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District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

# OCTOBER 4, 2016

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on October 4, 2016 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

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

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor  
Lisa Maki, Town Solicitor  
Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director  
Nelson Chin, Parks & Recreation Director  
James M. Casey, Town Clerk  
Debra J. Starr, Assistant Town Clerk  
Eric Cocca, Town Clerk's Office Principal Clerk  
Police Personnel  
Fire Personnel  
Travis Winden, resident

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### • September 20, 2016

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of September 20, 2016

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 112 16 Mayor: Update on the Braintree Police Department Evidence Room  
Mayor Sullivan was in attendance to address the report and ongoing investigation. Legal Counsel, Lisa Maki is in attendance along with Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director. Mayor Sullivan stated he wanted to acknowledge the obvious, that this is a tough time and test for us on how we move forward. He stated he is determined to learn from this painful experience. Mayor Sullivan stated he received a report that money, firearms and narcotics were missing. Mayor Sullivan contacted the DA's office. They have been a true partner and have helped guide Braintree through this. All but 12 firearms have been located. There were unaccounted for purges in 2009 and 2012. It is unclear at what level items were purged. The Department also identified some items to be at the state lab. Mayor Sullivan stated continue to work with the DA's office. Personnel matters cannot be commented on. We are determined to get to fact finding as soon as we can.

## CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 106 16 Council President: Citizen Concerns - Travis Winden

### Council President stated the **Town Council Rule Thirty: Citizen Participation at Council Meetings**

Individuals requesting time to address the Council under "Citizens Concerns/Council Response" shall make their request no later than 10:00 AM on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. Speakers shall limit the time for remarks to five (5) minutes. All items including but not limited to letters, written communications, reports or other materials being submitted from individuals addressing the Council must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office and to the Clerk of the Council no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday preceding the regular Council meeting.

The agenda will be prepared by the Clerk of the Council or his/her designee and the President. All matters to be brought before the Council shall be numbered by the Clerk of the Council or his/her designee at the time they are filed. Each item shall be numbered sequentially beginning with the first item filed in a calendar year.

Travis Winden came to the podium and stated his name and address as 25 Braintree Hill Park. His address to The Braintree Town Council on October 4, 2016 was the following:

*"Good evening Mr. President and the distinguished members of the council. My name is Travis Winden and I come before you as a very concerned citizen and resident of Braintree. I am both dismayed and angry with the Braintree Police for the lack of trust that our community now holds for them, and for the embarrassment and shame they have brought to our town.*

*The suffrage of our citizens has called Joe Sullivan to serve us as our Mayor, and with that comes privilege, a salary placing him in the top 15% of income earners in America and responsibility. A responsibility which he continues to shirk.*

*So what has our money and trust brought us...*

*A police chief that resigns in shame –on Joe Sullivan's watch!*

*Perhaps the largest evidence scandal in state history – on Joe Sullivan's watch!*

*Felons are having their convictions overturned and being put back on our streets – on Joe Sullivan's watch!*

*Our Deputy Chief, Wayne Foster has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the evidence probe, I suspect charges will be filed – on Joe Sullivan's watch!*

*Officer Susan Zopatti who was in charge of evidence storage, committed suicide after being questioned about the evidence probe – on Joe Sullivan’s watch!*

*But I rise not to talk about these egregious acts, but something even more troubling. – Is one of our citizens was gunned down by police, and somehow this is just getting swept under the rug, as Joe Sullivan does nothing.*

*On March 24, 2016 Officer William Cushing, Jr. killed a father of 5 year old set of twins. Ironically, he lived on Liberty Street, where his Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness was snuffed out by the heinous actions of this officer. Once again, on Joe Sullivan’s watch.*

*Now Joe Sullivan will tell you, a full and complete investigation was done by the State Police, I suspect that was dictation not investigation. Sent to the state crime lab (which is under federal investigation) for their rubber stamp, forward to District Attorney’s office, and based on questionable facts, he did not have enough to prosecute officer Cushing, even though this man was shot in the side and in the back according to the coroner. I don’t blame District Attorney Michael Morrissey, he acted on that questionable facts he was given.*

