



Braintree Town Council

Committee of Ways & Means

One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

MEMBERS

Meredith Boericke, Chairwoman
Charles Ryan, Vice-Chair
Donna Connors, Member
Julia Flaherty, Member
Steven Sciascia, Member

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

A meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means was held Remote via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30p.m.

Councilor Boericke was in the Chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan M. Cimino conducted the roll call.

All votes were taken by Roll Call Vote.

Present: Meredith Boericke, Chairwoman
Charles Ryan, Vice-Chairman
Donna Connors, Member
Julia Flaherty, Member
Steven Sciascia, Member

Also Present: Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff
Ed Spellman, Director Municipal Finance
Grace Parlee, Donor to Dottie and Bob Parlee Scholarship Fund
Nancy Parlee, Donor to Dottie and Bob Parlee Scholarship Fund
Noah Brown, "Friends of Charles Kokoros"

Approval of Minutes

- **November 12, 2020**

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to approve Minutes of November 12, 2020

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Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Roll Call Vote: For (5–Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Ryan, Sciascia), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **21 002 Mayor: Acceptance of Donations or take up any action relative thereto**

Nicole Taub stated the first donation, in the amount of \$20,000.00, is from sisters Nancy and Grace Parlee and shall be used to start the Dottie and Bob Parlee Scholarship Fund.

Nancy and Grace Parlee stated their parents Dottie and Bob were lifelong residents of Braintree and graduates of Braintree High School-Dottie in 1942 and Bob in 1939. Nancy and Grace found letters between the parents and every letter said how much they loved Braintree. Dottie was a member of the Braintree High School band, where she played the trombone, and Bob was affiliated with the Drum & Bugle Corps. Nancy and Grace would like to establish a music scholarship in their memory. They stated it can be anything to do with music including the band, music or dance with the following qualifications: 1) \$2,000 per year would be allocated, \$1,000 each for a male and female; 2) the funds must be related to music; and 3) the recipient must be a Braintree High School Graduate. Dottie and Bob loved Braintree and Grace and Nancy are excited to be able to honor their legacy by helping a Braintree graduate fulfill their dreams.

Councilor Ryan stated thank you ladies for this generous gift. These are all things we love including our parents, music and the Town of Braintree.

Councilor Sciascia stated thank you this is generous and great to have their names on these scholarships for years to come.

Councilor Flaherty loved the touching story of the letters between their parents and the generosity and how Braintree is filled with these wonderful families who want to do so much for others.

Councilor Boericke echoes the thoughts of the other Councilors with the wonderful generosity.

Noah Brown, is with the "Friends of Charles Kokoros". In January 2020 we held the Blue & White Ball to celebrate the Inauguration of our Mayor Charles Kokoros. After the Inauguration all residual funds were then donated to a mixture of School PTO's and other civic organizations in our town. Tonight we would like to donate the following:

The second donation, in the amount of \$5,000.00, is from the "Friends of Charles Kokoros," and shall be dedicated to the Town of Braintree-Department of Veterans Services, to be used as needed.

The final donation, in the amount of \$435.00, is also from the "Friends of Charles Kokoros," and is to be used to benefit the Town of Braintree-Department of Elder Affairs for assistance to defray transportation costs for elder residents.

Councilor Flaherty stated I extend my great gratitude for this. I am thrilled it will be delivered to these worthy causes.

Councilors stated these donations mean a lot. We appreciate it.

Motion read by Councilor Ryan for favorable recommendation to the full Council Order 21 002.

MOTION: That the Town of Braintree be and hereby is authorized, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to accept the following gifts upon the conditions attached and herein set forth:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Grace and Nancy Parlee	\$20,000	Dottie and Bob Parlee Scholarship Fund
"Friends of Charles Kokoros"	\$5,000	Town of Braintree-Department of Veteran Services
"Friends of Charles Kokoros"	\$435	Town of Braintree-Department of Elder Affairs

Motion: by Councilor Ryan for favorable recommendation to the full Council Order 21 002

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Roll Call Vote: For (5–Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Ryan, Sciascia), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:49p.m. by Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- Minutes of November 12, 2020
- 21 002 Mayor: Acceptance of Donations or take up any action relative thereto