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At Large

Charles B. Ryan
At Large

Julia Camille Flaherty
District 1

Steven A. Sciascia
District 2

Donna L. Connors
District 3



David M. Ringius, Jr.
Vice-President
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Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Meredith L. Boericke
District 5

Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 beginning at 7:32p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Shannon Hume, President
David M. Ringius, Jr., Vice-President
Charles Ryan
Julia Camille Flaherty
Steven A. Sciascia
Donna L. Connors
Stephen C. O'Brien
Meredith L. Boericke
Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.

Others: Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor
Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor
Ed Spellman, Director of Finance
Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools
James Casey, Town Clerk
Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director
Thomas Devin, School Committee Chair
Jennifer Dolan, School Committee member
Kelly Cobb-Lemire, School Committee member
Stephen Leary, Assistant to the Mayor
Kate Naughton, Services Coordinator
Henry Joyce, former Council member
Timothy Carey, former Council member
Lisa Heger, former School Committee member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Hume stated Mayor Kokoros will be making a statement this evening. This was not anticipated therefore it was not on the agenda. There will be no questions or comments after his statement. The items of topic will be referred later this evening to the Committee of Ways & Means and there will be time at the next Ways & Means for questions, comments and conversations can take place.

Mayor Kokoros stated he wanted to give an introduction to the recent announcement of Debt Exclusion. Which will be referred to committee. I have done an analysis on the Operating Budget even before I was elected Mayor. The only fiscally responsible way is to do a Debt Exclusion. This will incorporate other items. I have gone through every school from the boiler rooms to the roof and found issues that need to be addressed. These roofs are at Hollis, Liberty, Flaherty, Morrison, Highlands and Monatiquot. School security enhancement is included in this. The High School is also quite aged and needs some attention. We are including a BHS feasibility study also. There would be a temporary tax increase to the average homeowner of approximately \$190.99 per year. In the way the funding is set up it would reduce in years 6 through 10 to \$175.91 and then down to \$170.88 and in the final years \$150.78. After it was paid off it would be gone unlike an over-ride exclusion which is much different. I made a commitment to make capital improvements in this Town. This is not only a way to fund capital improvements on the schools but also allows us some flexibility on other municipal buildings that we need to pay attention to as well. The vote Town Council takes on February 4, 2020 once it goes through committee doesn't necessarily say you support or oppose the Debt Exclusion this just gives the residents the opportunity to take a vote and better the school system and better the town as a whole. We are looking to have a Ballot Question on March 28, 2020. I have been working on this since the day after I was elected and working on a new South Middle School and making sure the funding was there. MSBA will also be giving us \$30 plus million dollars to fund this project. It is very valuable and important.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 19, 2019

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Minutes of November 19, 2019

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O'Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 055 19 Council President: 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar Rev. 2 (discussion/vote)
Council President Hume stated everyone has a copy of the 2020 Council Meeting Calendar. Are there any questions or comments from members?

Council President Hume asked for a Motion to approve the 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar.
A Motion was made by Councilor Ringius to approve the 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O'Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

- 001 20 Council President: 2020-2021 Committee Assignments

Council President Hume stated everyone has received a copy of the 2020-2021 Committee Assignments.

Copies are also on the Town Council webpage of Committee Assignments and Council Meeting Calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

- **19 043 Mayor: Authorization to Fund South Middle School or take up any action relative thereto**
(Withdrawn)

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 043

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 043

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 19 043

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume asked for a recommendation from the Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means. Councilor Boericke stated the committee met earlier this evening and Order 19 043 has been WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: That the Town appropriate the amount of Eighty-Six Million Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$86,585,919) for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new South Middle School, to be located behind the existing South Middle School at 232 Peach Street in Braintree, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and ninety-six hundredths percent (53.96%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the

MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Order 19 043 has been WITHDRAWN. No further action is required.