*I wrote a letter to the Mayor who refused to act to protect the people from Officer Cushing packing a .40 caliber gun with a badge on our streets. Officer Cushing needs to be terminated forthwith for our safety...if not, who among us is he going to kill next?*

*I don’t know why the Mayor won’t act, could be he is a shill of the police union or he owes somebody some political favor. He’s a very politic man and has even been heard saying that he basically owns the votes on the council. All of you should find that offensive, as I do. Tonight and in the coming days, I believe we’re going to send a strong message to Joe Sullivan and the police department that killing our citizens will not be tolerated.*

*If the Mayor won’t act, this body MUST!*

*I’ll put up with a lot of things, but I will not put up with police officers senselessly killing people with impunity. I say NOT IN MY NAME! Any citizen that sits back complacent, this killing is in your name.*

*I’m calling on the people of Braintree to stand with me and say, NOT IN OUR NAME!*

*You can contact me at [SaveBraintree@Gmail.com](mailto:SaveBraintree@Gmail.com) and together we can make a difference.*

*Thank you Mr. President and Members of the Council. Mr. President I’d like to request that a copy of my address and the information I’ve provided the council be spread out and included in the minutes.”*

*Respectfully Submitted  
Travis A. Winden, Ph.D.  
Concerned Citizen of Braintree  
[SaveBraintree@Gmail.com](mailto:SaveBraintree@Gmail.com)*

Council President Powers stated to Mr. Winden your statements do not match the facts.

Councilor Mullaney stated he had spoken to Mr. Winden in the past. Councilor Mullaney trusts the DA's office and their findings.

Mayor Sullivan came to the podium and stated he spent many hours sitting with and speaking to Mr. Winden. I went to that awful scene. There is no reason to dispute the work of the DA. Mayor Sullivan stated he supports the actions of Officer Cushing. He did not want to be put in this position.

Councilor Kokoros stated I take exception to the previous speaker, Mr. Winden. I am 100% behind Officer Cushing and the entire Police Department.

Councilor Hume stated I find the previous speaker, Mr. Winden very offensive. Thank you to the Police Department for doing the job you do every day to keep us safe.

106 16 Additonal Documentation submitted by Travis Winden:

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Travis A. Winden, Ph.D.  
[SaveBraintree@Gmail.com](mailto:SaveBraintree@Gmail.com)

A Citizen's Voice for a Clean, Safe and Respected Police Department:

*Now before anyone gets too far out in front of their skis, I do not hold public office, nor do I have any aspirations or intention to EVER do so --I will NEVER allow myself to be elected to public office! I have no "axe to grind" with the police department, nor have I had any official contact with them. I did not know either of the victims connected with the Braintree Police Department, i.e., Robert Dussourd, the victim of the officer involved shooting or the alleged suicide of Officer Zopattie, nor their friends or family. The only "dog I have in the fight" is truth & justice, and creating a safer and better community to live in. It is from this place I speak.*

The events of Ferguson, Missouri forever changed policing in this country and marked a major truing point in our nation's history. The light that shined from that one event (regardless of what side of this issue you are on), emanated to every comer of this country. Therein a statement was made that law enforcement can only police with the consent of the policed.

**Picking Our New Police Chief:** I've read the official "method or process" Braintree uses to select a new chief. A candidating process is used to narrow it down to three or so people, then a committee holds public hearings to make the final recommendations to the Mayor. What that process lacks is the right of the people to ask questions directly to the candidates; which is a MUST in an open and transparent society/government. If this is not done, no chief will ever be accepted by the people, as this person would be essentially shoved down the public's throat. The process used to pick our next chief best be open and transparent every step of the way with LOTS of community involvement.

