

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

December 15, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 beginning at 7:32p.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
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan

Not Present: John Mullaney
Stephen C. O'Brien

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 1, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve Minutes of December 1, 2015

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 077 15 Town Clerk: Travel Policy – Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk - MMA Conference

MOTION: To approve Travel to attend the 2016 MMA Conference for the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve 077 15

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 078 15 Council President: Travel Policy – Councilors/Clerk of the Council – MMA Conference
 MOTION: To approve Travel to attend the 2016 MMA Conference for the Councilors and the Clerk of the Council
Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve 078 15
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Mullaney, O’Brien), Abstain (0)

• **Councilor Clifford proposed a Resolution Pertaining to Braintree Town Council Re-organization Process**

Councilor Clifford stated he feels there is a fundamental issue with the existing process and that he would like to discuss this without prejudice.

Be it **Resolved** this day _____ that the process of the Town Council re-organization will not be encumbered by the standing tradition of automatically elevating its Vice President to President.

Resolve that the de-facto standard of electing a, President in waiting, 2 years in advance be modified and revised, **And...**

Resolve that because the informal tradition of Town Council re-organization was never formally considered, through Council Rules, or Charter that it be addressed formally now this day _____, **And...**

Resolve that the re-organization process shall be open to all Council members to nominate their candidate of choice, **And...**

Resolve this open process become effective immediately this day _____ and recorded in the Town Council Rules and Charter, as appropriate.

Council President stated for this to go on Same Night Action is Required – All those present need to be in favor of same night action. Council President stated if there were no objections the Resolution Pertaining to Braintree Town Council Re-organization Process will be taken up this evening. Councilor Hume stated there are two Council members absent this evening. They should be here to hear this resolution and be able to weigh in on the proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

- 033 15 Town Auditor Job Posting or take up any action relative thereto
- 073 15 Councilor Mullaney: Travel Reimbursement Policy for Braintree Town Councilors or take up any action relative thereto

Council President stated these two items will not be discussed due to the fact the Committee on Ways & Means meeting was cancelled for earlier this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next meeting will be the Swearing In Ceremony – **MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 @6:00pm**

Next Council Meeting - **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016@ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- December 1, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 033 15 Council President: Town Auditor Job Posting
- 073 15 Councilor Mullaney: Travel Reimbursement Policy for Braintree Town Councilors or take up any action relative thereto