• **19 044 Mayor: To Approve the purchase and resale of an affordable-housing unit at Turtle Crossing and the expenditure of funds for that purpose or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 044

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 044

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 19 044

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 19 044

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume asked for a recommendation from the Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means. Councilor Boericke stated the committee met earlier this evening and this update is from John Goldrosen, Assistant Town Solicitor: Regarding Order 19 044:

“I have asked for an update from the homeowner’s attorneys (who are trying to work out an agreement with the lender that would make it unnecessary for the Town to be involved). According to the attorneys the foreclosure has been postponed until Feb. 21, to allow more time for negotiations with the lender. Please continue 19 044 until the next Town Council meeting (Feb. 4), and hopefully by then we’ll know whether it needs to be acted on, or withdrawn.”

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE the Public Hearing for Order 19 044 to February 4, 2020 at 7:30pm

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 19 044 to February 4, 2020 at 7:30pm

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume asked if there is a Motion to TABLE Order 19 049, Order 20 003 and Order 20 004 at this time until all other Business is complete this evening.

- **19 049 Town Clerk: Call of the Election - Presidential Primary, March 3, 2020 or take up any action relative thereto (placeholder for January 2020 vote)**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE Order 19 049 at this time

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 19 049 at this time

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **20 003 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Site and Hours or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE Order 20 003 at this time

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 20 003 at this time

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **20 004 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Central Tabulation Facility or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE Order 20 004 at this time

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 20 004 at this time

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **19 050 Mayor: CPA Fund Appropriation – All Souls 2019 Preservation and Restoration Project or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Council President asked if there was a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 19 050

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume asked for a recommendation from the Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means. Councilor Boericke stated the committee met earlier this evening and Order 19 050 was discussed. Christine Stickney as well as members of All Souls Church were present. We have unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council. This is one of three Braintree properties listed in the register of historical places. We have the opportunity to be sure this building remains one of our towns historic buildings. The money is from the Community Preservation Fund to restore aspects of the church that are critical to its architectural integrity.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 19 050?

Council President asked if there is anyone else wishing to speak? Hearing none.

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 19 050

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 19 050

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

MOTION: That in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 44B of the General Laws, and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, the appropriation of \$65,000.00 from the Historic Resource Fund for the All Souls 2019 Preservation and Restoration Project of the historic church structure located at the corner of Church and Elm Street (Map 2025 Plots 34 & 35) and as listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Said funds are to be expended conditional the following 1) A signed Community Preservation Grant Agreement and 2) that All Souls Church receives state funding under the Massachusetts Historical Commission – Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund for the project.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 19 050

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

• **20 002 Mayor: Transfer Funds from the Human Resources Salary Reserve or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Hume asked for a recommendation from the Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means. Councilor Boericke stated the committee met earlier this evening and Order 20 002 was discussed. This is for the transfer of funds from the Human Resource Salary Reserve to fund the 3 union contracts. The vote was for a favorable recommendation to the full Council and a vote of 5 to 0 on all three motions.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 002?

Council President asked if there is anyone else wishing to speak? Hearing none is there a Motion.

Councilor Ringius read the following Motion(s):

1. **MOTION:** That the Town vote to amend the wage and salary classification schedules, as most recently amended by **transferring** the sum of \$73,811.90 for the purpose of funding a wage increase and other items as detailed in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Braintree Police Officers Association (BPOA) effective July 1, 2019, and for this purpose, the sum of \$73,811.90 be transferred from the Human Resources/ Program 04 – Employee Benefits/ Benefits Reserve 5179 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. In anticipation of approval of these agreements, funds were appropriated to a salary reserve account in the previously approved Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 002 (1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Councilor O’Brien stated I will not vote for this. I do not agree with 2-3-2 increases relative to what the Mayor had stated. When we approved the budget money was allocated but a 2-3-2 for all these unions was not.

Councilor Ryan stated I will be supporting this, all three of these motions. We have many unions in the town and collective bargaining agreements have already been negotiated in good faith with the management of this town and the leaders of those unions and were given a 2-3-2 raise. It is appropriate for this body to approve this request at this time.