## Restoring Public Trust and Forging Strong Community Bonds Through Massive Community Policing:

We must engage the public with massive and unprecedented community policing. We have a few good "programs" with youth, and I'm glad we do, but that falls so far short of what is required it would be like comparing an abacus to a supercomputer. Let me give you some examples of what has been done and contrast that with what needs to be done. One afternoon I took three photos I downloaded from the internet of Chief Jenkins (our outgoing Chief) dressed in plain clothes around to the managers and owners of many of the downtown businesses, and asked them if they could tell me who that man was. None of them could tell me on sight. I asked them if I told them his name was Russ Jenkins, if they could tell me then. Only two of them knew who he was. So much for the Chief being the face of *community policing*. One Saturday, I had occasion to be in South Shore Plaza where we have a permanent police detail and office. I asked every manager of the stores I went into if they knew any of the officers stationed at the mall. Not one of them could name any of them. Huge failure in *community policing* number two! We don't need a public relations officer as badly as we need every officer to understand that EVERY OFFICER IS A PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER! To that end, every officer has to be issued:

1. A department issued cell phone;
2. Business Cards with department & cell phone numbers, their public department email, twitter handle, department website, department Facebook, etc;

MASSIVE ACTION...There are approximately 12,625 households (doors) in Braintree. If we divided the 78 sworn officers in teams of two, assigned them specific areas and they knocked on 9 doors, introduced themselves, shook hands and left a card letting the person know that if it's an emergency dial911, but if they need some other kind of assistance, call them directly. If we just did that, we'd have every door in the town visited every 90 days...that's how you build trust and respect in a community. That's real community policing in action! We do this and the people will stand with and for these officers.

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS: Just as in the above residential door-to-door approach, we must also go business to business and introduce our officers, leave a card and listen to concerns. Our officers should be the pride of Braintree; let's take them out and get them know!

Web Presence and Social Media: I am far from an expert in this subject, but I know we are doing a terrible job in this area. We need to have our police website redone and need to have a robust Twitter, Facebook & Snapchat.

**We MUST Train Our Officers Differently:** Our officers need to be trained to deescalate situations, not inflame them. This IS NOT HAPPENING!!! Our officers are "wound too tight." As some proof of that, we need not go much further than your officers killing a man last March; a man who did not have a gun, but was armed only with a knife. I had a Sensei in Aikido who was a fifth degree black belt (we lost him to cancer, an opponent he did not defeat) that could disarm anyone with a knife with relative ease in a matter of seconds. In fact, if someone pulled a gun on him from a distance of less than 15-20 feet away, he would have been feeding it to them. Thankfully, he was not a violent man. Most serious second year martial arts students could have done the same with an attacker with a knife. Three professionally trained, full-time Braintree police officers, with a trained K9, were too inept and poorly trained to remove a knife from that man's hand, and had to kill him with a firearm.

While eating lunch one day, I had occasion to talk to one of your officers about the use of lethal force after this March shooting. I asked him, specifically, "Why aren't the legs targeted instead of the body?" He explained that with the excitement and adrenalin of the situation, when deadly force is necessary, the academy teaches them to shoot the largest target, i.e., the body. Let's not teach them as professionals to remain calm, rational, and levelheaded, let's teach them to kill people...NOT IN MY NAME! These officers carry semi-automatic weapons; if they can't take out someone's legs, they need a lot more time on the range and a lot more training. The officer went on to say "at the end of my shift I'm going home" with a pretty cavalier attitude about who he had to hurt, maim, or kill to do that. Clearly wound too tightly.

**Employ Non-Lethal Methods for Subduing and Apprehending:** While we do some of this, more emphasis needs to be placed on this training. If someone points a gun at a police officer, I'm the first one to side with the officer for using lethal force if he/she feels it is required. However, our officers are not armed with Tazers (I understand that is not a do all, be all, cure all, but they do help police and save lives). But in addition to Tazers being standard issue for all officers, I would like Braintree to become the first department in the United States to chamber all rubber or plastic bullets in the first clip for every officer...Let's lead the nation! If they are caused to reload or if they are actually taking fire a clip of standard rounds could be easily switched in a matter of seconds. It should be noted that plastic bullets were developed by the Israeli security forces, some of the best in the world.

