



# Braintree Town Council

## Committee of Ways & Means

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### MEMBERS

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Lawrence Mackin, Member  
Elizabeth Maglio, Member

# MINUTES

## Tuesday, April 19, 2022

A meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means was held via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:00p.m.

Councilor Reynolds was in the Chair.

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

Present: Joseph Reynolds, Chairman  
Julia Flaherty, Vice-Chairwoman  
Lawrence Mackin, Member  
Elizabeth Maglio, Member

Also Present: Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor  
Ed Spellman, Director of Municipal Finance  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
John Thompson, Town Engineer  
Ben Hulk, Assistant DPW Director  
Mike McGourty, Facilities Director  
Daryn Brown, Director of Golf Operations  
Chris Trudeau, Engineering  
Lou Dutton, Superintendent of Water & Sewer  
Christopher Griffin, Asst Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jeff Kunz, Solid Waste & Recycling  
Robert DeVito, DPW Finance  
Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor  
Kelly Phelan, Conservation Manager  
Elizabeth Manning, CPC Manager  
Hillary Waite, Stormwater  
Jim Lee, Superintendent of Schools  
Ed Cronin, Business Development of Schools

### Approval of Minutes

- None

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- **007 22 Councilor Reynolds: Q2 Budget Update or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds stated the Committee of Ways and Means did receive Q2 Fiscal Year 22 Budget to Actuals. As reported, it does appear the Town is on track as to being at approximately 50%. The Mayor's office did provide some updates as it pertains to Q3. The Town was able to collect revenue from rental fees from TV/Movie productions in the Town from underutilized properties.

- Total 50.25% collected up from 48.58% last year.
- Hotel 112.71% collected compared to 47.23% last year
- School Bus 20.86% compared to 0% no bus fees last year will follow up with school on this year's numbers
- Interest income is not posted yet for FY 2022 I did not want to delay the rest of this any longer
- Enterprise funds are not shown for 12/31/2021
- We are working on some Munis receivable issues with water and storm water posting issues

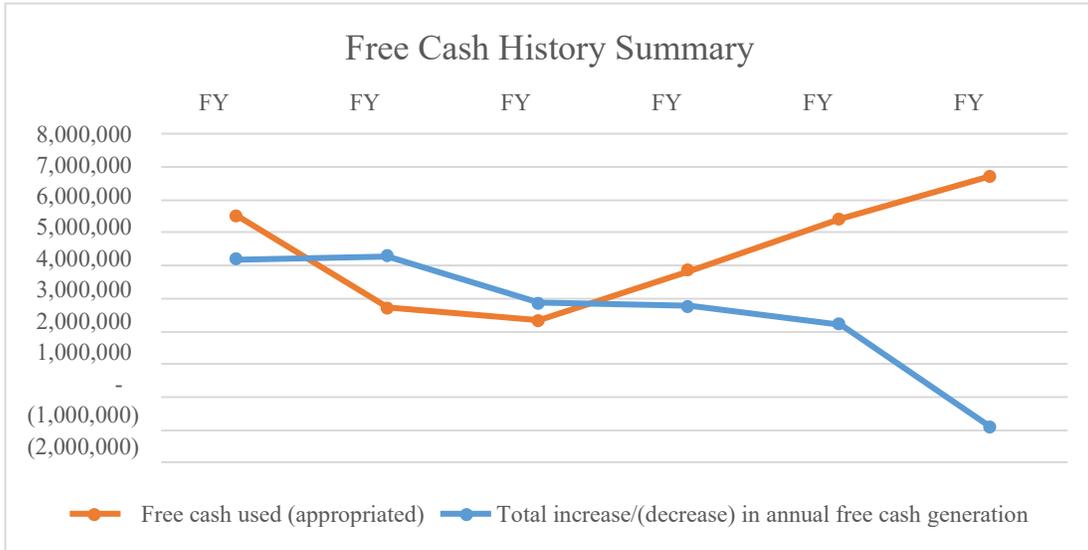
- **016 22 Council President: Long Term Budget Forecast – Town Auditor Report or take up any action relative thereto (update)**

As requested by the prior Ways and Means Committee, I (Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor) have put together a working long-term budget forecast excel document. This document is for the next ten years, fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2032, with the main focus being on the next five years, fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2027. The document contains many tabs but is built to flow from the top-level summary down and incorporate all funding sources and appropriations for the general fund. The table of contents for the various tabs are as follows:

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To touch upon a few tabs specifically:

1. The summary tab (#1) does just that, summaries the four funding sources (i.e., net tax levy, net state aid, local receipts and other financing sources) against total appropriations. There is an “original” forecast section and also a “revised” forecast section with this. The difference is explained within the document.
2. The net tax levy tab (#2) also incorporates an “original” forecast section and also a “revised” forecast section, with the only major assumption change being a proposition 2.5% override in fiscal year 2023. To avoid an override, talking big picture, appropriations would have to be reduced, new revenue sources will have to be found or free cash will have to be used to supplement the existing funding sources.
3. The local receipt summary (#7) is simply put, challenging. Challenging in a sense that the various components of local receipts are different in terms of how they can grow, the impact COVID-19 has had on them and forecasting long-term. The tab incorporates an “original” forecast section and also a “revised” forecast section with individually drop-down options linked to each local receipt line to easily change the projected increases (or decreases) for future years.
4. Similar to the local receipt summary, the appropriations tab (#11) includes individual drop down options linked to each line-item to easily change the projected increases (or decreases) for future years. The appropriations tab, for the most part, is laid out at the function level with a salary and expense line-item option. This was done to make the forecast more streamlined, and summary based versus going department by department, division by division. Larger or more notable lines are broken out, which includes police and fire overtime, snow and ice, and various debt components and pension.
5. Historical turn backs (#18) represent unspent appropriations from the year. I think this tab is important for a few different reasons. Firstly, is that it shows that the Town essentially spends what they budget, with only a 1.3% average turn back over the past five years. Secondly, the turn back adds to free cash generation as part of DOR’s free cash calculation and certification. Without a buffer (i.e., turn backs), between appropriations versus actual expenditures, it would negatively impact free cash and also potentially require more supplemental appropriations during the year if it becomes evident additional funding would be required. In order to fund those potential supplemental appropriations, the typical funding sources would be a line-item transfer from another department or division, stabilization funds or free cash.
6. The free cash history summary (#19) provides the total free cash appropriated and generated since fiscal year 2015. The chart from this tab has been extracted below and shows how free cash use has increased since fiscal year 2017 and how free cash generation has decreased since fiscal year 2017.

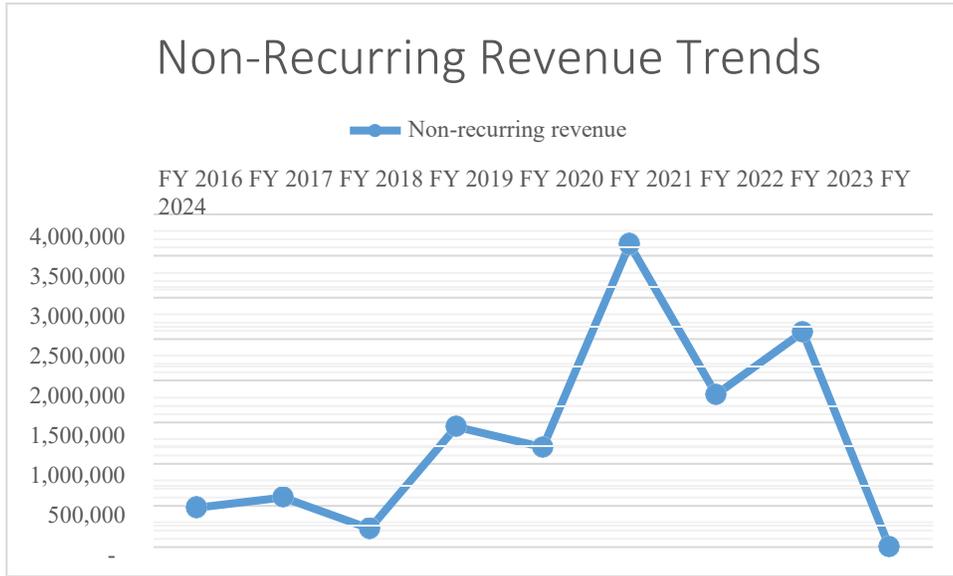


An important item to note is that the only assumed free cash use in these forecasts was to build back up the stabilization fund of the Town, not to fund operations.

Overall, as I stated in my fiscal year 2022 budget review earlier last year, the Town has been accustomed to budgeting increases in general fund appropriations of “X”, yet revenues are only growing at “Y”. The ability to consistently fill the gap on an annual basis is becoming more challenging as reserves shrink, the capability to tax is maxed out and local receipt assumptions are close to, if not right at, actuals.