Councilor Ringius stated I too will be supporting all three. Other unions have received this 2-3-2 and tonight the agreements will be dealing with the Braintree Police Officers Association, Braintree Police Superior Officers Association and AFSCME. When these are negotiated we do so in fairness of all employees and we should recognize the work they put in. This is fair and equitable. I will be supporting all three tonight.

Councilor Ryan stated as just mentioned these are Police Department unions and I think we can say we support but tonight we vote on whether we support the Police Department or not. This is a very big way to do that. I will be voting for this positively.

Councilor O’Brien stated just to make it clear I support our Police Department and I think I have proven that with increases they have received in the budget on an annual basis as well as the expansion of the police forces while I have been in this seat.

2. **MOTION:** That the Town vote to amend the wage and salary classification schedules, as most recently amended by **transferring** the sum of \$118,783.22 for the purpose of funding a wage increase and other items as detailed in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Braintree Police Superior Officers Association (BPSOA) effective July 1, 2019, and for this purpose, the sum of \$118,783.22 be transferred from the Human Resources/ Program 04 – Employee Benefits/ Benefits Reserve 5179 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. In anticipation of approval of these agreements, funds were appropriated to a salary reserve account in the previously approved Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 002 (2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

3. **MOTION:** That the Town vote to amend the wage and salary classification schedules, as most recently amended by **transferring** the sum of \$119,607.00 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 (AFSCME) effective July 1, 2019, and for this purpose, the sum of \$119,607.00 be transferred from the Human Resources/ Program 04 – Employee Benefits/ Benefits Reserve 5179 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. In anticipation of approval of these agreements, funds were appropriated to a salary reserve account in the previously approved Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 002 (3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Councilor Ringius read the following Motion(s) for referral to the Committee of Ways & Means:

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 20 005 Mayor: Authorization to fund South Middle School subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 005 Mayor: Authorization to fund South Middle School subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Mackin made a statement that giving residents only two months to make a decision on this debt exclusion is disappointing to say the least. The overall plans for new Middle Schools started over 3 years ago. The overall scope of South Middle School expanded in 2019. The \$86 million proposal was submitted. It should have been evident that there was no way the town could pay for this project within the towns existing revenue. At that time a Debt Exclusion should have been considered. It was stated in the paper the former Mayor would use existing revenue and not seek a Debt Exclusion. In October 2019 Order 19 043 was submitted. Tonight Order 19 043 withdrawn.

- 20 006 Mayor: Authorization to fund the replacement of roofs at the following schools: Highlands, Flaherty, Hollis, Liberty, Monatiquot and Morrison subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 006 Mayor: Authorization to fund the replacement of roofs at the following schools: Highlands, Flaherty, Hollis, Liberty, Monatiquot and Morrison subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor O’Brien stated for the residents to know we are not voting on these right now. We are only sending them to committee.

- 20 007 Mayor: Authorization to fund a feasibility study with respect to the redevelopment of Braintree High School, to be located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 007 Mayor: Authorization to fund a feasibility study with respect to the redevelopment of Braintree High School, to be located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor O’Brien stated for the Committee of Ways & Means when they begin deliberating this that this feasibility study has been turned down by the MSBA twice. Without MSBA involved we might be on the hook for the entire redevelopment of BHS.

Council President Hume mentioned the School Department has submitted a Statement of Interest on that. We do not know what the MSBA will say but it has been submitted.

- 20 008 Mayor: Authorization to fund the enhancement of security measures throughout the school system subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 008 Mayor: Authorization to fund the enhancement of security measures throughout the school system subject to and contingent on an affirmative vote of the Town in favor of a debt exclusion or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor O’Brien stated recently the state released funds for security and BPS received \$78,754 according to the Mass.gov website.

Councilor Ringius stated this is just a referral to W&M. There was money authorized for security measures but this additional funds would bring each school up in security measures that would deem them safe in the society we now live in. This is an important discussion to have.

Councilor O’Brien stated I would recommend bringing in those who “man” the security cameras and be sure they are monitored securely.

