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District 3

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District 4

RONALD DENAPOLI  
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

September 23, 2008

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, September 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Council President Dingee was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

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

Also Present: Carolyn Murray, Town Solicitor  
Harold Randolph Cooper, National Grid  
Sandra Baler-Segal  
Marie Horgan

There was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Vice-Chairman Ryan read the new fall leaf pickup policy; Saturday only collections.

Councilor Kokoros left the auditorium.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Councilor Joyce provided information on upcoming Braintree Babe Ruth activities.
- Councilor Bowes informed residents of an upcoming open meeting he will hold on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at the Braintree Yacht Club to discuss various issues impacting District 3. In addition, Councilor Bowes provided information on a public safety training program that is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> for school bus drivers and school crossing guards.
- Councilor Clifford informed condo owners that effective October 1<sup>st</sup> they would have access to the Semass Transfer Station. Detailed information would be forthcoming. In addition, Councilor Clifford provided information on an event at the Council of Aging and at the Highland School.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **August 23, 2008**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to accept minutes

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Council Action**

### **Special Committee on Personnel Issues: Chairman John Mullaney**

- Advertising Town Auditor Position

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended that the position be advertised immediately so that the position could be filled by the first of the year.

Councilor Clifford pointed out a misspelled word on the draft document and asked that it be corrected.

**Motion:** by Councilor Mullaney to approve

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

**Committee on Ways & Means: Chairman John Mullaney**

• **08 052 Mayor: Notice of Appointment – Insurance Advisory Committee**

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended the appointment of Vincent Joyce as the retiree representative to the Insurance Advisory Committee.

**Motion:** by Councilor Mullaney to approve appointment

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

• **08 053 Mayor: Acceptance of G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 19 (Group Insurance Commission)**

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

**Motion:** by Councilor Mullaney to approve

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

• **08 054 Mayor: Request for Re-Appropriation and Supplemental Appropriation (\$425,536)**

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to open public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

Council Vice-President Ryan read the prepared motion as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

**Discussion:** Council None/Public None

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to close public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as read

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** For (8); Against (0); Did Not Vote (1) Kokoros

Councilor Kokoros returned to the auditorium.

- **08 055 Mayor: FY08 Unpaid Bills (\$11,193)**

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as read

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

- **08 056 Mayor: Requests for Supplemental Appropriations (\$33,617.05)**

Chairman Mullaney reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on all five requests.

**Request #1: Department 438 – Department of Public Works/Water Division (\$15,000)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Request #2: Department 438 – Department of Public Works/Water Division (\$8,408.40)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Request #3: Department 438 – Department of Public Works/Administration (\$4,204.20)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Request #4: Department 153 – Human Resources Department/Veterans Division (\$3,336.74)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Request #5: Department 438 – Department of Public Works/Administration (\$2,667.71)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the August 28, 2008 memo from Mayor Sullivan

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Committee on the Department of Public Works: Chairman Charles Ryan**

• **08 057 National Grid: Petition to install gas line service – Elliot Street**

Chairman Ryan reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to open public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

Council Vice-President Ryan read the petition of NationalGrid “To install and maintain approximately 125 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Elliot Street, Braintree. From the existing 2inch gas main in Elliot Street @ House No. 55 Southerly to House No. 60, 100 feet of ½ inch of gas to service No. 60.”

**Discussion:** Public: Harold Randolph Cooper, representative of NationalGrid, explained that the homeowner of 60 Elliot Street has requested gas service. Sandra Baler-Segal stated she was not against the project but wanted to express her concern regarding construction impacts to the adjoining streets.

Council: Councilor Clifford suggested that NationalGrid distribute residents a flyer which highlight the timetable of the work to be performed as well as provide a hotline for residents to call.

Councilor Kokoros requested that NationalGrid work with the residents to ensure that driveways are not blocked.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to close public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to approve as printed in the NatioalGrid petition with the comments of Councilor Clifford and Councilor Kokoros included in the order.

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Committee of Ways & Means

- 08 058 Mayor: Recreation Advisory Commission
- 08 059 Mayor: FY08 Unpaid Bills – Waste Management (\$47,008)
- 08 060 Mayor: Reserve Fund Transfer – Dennis K. Burke (\$12,870)

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to refer Orders 08 058 through 08 060 to Committee of Ways & Means

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 08 061 Mayor: Sewer Easement: Sherbrook Avenue

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to refer Order 08 061 to Committee on the Department of Public Works

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

Committee on Ordinance and Rules

- OR 08 001 Resident: Proposed Amendment: Table of Principal Uses – Business Uses Under Zoning By-Laws

**Motion:** by Councilor Randolph to refer Order OR 08 001 to Committee on Ordinance & Rules

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

Special Committee on Personnel Issues

- PI 08 001 Councilor Clifford: Employee Reviews/Goals & Objectives

**Motion:** by Councilor Randolph to refer Order PI 08 001 to Committee on Personnel Issues

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Discussion:** Councilor Joyce wanted to be sure that all employees reporting to the Council are included.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Other Issues

Councilor DeNapoli reported that a resident had problem making full payment of their water/sewer bill and the Water/Sewer Department would not accept partial payment. He asked if anything could be done to assist this resident. The Council President directed the Clerk of the Council to look into the issue.

Councilor Mullaney reported that residents living across from the old “What’s Cooking” establishment are concerned with traffic issues and the hours of operation of the new pizza shop that will be going into this location.

**Motion:** by Councilor Mullaney to refer to Committee on Public Safety

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney reported that Elm Lawn Road was not on the 100 Road Project List and residents wanted to find out when Elm Lawn Road would be resurfaced.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to refer to Committee on the Department of Public Works

**Second:** by Councilor Mullaney

**Vote:** Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros reported that there has been an ongoing noise issue with a commercial property alongside the Regis Road neighborhood. He would like to see what can be done to address this issue.

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Ordinance and Rules.

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council