Therefore, **without continued non-recurring revenue offsets such as free cash, grant funding and sale of town owned land, the pace cannot continue, and spending habits of the Town must change in the short term.** I think the next couple of tables and charts will help further illustrate that point.

You can see from the chart below the trend of using non-recurring revenue, which is part of other financing sources (OFS), is not a sustainable practice, but also one that may not always be available. The chart shows the use of non-recurring revenue growing from fiscal year 2016 through the past few years and the continued use into fiscal year 2023.



As a visual aid, the tables that follow illustrate net tax levy growth and appropriation growth for the prior few fiscal years, current year, and next few fiscal years. The net tax levy is essentially the only revenue source where growth is guaranteed because proposition 2.5% is built in, along with new growth, independent of the size of new growth. Percentage wise when comparing the two tables the net tax levy is *consistent* (to a degree) with appropriations, but the dollar value is not, as the net tax levy’s base is much lower than that of the appropriations.

The dollar value difference reflects the ultimate problem on how to fill that necessary funding requirement, as the Town cannot rely on state aid and local receipts to grow at the levels required to keep pace with appropriation growth.

<b>Net Tax Levy</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Debt</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Increase from PY</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Exclusion</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
FY16 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	81,885,297	-	81,885,297	3,150,593	4.00%
FY17 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	83,762,429	-	83,762,429	1,877,132	2.29%
FY18 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	87,177,151	-	87,177,151	3,414,722	4.08%
FY19 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	90,993,083	-	90,993,083	3,815,932	4.38%
FY20 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	94,820,161	-	94,820,161	3,827,078	4.21%
FY21 Original General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	98,086,926	-	98,086,926	3,266,765	3.45%
FY22 Original (Proposed) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	104,110,616	(2,659,954)	101,450,662	3,363,736	3.43%
FY23 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	107,524,294	(2,660,159)	104,864,135	3,413,473	3.36%
FY24 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	111,040,195	(2,659,279)	108,380,916	3,516,781	3.35%
FY25 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	114,662,002	(2,659,099)	112,002,903	3,621,987	3.34%
FY26 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	118,372,940	(2,658,519)	115,714,421	3,711,518	3.31%
FY27 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Net Tax Levy.....	122,188,511	(2,659,419)	119,529,092	3,814,671	3.30%

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Debt</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Increase from PY</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Exclusion</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
FY16 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	116,792,434	-	116,792,434	4,929,347	4.41%
FY17 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	122,276,929	-	122,276,929	5,484,495	4.70%
FY18 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	126,632,431	-	126,632,431	4,355,502	3.56%
FY19 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	133,883,370	-	133,883,370	7,250,939	5.73%
FY20 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	139,331,575	-	139,331,575	5,448,205	4.07%
FY21 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	143,355,450	-	143,355,450	4,023,875	2.89%
FY22 Original General Fund Appropriation.....	145,617,216	(2,659,954)	142,957,262	2,261,766	1.58%
FY23 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Appropriation...	154,801,773	(2,660,159)	152,141,614	9,184,557	6.31%
FY24 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Appropriation...	160,322,674	(2,659,279)	157,663,395	5,520,901	3.57%
FY25 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Appropriation...	166,485,893	(2,659,099)	163,826,794	6,163,219	3.84%
FY26 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Appropriation...	172,910,642	(2,658,519)	170,252,123	6,424,749	3.86%
FY27 Original (Forecasted) General Fund Appropriation...	179,178,359	(2,659,419)	176,518,940	6,267,717	3.62%

Note: The large increase in appropriations from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 relates to the school budget. As part of the fiscal year 2022 budget, one-time federal funding was utilized in order to not make staffing cuts. Approximately \$3.1M of ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds will not exist in fiscal year 2023 and those costs will have to be absorbed back into the general fund, if all positions will be maintained.

- **22 006 Mayor: Request to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor's office who would like to speak on Order 22 006 FY 2022 Capital Plan.

Discussion was held on the FY2022 Capital Plan with committee members and mayor's staff.

FY 2022 Capital Plan Questions asked by W&M members:

- **CPA funds are recommended for use for CIP what is the strategy for using CPA funds for the Town's capital needs?**

Most of the town's capital plan are for the replacement or renovation of existing assets and would not meet the specific criteria for use of CPA funds.

