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At Large

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District 1

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District 2

Donna L. Connors  
District 3



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Vice-President  
At Large

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District 4

Meredith L. Boericke  
District 5

Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

Town Clerk, James M. Casey 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  
Jim Lee, Assistant 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  
Dan Clifford, former Town Councilor  
Lisa Heger, former School Committee member

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

## OLD BUSINESS

- **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 to be continued)

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 item was Tabled at W&M to be continued to the next meeting on February 25, 2020.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE the Public Hearing for Order 19 044 to February 25, 2020 at 7:30pm

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 19 044 to February 25, 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)

- **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. (Public Hearing)**

Council President Hume 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 20 005

**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 20 005 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council. As a reminder to residents the Mayor has asked the Council to support putting the debt exclusion questions on a ballot for the community to decide if these are sound and valuable investments for the town to make.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 005?

Mayor Kokoros stated when I did the review of the finances and the ability to fund any of these items without a debt exclusion, I came to the conclusion that it was the only way to fund these items. It is my job to make sure the operational budget is funded properly and services are provided to our residents. This is the only way to move forward with these projects. I have spent a lot of time touring all our town buildings from the boiler rooms to the roofs. This is an important matter for our future and our children’s future.

Councilor O’Brien stated I am not confused when I say I voted against East feeling it should have been a brand new school as South will be. I live in East Braintree now but grew up in South Braintree. There has always been an East VS South thing. Now you are sending a message to the East kids saying fixing and rehabbing your school is OK but South folks are going to get a brand new school. I will not approve this because I feel there should have been built one new middle school for all but I will vote in favor later on to put the debt exclusion questions on the ballot for the residents to vote.

Council President Hume stated with the School Building Authority they submitted SOI on East to the MSBA and the feasibility study from the MSBA tells the town whether they will fund renovations or new buildings. MSBA said to do some new construction with renovations in order for them to partner with us. The MSBA said for South new construction was the most cost effective. I was told due to the shape of the South building it would require more time, therefore cost to renovate.

Dr. Frank Hackett stated a South renovation project would have taken 36 months where new construction would be 18 months and time is money. I do not believe East is getting anything less than South will get.

Sean Powers, former Councilor At Large and former School Committee member. I rise in support of this. I went to East. It is a generational and moral responsibility to our kids so they can win and succeed in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy that changes constantly. To me it would be about \$160 per year for me personally. This is a community town-wide issue. Let's do this and get it passed.

Carl Johnson stated our buildings have been neglected. Carl Johnson stated for the record the South Shore plaza generates 9 ½% of the total revenue of the town in real estate taxes. DOR also have this information on record.

Mr. Mulligan asked if a PLA will be signed with the Unions to do the work.

Dan Clifford, Saint Claire Street stated we have a short window of time to get this right. To the seniors Mayor Kokoros and his staff are looking at ways to mitigate this debt exclusion.

Laurie Castignetti stated it is not always just the seniors who do not pass debt exclusions. There are also young families in this town on very tight incomes.

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

President Hume stated there will be meetings with the Mayor and Councilors to meet and answer questions on the debt exclusion right up to March 28, 2020. There are documents on the town website with questions and answers that have been asked. There is also a sign up to receive email communications.

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 005

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 005

**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 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. c. 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½). 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.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 005

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

- **20 006 Mayor: Authorization to fund the replacement of roofs at the following schools: Highlands, Flaherty, Hollis, Liberty, Monaquot 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. (Public Hearing)**

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

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 006

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 006

**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 20 006 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 006?

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

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 006

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 006

**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 the Town appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the roofs at Highlands Elementary School (144 Wildwood Avenue, Braintree MA), Flaherty Elementary School (99 Lakeside Drive, Braintree, MA), Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street, Braintree, MA), Liberty Elementary School (49 Proctor Road, Braintree, MA), Monatiquot Kindergarten (25 Brow Avenue, Braintree, MA) and Morrison Elementary School (260 Liberty Street, Braintree, MA), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the schools and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town has applied 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 if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2); and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, 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.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 006

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

- **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. (Public Hearing)**

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

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 007

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 007

**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 20 007 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 007?