- 20 009 Mayor: Approval for the calling of debt exclusion ballot questions at a special election or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 009 Mayor: Approval for the calling of debt exclusion ballot questions at a special election or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 010 Mayor: Authorization to appropriate funds from the Braintree School Building Authority capital stabilization fund or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 010 Mayor: Authorization to appropriate funds from the Braintree School Building Authority capital stabilization fund or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 011 Superintendent of Schools: Authorization to submit Statements of Interest Forms for consideration by the Massachusetts School Building Authority for replacement of school roofs or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 011 Superintendent of Schools: Authorization to submit Statements of Interest Forms for consideration by the Massachusetts School Building Authority for replacement of school roofs or take up any action relative thereto to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 012 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Emily Ego or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 012 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 013 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Jennifer Lynn or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 013 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 014 Mayor: Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals, Timothy E. Burke or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 014 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 015 Mayor: Appointment – Planning Board, William J. Grove or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 015 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 20 016 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Auditor or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 016 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius read the following referral to the Committee of Ordinance & Rules:

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 002 20 Council President: Town Council Rules

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer 002 20 to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- 20 017 Town Clerk: Request for Temporary Relocation of District 2B Polling Location from St. Thomas More Church Community Center to N. Eugene Hollis School 482 Washington Street or take up any action relative thereto (SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUESTED)

James Casey, Town Clerk asked for Town Council vote for the temporary relocation of District 2B Polling Location from St. Thomas More Church Community Center to N. Eugene Hollis School 482 Washington Street. This is necessary due to 4pm scheduled church parish services on March 28, 2020 and a requirement for timely election notification to any changes to polling locations. There could be much confusion if both March elections were not to be held in the same polling locations.

The most sensitive of action is Same Night Action Requests. I have no choice. I need to begin the notification process on this tomorrow.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion for Same Night Action

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve Same Night Action on Order 20 017

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Sciascia thanked Clerk Casey to make this a temporary relocation for these two elections and review this after discussion with residents.

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BRAINTREE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 54, §24, that the public convenience would be better served during the March 3 and March 28, 2020 Elections by relocating to the N. Hollis School, 482 Washington Street (rear), the District 2B polling location which is currently located in the St. Thomas More Church Community Center.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 017

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President stated we are now back to OLD BUSINESS. Is there a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 049, Order 20 003 and Order 20 004?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 049, Order 20 003 and Order 20 004

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 049

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 20 003

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 20 004

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **19 049 Town Clerk: Call of the Election - Presidential Primary, March 3, 2020 or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ringius read the following Motion:

CALL OF THE ELECTION – MARCH 3, 2020

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Braintree is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00am to 8:00pm, for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary Election for candidates of political parties on the official ballot for the following offices: Presidential Preference for the Commonwealth; State Committee Man for the Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth Senatorial District; State Committee Woman for the Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth Senatorial District; State Committee Man for the Norfolk & Plymouth Senatorial District; State Committee Woman for the Norfolk & Plymouth Senatorial District; Town Committees for the Town of Braintree.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 19 049

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **20 003 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Site and Hours or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ringius read the following Motion:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Braintree, is hereby required to establish, under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (f), an early voting site to allow any qualified voter, as defined in section 1 of chapter 51, to cast a ballot for any presidential primary Election during the early voting period. At the recommendation of the Braintree Board of Registrars the Braintree Town Council hereby designates Braintree Town Hall as Braintree’s early voting site. Further, early voting hours shall be held during the days and hours described under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (c) five business day’s preceding the presidential primary election.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 003

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **20 004 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Central Tabulation Facility or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ringius read the following Motion:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Braintree, has the option, under M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 25B (o), of designating a Central Tabulation Facility for the processing and counting of early voting ballots. At the recommendation of the Braintree Board of Registrars the Braintree Town Council hereby designates Braintree Town Hall as Braintree’s Central Tabulation Facility for early voting ballots. Further, the Central Tabulation Facility shall open at 7:00am on Election Day to begin processing early voting ballots in conformance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 004

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meetings: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council