- **Was the use of ARPA funds explored to cover any of these expenses? If not, why not and if so, why aren't we using ARPA to cover some of these one-time expenses?**

The Town was originally planning to use the ARPA funds allocated through the County to replace lost revenue as a result of the pandemic; however, the guidance has since changed and the Town can no longer use the full allocation in that manner because the County opted to be the direct recipient of the funds rather than have the allocation flow directly to the Town. As a result, we are reviewing expenditures in the operating budget that can be supported through these funds for both FY22 and FY23. If, during this process, an eligible capital expense is identified, the Town can revise the Plan to reflect an updated funding source.

The ARPA funds allocated directly to the Town from the State will be used as revenue replacement in FY23 (as was the case in FY22).

- **Please expand upon the projects that will be funded with the \$190,000 for enhancing ADA accessibility town wide?**

The Town Departments will work together to enhance existing spaces, including sidewalks, curb cuts and recreation areas. This will be guided in part by recent litigation, as well as the priorities established in the transition plan.

- **Please expand upon what the \$215,000 for repairs at BHS will be used for (plumbing?)**

The district continues to recognize and address ongoing deficiencies at Braintree High School. Allocating \$215,000 in capital to address these issues would allow the district to address the antiquated water heater, which is original to the building and update the aged media center that no longer is being used to maximum efficiency due to its layout. The 50-year old media center reflects the thinking with libraries devoted far more space to books. We would entertain additional work including replacing the tile floor at the basement level or improving the conditions of the locker rooms should money remain within the \$215,000 allocation.

- **FY20 CIP \$8.7M was authorized to bond Braintree's share of the Water Treatment Plan, which was noted to cover the Town's total share for the project. Is the \$2.7M transfer from the Water/Sewer Enterprise fund going to draw down on the \$8.7M, thereby reducing our borrowed amount? If not, why is an additional \$2.7M now being requested?**

The town's total cost of its share of the Tri Town plant is 39,380,809. Included in that amount is 2,856,846 for design work (i.e., planning and design). These costs are not eligible for the SRF funding and

this allocation will cover these costs without the need for additional borrowing. The remaining balance will be borrowed from the Trust, which includes the potential for principal forgiveness that would reduce the total amount owed by the Town.

- **Golf Fairway Mower – is there a fully electric mower that is available? If so, how much more would it cost and what are the downsides to converting to full electric?**
  - o **During the discussion about authorizing the 5 year lease of new golf carts the W&M committee requested the Golf Department look at electrifying its fleet in 5 years, when the lease will need to be renewed. I respectfully request that we include all gas-powered machinery at the golf course into this analysis.**

There are no fully electric fairway mowers on the market, only the hybrid model we’re looking to purchase. There are also no electric rough mowers at this time either. Whenever possible, the golf course has looked to convert as much of the gas powered equipment to electric.

Concerning electric golf carts, we currently do not have the infrastructure to electrically re-charge all 60 golf carts in our fleet on a daily basis, which is required. We would need to do a major capital investment to increase the size our current golf cart storage facility so that we could securely house all 60 of our golf carts with a major 1000 amp electrical service upgrade. Our current building only stores about 40 golf carts inside. We would also have to downgrade our lease to a 4 year lease due to the reliability of the batteries as they age, which would result in a higher annual payment compared to a 5-year lease. If the resources to complete this type of investment were to become available, the vendor would likely be agreeable to amending the terms of the lease. In the new FY23 budget year we’re looking to convert much of our smaller gas powered equipment to electric when feasible.

- **Under the 7 year total debt service, why is FY2021 excluded (page 16)?**  
Previous years capital plan projected increased debt service

FY 2021 capital plan	31,164
FY 2020 capital plan	277,188
FY 2019 capital plan	386,807
FY 2018 capital plan	264,000
FY 2017 capital plan	207,000
FY 2016 capital plan	324,000
FY 2015 capital plan	233,000
FY 2014 capital plan	214,000
seven year total debt 2014-2021	1,937,159
8 yr avg. debt service increase	242,145

Fire Station HQ:

- FY2019 CIP: \$13M request, with \$1.3M previously approved
- FY2020 CIP: \$3.5M request, with \$3.5M approved
- FY2021 CIP: \$0.0 request
- FY2022 CIP: \$5.5M request, bringing the appropriated total to \$10.3M

**o What will \$10.3 million get us? That does not seem like nearly enough money to renovate and modernize our FD HQ.**

As part of the design process, the Fire Department established a Building Committee to participate in design meetings and assessments to establish additional priorities for the renovation. Also present were the DPW Director, Building Inspector, Facilities Director, Fire Chief and representatives from Vertex and Context.