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

Councilor O’Brien stated I graduated BHS in 1976. If you have a house built in 1972 would you rip it down and rebuild it? How much is that going to cost us? Think it through folks. I am going to vote against this. It will cost a lot in taxes.

Dr. Frank Hackett stated we will be submitting a Statement of Interest with the MSBA. If they invite us to the feasibility study the MSBA would decide on the options and discussion would take place after that.

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 007

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 007

**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 the Town appropriate the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study with respect to the redevelopment of Braintree High School, to be located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, 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 and pursuant to 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 costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2YS.), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study 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.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 007

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

- **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. (Public Hearing)**

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

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 008

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 008

**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 20 008 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 008?

Carol Driscoll, Brewster Avenue stated we are founding members of the Braintree School Safety Advocacy Group. We are concerned parents looking for ways to reduce a violent attack at one of our schools. We have spent the past two years researching best practices. We have concluded enhancing security is the fastest way to keep our kids safe. Please accept our groups full support to pass Order 20 008.



Councilor Ringius stated this is a priority of my own. Anything we can do to enhance the safety and security of our children during the school day. I am very happy to move forward with this.

Councilor Boericke stated the money would be used for security assessments.

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

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 008

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 008

**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 the Town appropriate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of enhancing security measures throughout the school system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the voters of the Town shall have voted to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2). 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.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 008

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

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

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

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

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 009

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 009

**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 20 009 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 009?

Councilor Ringius stated this vote is just to put the debt exclusion question on a ballot. I do think it is the voters right to choose.

Lisa Heger, former School Committee Chairperson stated there are a lot of facts and information on the debt exclusion website through braintreema.gov. The calculator is there to see what the impact would be to your taxes. If you have questions please reach out to us. Contact information is on the website. We have PTO meetings set up and many other meetings to get information out.

A resident asked what the backup plan if this debt exclusion does not pass. Who will pay for this and how will they be maintained.

Dr. Frank Hackett stated that back up plan is in the works. If it does not pass there would clearly be implications. Everything is on the table. We are very aware the buildings we have now need to be properly maintained. We do have some opportunity to partner with the town maintenance department.

Mayor Kokoros stated at this point we are not sure if MSBA will help us with the BHS. We may need to do phases of repair. Overall the High School will be determined by what help we get from the State.

Ms. Chafe stated the debt exclusion scares me. We have issues with a lot of things in this town like the Fire Station and the Water Treatment Plant. Where do we get that money from. I personally think South can be rehabbed instead of rebuilt.

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

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 009

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 009

**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:**

RESOLUTION and ORDER pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.59 § 21C this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2020

(1) that the Town of Braintree, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k), shall seek voter approval at the next special election on March 28, 2020, to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. c. 59 §21C for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Town of Braintree to pay 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; and

(2) that the Town of Braintree, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k), shall seek voter approval at the next special election on March 28, 2020, to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. c. 59 §21C for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Town of Braintree to pay costs of replacing the roofs at Highlands Elementary School (144 Wildwood Avenue, Braintree MA), Flaherty Elementary School (99 Lakeside Drive, Braintree, MA), Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street, Braintree, MA), Liberty Elementary School (49 Proctor Road, Braintree, MA), Monatiquot Kindergarten (25 Brow Avenue, Braintree, MA) and Morrison Elementary School (260 Liberty Street, Braintree, MA), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; and

(3) that the Town of Braintree, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k), shall seek voter approval at the next special election on March 28, 2020, to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. c. 59 §21C for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Town of Braintree to pay costs of a feasibility study with respect to the redevelopment of Braintree High School, to be located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

(4) that the Town of Braintree, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k), shall seek voter approval at the next special election on March 28, 2020, to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. c. 59 §21C for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Town of Braintree to pay costs of enhancing security measures throughout the school system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

(2) to that end the Town Clerk is hereby directed to place the following questions on the ballot:

*(i) Shall the Town of Braintree be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay 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?*

Yes      No

*(ii) Shall the Town of Braintree be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of replacing the roofs at Highlands Elementary School (144 Wildwood Avenue, Braintree MA), Flaherty Elementary School (99 Lakeside Drive, Braintree, MA), Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street, Braintree, MA), Liberty Elementary School (49 Proctor Road, Braintree, MA), Monatiquot Kindergarten (25 Brow Avenue, Braintree, MA) and Morrison Elementary School (260 Liberty Street, Braintree, MA), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?*

