THAT THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TO THE OPEN SPACE RESERVE FOR THE ACQUISITION, CREATION, OR PRESERVATION OF **OPEN SPACE** OR THE REHABILITATION OR RESTORATION OF OPEN SPACE THAT IS ACQUIRED OR CREATED AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

- C3.** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, THAT THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES RESERVE FOR THE ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION, REHABILITATION, OR RESTORATION OF **HISTORIC RESOURCES** AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

- C4.** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, THAT THE SUM OF \$400,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION **BUDGETED RESERVE** AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

C5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, THAT THE SUM OF \$35,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND TO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 ADMINSTRATIVE OPERATING FUND AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 5, OF THE GENERAL LAWS. SAID FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Council President Bowes asked if any other member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the issue at hand. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Powers to Close Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 039 (1) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 039 (2) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 039 (3) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 039 (4) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers made a motion to approve Order 14 039 (5) as previously read.

Motion: by Councilor Powers
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 1, 2014

Motion: by Councilor O'Brien to approve
Second: by Councilor Owens
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

- May 13, 2014

Motion: by Councilor O'Brien to approve
Second: by Councilor Owens
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Abstain (1-Kokoros)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **050 14 Council President: Clerk of the Council Position**

Council President Bowes explained to members that he placed this item on the agenda to generate discussion on replacing the vacant Clerk of the Council position.

Councilor Mullaney commented that he believed the duties of the position could be merged in with the three employees in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Clerk could oversee the job responsibilities. He noted that the salary of the one or more of the Town Clerk staff would need to be increased however, the town would save money overall. He believed the duties could be easily absorbed by the Town Clerk staff.

Councilor Kokoros concurred, noting the duties could be divided amongst the two Town Clerk Office staff position.

Councilor Owens believed that it was best to post the position and maintain it as it currently exists. If you over commit the town clerk's staff it would lead to under-performing their all their responsibilities.

Councilor O'Brien noted that placing the Council Clerk under control of the Town Clerk should only be a temporary fix. The Town Clerk can help mentor a new Council Clerk and don't know how the position could be only part-time.

Councilor Clifford noted that there were many resumes received when the position was first established. We should HR look into their files and see if there is any interest among this group.

Councilor Powers believed that the services in the Town Clerk's Office would be diminished if the position is absorbed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilor Kokoros made a motion to refer the issue to the Committee on Ordinance and Rules for review.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

• **053 14 Councilor Ryan: APWA Conference Travel Approval**

Councilor Ryan explained that he has put forth this travel request to attend the APWA conference. The conference will allow him to stay abreast of current DPW issues and policies. The APWA are very active on DPW issues with the local legislators.

Councilor Clifford commented that he could not support the \$700 expense as no one from the DPW Department is attending the conference. He did not see any value to the town by attending the conference.

Motion: by Councilor Hume to approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (2-Clifford, Powers)

NEW BUSINESS

• **14 044 Mayor: Appropriation - Community Preservation Committee Old Thayer Library Exterior Restoration Project III**

Motion: by Councilor Powers to refer to Committee on Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

• **14 042 National Grid: Petition – 155 Audubon Avenue or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion: by Councilor Powers to refer to Committee on Public Works
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- May 1, 2014
- May 13, 2014
- 040 14 Councilor Powers: Recognition of 2nd Anniversary - Southside Tavern
- 051 14 Councilor O'Brien: Recognition of Jim Dawson
- 042 14 Councilor Owens: Recognition Sustainable Braintree – Monatiquot River Organizers
- 052 14 Councilor Powers: Recognition of Sandra Sisk
- 044 14 Council President: Kyleighs Cure Annual Road Race
- 047 14 Councilor Clifford: Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 048 14 Councilor Hume: Mass Fallen Heroes
- 054 14 Council President: Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
- 055 14 Braintree Chamber of Commerce - Pizza Palooza
- 050 14 Council President: Clerk of the Council Position
- 053 14 Councilor Ryan: APWA Conference Travel Approval
- 14 032 Mayor: FY2015 Operating Budget
- 14 033 Mayor: FY2015 Revolving Accounts
- 14 039 Mayor: FY2015 Budget Community Preservation Committee
- 14 040 Council President: Title 6, Chapter 6: Animals
- 14 044 Mayor: Appropriation - Community Preservation Committee Old Thayer Library Exterior Restoration Project III
- 14 042 National Grid: Petition – 155 Audubon Avenue or take up any action relative thereto