

Sean E. Powers  
President  
At Large

Shannon L. Hume  
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros  
District 1

John C. Mullaney  
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes  
District 3



Charles B. Ryan  
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 22, 2017

### MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Monday, May 22, 2017 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  
Charles Kokoros  
John Mullaney  
Stephen C. O'Brien  
Michael Owens

Not Present: Shannon Hume

Also Present: Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff  
Ed Spellman, Finance Director  
Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
Christine Stickney, Planning & Community Development Director  
Dan Sullivan, Town Auditor

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 4, 2017

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve minutes of April 4, 2017

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

- April 24, 2017

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to Approve minutes of April 24, 2017

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

- 035 17 Council President: Motel 6 or take up any action relative thereto

Motel 6 is voluntarily shutting down

Councilor Owens stated I attended the Board of Health hearing. I understand the license process. I sent a letter of support to have Motel 6 close. There is a lack of investment from Motel 6. It has been allowed to be a discount center that gets a criminal element.

Councilor Kokoros stated the Mayor has done due diligence to protect residents, police officers and safety personnel. We should draft a letter from the Council. We should recommend Motel 6 have its license revoked on June 13. I feel this is complete disrespect from Motel 6 to not even have an attorney for them attend this meeting.

Councilor Bowes stated at Motel 6 they now take copies of photo id's and only accepts payment by credit card. There is no place here for Motel 6. I agree we should draft a letter at a future meeting.

Councilor Ryan stated we are here for the long-term to get the right results. The Board of Health is the board to get on this.

Councilor Mullaney stated I would want a unified letter with the Mayor and careful with the process we use. We should consider Ordinances with repeat offenders and formulate fines for anyone who attracts these types.

Councilor Clifford stated Robert Devin was shot there years ago now Officer Delaney was shot through the door. This should not happen.

Councilor O'Brien stated this is a legal process that is on-going. It is wise to refrain from comment. We will address the situation appropriately.

Council President Powers stated Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> a shooting took place at Motel 6. An officer was involved. There is no place for this type of place in our community. An attack on one of our officers is an attack on all of us. There are Ordinances being reviewed to hold hotels and motels accountable for what happens on their sights.

## **OLD BUSINESS (Public Hearings:)**

- **17 022 Mayor: Line Item Transfers to Fund the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 1395, State Council 93, (AFSCME) Collective Bargaining Agreement or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 022

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 022?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O'Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O'Brien stated this was discussed at the Committee on Ways & Means and unanimously voted for favorable action to the Full Council.

Council President Powers ask if there is any other discussion on Order 17 022?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 022

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Ryan read the Motion:

That the Town vote to amend the wage and salary classification schedules, as most recently amended by appropriating the sum of \$84,931.81 for the purpose of funding a wage increase and other items as detailed in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 1395, State Council 93,(AFSCME) effective July 1, 2016, and for this purpose, the sum of \$84,931.81 be transferred from the Finance Department /Program 01 Administration /9C Reserve Account and further, that the Director of Municipal Finance is authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various accounts affected thereby in such amounts as are proper and required.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

• **17 024 Mayor: Appropriation for Community Preservation Committee to Fund Update of Open Space and Recreational Plan or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 024

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 024?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O'Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O'Brien stated this was discussed at the Committee on Ways & Means and unanimously voted for favorable action to the Full Council.

Council President Powers ask if there is any other discussion on Order 17 024?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 024

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Ryan read the Motion:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, appropriate \$12,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act

Open Space Fund for the purpose of funding an update of the Braintree Open Space and Recreational Plan (2017). Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and by the Director of Planning and Community Development.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Hume)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

Councilor Ryan read the following Motions for referrals to committee(s):

### **Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules**

- 17 031 Council President: Creation of an Annual Council Award, The Lt. Principe & Sgt. Decross Police Officer's Award for Distinguished Service or take up any action relative thereto

**MOTION:**

REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE & RULES Order 17 031.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Hume)

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

- 17 030 Comcast Petition: Wood Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 032 Resident Petition: 66 Spruce Street or take up any action relative thereto

**MOTION:**

REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Order 17 030 and 17 032.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Hume)

### **Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means**

- 17 033 Mayor: South Middle School Modular Classrooms Bond Authorization or take up any action relative thereto

**MOTION:**

REFER TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS & MEANS Order 17 033.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Hume)

## **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**

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- 17 024 Mayor: Appropriation for Community Preservation Committee to Fund Update of Open Space and Recreational Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 033 Mayor: South Middle School Modular Classrooms Bond Authorization or take up any action relative thereto