Yes      No

*(iii) Shall the Town of Braintree be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of a feasibility study with respect to the redevelopment of Braintree High School, to be located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.*

Yes      No

*(iv) Shall the Town of Braintree be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of enhancing security measures throughout the school system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?*

Yes      No

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 009

**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. (Public Hearing)**

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

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 010

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 20 010

**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 20 010 was discussed. This appropriation of money is exactly what this fund was set up for. W&M requested a full review of this fund. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 010?

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

Motion by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 010

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 20 010

**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 the sum of \$1,718,229.00 be appropriated from the Braintree School Building Authority capital stabilization fund for the purpose of paying for costs relating to the planning and design of the South Middle School Renovation Project.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 010

**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.**

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 20 011 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 011?

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

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

**MOTION:** Having convened in an open meeting on February 4, 2020, prior to the closing date, the Town Council of Braintree, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of the Braintree Public School Department to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority Statements of Interests dated February 4, 2020 for: Highlands Elementary School {144 Wildwood Avenue, Braintree MA}, Flaherty Elementary School (99 Lakeside Drive, Braintree, MA), Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street, Braintree, MA), Liberty Elementary School (49 Proctor Road, Braintree, MA), Morrison Elementary School {260 Liberty Street, Braintree, MA) and Monatiquot Kindergarten (25 Brow Avenue, Braintree, MA) which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the repair and/or replacement of roofs as described in Priority #5 of the Statement of Interest, and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the

approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Braintree Public School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 011

**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.**

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 20 012 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 012?

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

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

**MOTION:** To Approve in accordance with Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Appointment of Emily Ego to the Cultural Council.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 012

**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.**

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 20 013 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 013?

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

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

**MOTION:** To Approve in accordance with Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Appointment of Jennifer Lynn to the Cultural Council.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 013

**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.**

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 20 014 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 014?

Mr. Burke stated he is looking forward to serve. The Town has issues that need to be addressed.

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

**MOTION:** To Approve in accordance with Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Appointment of Timothy E. Burke to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 014

**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.**

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 20 015 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 015?

Councilor Ringius read the Motion:

**MOTION:** To Approve in accordance with Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Appointment of William J. Grove to the Planning Board.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 20 015

**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**

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 20 016 was discussed. The Committee unanimously voted to TABLE Order 20 016 until the February 25, 2020 meeting.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE Order 20 016 to the February 25, 2020 meeting.

**MOTION:** Pursuant to Section 2-8 (A) of the Charter of the Town of Braintree the Town Council appoints Clifton Larson Allen as Town Auditor for a three year contract effective April 24, 2020 through April 23, 2023.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 20 016 to February 25, 2020

**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**

- None

Councilor Ringius read the following referral to the Committee on the Department of Public Works:

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

- 20 018 Comcast Petition: 262 Forbes Road or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 018 to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

**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 Motion(s) for referral to the Committee of Ways & Means:

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

- 20 019 Mayor: Transfer Funds from Human Resources Salary Reserve or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 019 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)

- 20 020 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Anne Stuart or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 020 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)

- 20 021 Braintree School Department: Authorization to execute Memorandum of Understanding with Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 021 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)

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meetings: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 7:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council

## Meeting Documents

- 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 to be continued)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 20 009 Mayor: Approval for the calling of debt exclusion ballot questions at a special election or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 010 Mayor: Authorization to appropriate funds from the Braintree School Building Authority capital stabilization fund or take up any action relative thereto.
- 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.
- 20 012 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Emily Ego or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 013 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Jennifer Lynn or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 014 Mayor: Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals, Timothy E. Burke or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 015 Mayor: Appointment – Planning Board, William J. Grove or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 016 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Auditor or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 018 Comcast Petition: 262 Forbes Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 019 Mayor: Transfer Funds from Human Resources Salary Reserve or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 020 Mayor: Appointment – Cultural Council, Anne Stuart or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 021 Braintree School Department: Authorization to execute Memorandum of Understanding with Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services or take up any action relative thereto