If police keep shooting and killing with disregard for the value of human life, people will shoot back. Rubber or plastic bullets seems like a much preferred alternative to burying one (or more) of our police officers. Also, if cops know they are chambering rubber or plastic bullets it might cause them to use their head and deescalate the situation instead of playing God and killing someone. Our officers have to understand that there is always a family fixed within their guns' sights, they need to stop and ask themselves, "What if this was my family?" If it was their wife and children in those sights, would they pull the trigger?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Travis A. Winden, Ph.D.  
Concerned Citizen of Braintree

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Powers referred to Chairman Mullaney for the Committee on the Department of Public Works recommendations. Chairman Mullaney stated all but 16 048 were voted for favorable recommendation to the full Council per Staff Recommendations of BELD and DPW:

- 16 046 National Grid Petition: Audubon Avenue or take up any action relative thereto  
**Audubon Avenue, install and maintain approximately 195 feet of 2 inch gas main from existing house at #37, westerly to the end of the main at #25 Audubon Avenue. All of which to replace and abandon the existing two inch gas main in Audubon Avenue.**

BELD: No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: Audubon Avenue is not under moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 047 National Grid Petition: Glenrose Avenue or take up any action relative thereto

**Glenrose Avenue, install and maintain approximately 1005 feet of 2 inch gas main from existing house at #15, easterly to the existing main at #82 Audubon Avenue, to the existing 2' gas main at #103. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 1 ½" inch gas mains in Glenrose Avenue.**

BELD: BELD has a 13,800 volt underground system on the North side of the road extending to Vinedale. This is a concrete encased ductbank to be identified through the Digsafe process.

DPW: Glenrose Avenue is not under moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control

signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 048 National Grid Petition: Washington Street or take up any action relative thereto

**Washington Street, install and maintain approximately 320 feet of 2 inch gas main in Washington Street, from the existing 2 inch main at Jefferson Street, southerly to the existing main at Hancock Street. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in Washington Street. .**

BELD: BELD has a 13,800 volt underground system on Washington St extending from Hancock St to Pond Street. This is a concrete encased ductbank to be identified through the Digsafe process.

DPW: This section of Washington Street is under the moratorium. The street was reconstructed in 2015. We would recommend that the petition for this section only be granted with conditions specified in the moratorium. We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to TABLE 16 048

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 049 National Grid Petition: South Street, Woodedge Ave & Woodedge Lane or take up any action relative thereto

**South Street, install and maintain approximately 475 feet of 4 inch gas main from the existing house 2 inch gas main at house #15, southerly to the existing 4 inch gas main at Woodedge Avenue, and approximately 745 feet of 2 inch gas main in Woodedge Avenue, from the existing 4 inch main at South Street, westerly to the end of the main at house #55, and approximately 200 feet more or less of 2 inch gas main in Woodedge Lane, from the proposed 2 inch gas main in Woodedge Road, southerly to the end of the main at #1. All of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas mains in South Street, Woodedge Avenue, and Woodedge Lane.**

BELD: No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work

DPW: These three streets are not under moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the

trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor’s engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 050 National Grid Petition: Hawthorn Road or take up any action relative thereto

**Hawthorn Road, to install and maintain approximately 1040 feet of 2 inch gas main in Hawthorn Road. From the existing 2 inch main at Washington Street, southerly to the existing 2 inch gas main at Home Park Road. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing 2” gas main in Hawthorn Road.**

BELD: No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: Hawthorn Road is not under the moratorium. We’d recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor’s engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 051 National Grid Petition: Claremont Street or take up any action relative thereto

**Claremont Street, to install and maintain approximately 740 feet of 2 inch gas main in Claremont Street. From the existing 1 1/2 inch main at Liberty Street, easterly to the end of the main at #46 Lincoln Street, Aldridge Elementary School. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing 1 ½ and 2” gas mains in Claremont Street.**

BELD: No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work

DPW: Claremont Street is not under the moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

16 052 National Grid Petition: Townsend Avenue or take up any action relative thereto

**Townsend Avenue, install and maintain approximately 150 feet of 2 inch gas main in Townsend Avenue, from the existing main at Middle Street, westerly to the end of the main at house #55. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing 1 ½" and 2" gas mains in Townsend Avenue.**

BELD: Townsend Avenue; Please note, BELD has a 115,000 volt oil filled transmission line located on Cleveland Ave at the end of the proposed scope of work. BELD Engineering should be notified in advance of any excavation to be performed in close proximity to this line. BELD will provide on-site support and safety personnel at no cost to the project.

DPW: Townsend Avenue is not under the moratorium. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## NEW BUSINESS

113 16 Councilor Mullaney: RESOLUTION

Councilor Mullaney stated his concerns to have Chief Jenkins not retire.

