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At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
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JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2

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At Large

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District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

May 11, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Wednesday, May 11, 2015 beginning at 7:35p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Town Clerk conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Charles Kokoros
Shannon Hume
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan

Not Present: Paul Dan Clifford
John Mullaney

Others: Edward Spellman, Finance Director
James Casey, Town Clerk
Bill Bottiggi, BELD
James Regan, Municipal Light Board member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of BHS Girls Basketball State Champs – This team is ranked top 20 in the country and the only public school on this list.

Recognition Erin Kiley

Recognition Boys 6th Grade State Champs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• April 29, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of April 29, 2015

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Absent (2-Clifford, Mullaney), Abstain (2-Kokoros, Hume)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

• 019 15 Council President: Travel Policy – DPW Conference

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve 019 15

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: Unanimous

• 024 15 Council President: Travel Policy – Town Clerk June 2015 Conference

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve 024 15

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

• 020 15 Discussion: BELD - Bill Bottiggi: Potter II replacement

Bill Bottiggi, General Manager at BELD, discussed the need to replace Potter II. ISO (Independent System Operator) for New England wants fast start plants that respond to their needs quickly. Bill stated ISO needs to be notified in the Fall 2015 if retiring Potter II in 2016.

The replacement will be similar to Watson I and Watson II. There are two ways a plant gets paid: Capacity payment and Energy produced. We need to begin permitting and discuss all our options and costs. We need to decide by October 2015 if we are to retire Potter II. New plant called Watson III will hope to be online June 2019. MEPA will look at environmental issues associated with new power plants. There will be public meetings. Councilor Ryan stated the bottom line is to keep rates down. Councilor Kokoros stated I support retiring the old plant and putting up a new plant. I base my opinion on what you've done in the past. Council President Bowes ask if the retirement of Potter II would cut the staff. Bill Bottiggi replied slightly but not drastically. Council President Bowes said thank you to Bill Bottiggi for being very pro-active with residents in the area.

• 028 15 Discussion: Eric Kinsherf – Municipal Inspections Review/Recommendations

Eric Kinsherf will not be here tonight to discuss this report. He will first meet with the Department head, Ed Spellman and Mayor Sullivan. He will discuss findings to the Council at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

• 15 012 National Grid Petition: Harbor Villa Avenue or take up any action relative thereto

Chairman Charlie Ryan stated the Staff Recommendations from BELD and DPW were not able to be agreed upon by Dennis Reagan, National Grid. He does not have the authority that roadways would be reconstructed as specified in Braintree. We can wait until after the moratorium is up in 2016. The Committee on the Department of Public Works unanimously voted to TABLE Order 15 012.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to TABLE Oder 15 012

Second: by Councilor Powers

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

• **15 013 National Grid Petition: King Hill Road or take up any action relative thereto**

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Motion: by Councilor Ryan to TABLE Order 15 013

Second: by Councilor Powers

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 018 Mayor: Disposition of Property – Allen Street or take up any action relative thereto

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 15 019 Mayor: Proposed Zoning Amendment – Article VII (Area Regulations) or take up any action relative thereto

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- April 29, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 15 012 National Grid Petition: Harbor Villa Ave or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 013 National Grid Petition: King Hill Rd or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 018 Mayor: Disposition of Property – Allen Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 019 Mayor: Proposed Zoning Amendment – Article VII (Area Regulations) or take up any action relative thereto