

MINUTES OF THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL
Council Chambers, Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall

March 4, 2008

Present: Leland A. Dingee, President
Charles B. Ryan, Vice-President
Harold J. Randolph
Charles C. Kokoros
John C. Mullaney
Thomas M. Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald E. DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Also Present: Kathy Brean, Assistant Town Clerk

Council President Dingee called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Councilors who were present answered to a roll call. Councilor Kokoros arrived at 7:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Braintree Fund for Education

Council Vice-President Ryan stated that the Braintree Fund for Education will sponsor an evening of entertainment on Friday, March 14, at Florian Hall in Dorchester from 7:30 p.m. until midnight.

Councilor Bowes congratulated the Braintree High School girls' hockey team for making it to the State quarter finals this season.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting – February 26, 2008

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2008

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: 8-0-1 (Councilor Kokoros was not present for the vote)

SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUEST

08-025 From Office of the Mayor – Class Action Suit distribution to Thayer Public Library. Town Council vote to authorize Council President to execute the acceptance on behalf of the Council.

Council President Dingee received a letter from the Mayor regarding Library Compact Disc Antitrust Litigation. President Dingee read Mayor Sullivan's 2/28/08 letter.

Council Vice-President Ryan read Order No. 08-025, Library Compact Disc Antitrust Litigation: The Thayer Public Library Director has requested that the Town of Braintree through the Braintree Town Council accept a cash distribution of at least \$300.00 as a settlement reached in an antitrust case brought against certain music companies and retailers. This distribution is to be used exclusively for music related programs or projects at the library. Also, that the Town Council's vote to include an authorization for the President to execute the acceptance on behalf of the Council.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to authorize Council President Dingee to execute the acceptance on behalf of the Council.

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

D.P.W. Committee: Council Vice-President Ryan has informed Mr. Morin about the Council's discussion regarding the road repair program. Council Vice-President Ryan asked Mr. Morin if the D.P.W. Committee could meet with the Town Engineer and D.P.W. Director to discuss this issue. Mr. Morin requested that they be given some time to get the lists together and updated and he will contact Council Vice-President Ryan to set up a meeting date.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

08-024 - Mayor's appointments to committees per recommendations by

the Ways and Means Committee at Council Meeting:

- a) Planning Board
- b) Zoning Board of Appeals
- c) Board of Assessors

Council President Dingee stated that the Ways and Means Committee met on Monday evening, March 3, to conduct interviews of the Mayor's five applicants for the Planning Board.

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, stated that the Mayor nominated Robert Harnais, James Eng, Darryl Mikami, Linda Cusick Woodman and Joseph Reynolds to the Planning Board. The members of the Ways and Means Committee agreed that it was an impressive group not only because of their education, but also because of their background, skills and diversity. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously approved these nominations at their meeting on March 3.

MOTION: by Councilor Mullaney to accept the Planning Board appointments of the following individuals: Robert Harnais, James Eng, Darryl Mikami, Linda Cusick Woodman and Joseph Reynolds.

SECOND: by Councilor Kokoros

Council President Dingee thanked all the volunteer Planning Board members who have served in the past.

Council Vice-President Ryan thanked the newly appointed Planning Board members for volunteering to serve their community.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept the Planning Board appointments

NEW BUSINESS

South Shore Plaza Information

Council Vice-President Ryan distributed some literature to the Councilors regarding the South Shore Plaza. He received the literature when he and Councilor Joyce attended a meeting with people from Nordstroms, Simon Malls and their engineers. He asked that the literature be kept confidential in the interim period.

Council President Dingee asked if the information would be discussed by the full Council at a later time. Vice-President Ryan responded yes.

Councilor Kokoros met with the Granite Park Association and will be meeting with the North Braintree Civic Association. The North Braintree Civic Association would like to meet with other Councilors who touch upon the area of the South Shore Plaza.

Braintree Business Council Meeting

Councilor Clifford and some of the other Councilors attended the Braintree Business Council meeting that was held today. Mayor Sullivan was the Guest Speaker and Councilor Clifford reported on some of the topics that Mayor Sullivan spoke about.

ESTABLISH DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Bowes is planning to hold a Public Safety Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Thorpe
Recording Secretary