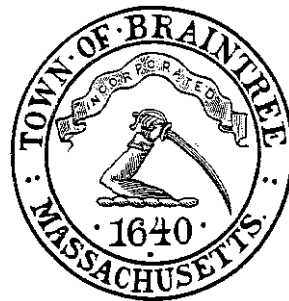


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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Boericke was in the chair.

President Boericke asked for a moment of silence for our first responders and all those serving our military home and abroad.

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

Present: Meredith Boericke, President
Charles Ryan, Vice President
Shannon Hume
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Flaherty
Joseph Reynolds
Elizabeth Maglio
Stephen C. O'Brien (remote participation)
Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.

Others: Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor
Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor
Ed Spellman, Director Municipal Finance
Melissa SantucciRozzi, Director of Planning & Community Development
Liz Manning, CPC Manager
James Arsenault, DPW Director
Walter Timilty, State Senator
Major Joseph Blum, National Guard
Lisa Heger, School Committee Chairwoman
Julie Campisano, Art Director

REMOTE PARTICIPATION of a Council member: We have a Council member who is participating remotely this evening. Councilor O'Brien is on speaker phone and therefore all VOTES are required to be by ROLL CALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 017 22 Council President: Youth Art Month

President Boericke stated we are very excited to add public art to our Chambers. Thank you to the Braintree Public Schools Art Department for their partnership in this initiative. Thank you to members of the Braintree Cultural Council who are here this evening (Roy Armstrong and Jennifer Lynn). We have Art Director Heidi Hurley with us as well. This month we have art work from our middle school students.

Julie Campisano is the interim Art Director who stated thank you to the Council and to the students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• January 18, 2022

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of January 18, 2022

Second: by Councilor Hume

Roll Call Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Maglio, O’Brien, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 018 22 Council President: State Senator Walter Timilty, Chair Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security - Invitation for Braintree to attend his Cybersecurity Forum

Senator Timilty stated he is Chair on a Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. He works closely with the National Guard. Major Joseph Blum is one of them. What I am proposing is a partnership between the Town of Braintree and the National Guard in terms of Cybersecurity. Cyber attacks are upon us. On March 30 I will be holding a forum at the Braintree Armor. I have extended the invitation to the Mayor’s office and Town Council.

Major Joseph Blum is Administrative Officer for the 126th Cyber Protection Battalion. One of the initiatives we have started is pre-assessments for Towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The threat of Cyber attacks is increasing. We bring a wealth of knowledge and experience.

OLD BUSINESS

- **22 010 Mayor: Request for Appropriation- CPA Appropriation - Gravestone and Tomb Restoration Project or take up any action relative thereto** (*Public Hearing*)

President Boericke asked is there a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 22 010

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 22 010

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Open the Public Hearing on Order 22 010

Second: by Councilor Hume

Roll Call Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Maglio, O’Brien, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Boericke referred to Councilor Reynolds, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means for a recommendation on Order 22 010.

Chairman Reynolds stated the Committee met last week and voted unanimously for a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Boericke asked if anyone from the Mayor’s office would like to speak on Order 22 010?

Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff stated at the January 10, 2022, meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, the Committee voted by majority (6 in favor, 1 abstain) to recommend the appropriation of Community Preservation Act funds in the amount of \$98,000 for the Gravestone and Tomb Restoration Project at the Elm Street Cemetery. The Planning and Community Development Department has been assisting the Braintree Historic Commission to finalize the application for funding the final component of restoration efforts at the Elm Street Cemetery. The project application, attached for your review, includes a detailed description of the Cemetery's historical significance and contributions to the Town, as well as the American Revolutionary War and the Founding Fathers. Additionally, it includes a long and detailed record of restoration efforts for the Cemetery, dating back to 2007, with the creation of the guiding Cemetery Preservation Management Plan that directs gravestone and tomb restoration efforts to date. There has also been considerable discussion regarding the [restored] Cemetery's location as a focal point for a proposed "Braintree Square Heritage Area," which could raise awareness of the Cemetery's historic contributions.

Nicole Taub stated it is important to note this funding is not out of the General fund. It is a separate pool of money that does not impact our Operating Budget.

Melissa SantucciRozzi gave information on the funds received from the 1% real estate surcharge and the match. The match varies from year to year. The Community Coalition Website which Braintree is a member and many helpful documents can be found here. (communitypreservation.org) This is a great resource and to see what other communities are doing.

Council President Boericke asked if any Council member would like to speak?

Councilor Hume stated thank you for making the note the CPC request is not being paid out of the General fund. These CPC requests would not happen if they were. This property is amazing in history and in the past the Town held an event and had people dressed in the era.

Councilor Ryan stated this cemetery is in need of restoration from 100's of years of weather. We are lucky we have this history in the town.

Councilor Reynolds stated this is well deserved for the history of our town. This is a good use of this money. The North Braintree square is a very historical district for our community.

Councilor Flaherty stated I know history is important to Braintree residents. CPC funding is so critical. Having the money earmarked for these types of projects is the reason we are able to do it.

President Boericke stated I am delighted to support this. It is great to make Braintree Square even more vibrant.

Council President Boericke asked if anyone from the General Public would like to speak on Order 22 010? Hearing none.

President Boericke asked is there a Motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 22 010
Councilor Ryan made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Order 22 010

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Close the Public Hearing on Order 22 010

Second: by Councilor Hume

Roll Call Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Maglio, O'Brien, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

President Boericke asked is there a Motion for Order 22 010
Councilor Ryan read the following Motion:

MOTION: That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, the appropriation of \$98,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund for the Gravestone and Tomb Restoration Project at the Elm Street Cemetery (Assessor's Map 2024, Plot 18), conditional on the funds expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Director of Planning and Community Development.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Approve Order 22 010

Second: by Councilor Hume

Roll Call Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Maglio, O'Brien, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Councilor Ryan read the following referrals to Committee(s):

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 016 22 Council President: Long Term Budget Forecast – Town Auditor Report or take up any action relative thereto (update)
- 22 006 Mayor: Request to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 22 007 Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 22 008 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2022 Enterprise Funds Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 22 009 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget - Other Available Funds or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to refer Item 016 20, Order 22 006, Order 22 007, Order 22 008 and Order 22 009 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Hume

Roll Call Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Maglio, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council