*"I am disappointed the Chief Jenkins and Deputy Chief, Wayne Foster will not be in charge.*

*Chief Russel Jenkins implemented changes to the Evidence Room by installing a video camera in January, 2015. He also installed an electronic key to record all those that entered. I have been told that Chief Jenkins consulted the Braintree Human Resources division in regard to the employee in charge of the evidence room and the advice received was always followed.*

*I have reason to believe after conversations with Deputy Chief Wayne Foster and Mayor Sullivan that when the vacant position became available the union contract required that the person be selected based on seniority. Therefore, the Chief had little say in who would fill the position.*

*I have read in the newspapers that Chief Frazier attempted to fire the employee in question and that his efforts were rebuffed.*

*In researching the internet regarding the problems of police evidence rooms, I have discovered that throughout Massachusetts there have been problems for over 25 years.*

*Mayor Sullivan meets with Department heads every Wednesday.*

*Braintree has an auditor and retains Powers and Sullivan for an annual audit every year. Reports are always positive. The Council must make a greater effort to encourage our auditors to search and review for any similar situations in Braintree. Once the Evidence room is organized, the Council must have some kind of oversight.*

*I believe that supervisory law enforcement officials from outside the Town of Braintree should make quarterly visits to insure that all is being run efficiently and effectively.*

*In my research regarding the Evidence room scandals, the writer queried, "Why does this continue to happen?" The answer is "because nobody is watching."*

*Chief Russell Jenkins requested the audit. Had had not done this there would be no scandal. In quoting an old question – **If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?**" If Chief Jenkins had not requested the audit, would everything be okay.*

*I believe that the Union should accept mandatory random drug testing with the condition that the employee not be fired until the third violation. We should work together to insure the safety and health of the employee.*

*Success has many fathers but failure is an orphan. Russell Jenkins and Wayne Foster did a good job running the Braintree Police Department and they should have been allowed to institute changes to correct the problems. This is not my say. I will support the new appointments but encourage oversight from the Council Auditors and the Norfolk District Attorney staff.*

*I have little influence in the decision making of Braintree and for that reason, tonight I am announcing that I will not run for reelection as District 2 Town Councilor."*

Councilor Kokoros stated he would like to propose a Resolution to recognize Chief Russell Jenkins.  
A Resolution to Recognize Chief Russell Jenkins:

The Braintree Town Council hereby recognizes Chief Russell Jenkins for his 34 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Braintree Police Department and the Town of Braintree.

Furthermore, Chief Jenkins created a strong bond with the community through social media and public events. The Braintree Town Council thanks Chief Russell Jenkins for his loyal service to our Town and wish him a long and happy retirement.

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ryan referred the following Orders to the Committee on Ways & Means:

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

- 16 053 Mayor: Appointment Board of Health - Laurie Melchionda or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 054 Mayor: Appointment Conservation Commission - Joyce Albrecht or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 055 Mayor: Appointment Community Preservation Committee - Thomas Whalen or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 056 Mayor: Appointment Department of Public Works Director – James Arsenault or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 057 Mayor: Federal Port Security Grant Matching Funds Capital Request or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

**Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, October 18, 2016@ 7:30pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

## Documents provided for Meeting

- 16 046 National Grid Petition: Audubon Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 047 National Grid Petition: Glenrose Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 048 National Grid Petition: Washington Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 049 National Grid Petition: South Street, Woodedge Ave & Woodedge Lane or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 050 National Grid Petition: Hawthorn Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 051 National Grid Petition: Claremont Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 052 National Grid Petition: Townsend Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 053 Mayor: Appointment Board of Health - Laurie Melchionda or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 054 Mayor: Appointment Conservation Commission - Joyce Albrecht or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 055 Mayor: Appointment Community Preservation Committee - Thomas Whalen or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 056 Mayor: Appointment Department of Public Works Director – James Arsenault or take up any action relative thereto
- 16 057 Mayor: Federal Port Security Grant Matching Funds Capital Request or take up any action relative thereto
- 113 16 Councilor Mullaney: RESOLUTION
- 106 16 Travis Winden, Ph.D. additional DOCUMENT - “A Citizen’s Voice for a Clean, Safe and Respected Police Department” (see attached)