The design plans are currently undergoing value engineering to make sure that the project plans stay within the proposed budget for the renovation. Current improvements include, but are not limited to, a two story addition on the east side of the building, additional dormitories that meet the industry standard and are designed for single occupancy, proper shower and restroom facilities, a renovated wellness/work out room, the addition of an elevator, renovated decontamination spaces, and roof replacement. Also, by working with the Facilities Department, the Town is able to convert existing space at the Gallivan House, located next to headquarters, for use as temporary housing for fire fighters during the construction. This will result in a savings of approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000 in overall costs.

**o What is the rationale for funding the fire station HQ in this fashion?**

In 2018, the Town allocated \$1,000,000.00 for capital improvements at headquarters (there was an existing balance of \$339,082 remaining from a 2015 allocation of \$425,000). In 2020, an additional \$3,500,000.00 was authorized by the Town Council. This is the third time since Chief O'Brien was appointed Chief that the Town has undertaken the process of rehabilitating headquarters and the \$7,000,000 requested (in addition to the prior authorizations) would allow for meaningful renovations to the building.

**o How much of the authorized \$4.8M has already been spent and on what?**

The OPM Contract with Vertex is for \$134,093. As of March 1, 2022, the Town has paid \$16,885 for their services.

The Design Services Contract with Context was originally for \$310,000 and was subsequently amended for a revised total of \$595,540. As of March 1, 2022, the Town has paid \$353,340.

**o The design was due May 2021 and Construction Documents were due in July of 2021. What is the status of these documents?**

See above response for status of value engineering.

**o If \$13M was needed in 2019, why would the total dollar value requested (\$10.3M) be less than that now?**

The Town has been able utilize in house resources and expertise during the design and value engineering phases of the process to reduce costs and maximize spending to keep the project within the requested budget.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion to Table Order 22 006

Motion was made by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 006

**Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 006 to the next Committee of Ways & Means meeting

**Second:** by Councilor Maglio

**Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

- **22 007 Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor's office who would like to speak on Order 22 017.

Discussion was held on the FY2022 Capital Plan with committee members and mayor's staff.

Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff stated when we ask Department heads to submit their Capital Plan we ask for a 5 year overview and where they anticipate needs as we move year after year. This is very much about needs and leaves little room for wants. We avoid the use of free cash at all costs. There are two buckets of ARPA money from the State. There is also an allocation coming from the County with restrictions on how we use those funds.

Since the submission of the Plan, a structural concern has been identified at the police station that requires immediate attention. Earlier this year, a leak was discovered at the police station from the garage area directly above the gym. For safety reasons, the garage was closed to all vehicle use and an engineer was engaged to evaluate the status of the area. As a result, it has been determined that a structural element of the building must be corrected to avoid further damage and ensure a safe environment. Funding for this work has been added to the "DPW Town Building Improvements" project listed below.

Also, we are continuing to work on the design plans for the renovation of fire headquarters and additional funding is required to support necessary improvements, including an addition, to the property. The additional funding brings the total request for appropriation to \$7,000,000 and provides a total funding amount of \$11,500,000 for the project.

Jim Lee, Superintendent of Schools stated Schools request is for elevator repair, water heater issues and media center. To create space as more of a lounge area with comfortable furniture for students.

Chairman Reynolds stated as far as ARPA categories there is a very distinct connection that needs to be made.

Nicole Taub stated we have met with our representatives on the Federal level and discussed it with the local delegation, had a call with representatives from the Department of Treasury and have met with the auditors involved and reviewing with the County Commissioners. We have identified the ability to fund these projects and given the specific nature that's required in order to allocate or request ARPA money.

Councilor Flaherty asked about projects listed in the Capital plan but were not funded in Engineering/DPW.

James Arsenault stated some of that funding is for sidewalk improvements mostly for the ADA landings and sidewalks. There are a lot of improvements we would like to do in the future. This year is tight so we can't move forward with it. The ADA Transition Plan hasn't been completed yet so we do not know the ranking right now.

James Arsenault stated we are also looking at all the intersections around town and how we can better utilize them.

Councilor Flaherty asked about Asbestos abatement and will this be an ask each year. Mike McGourty stated because of the age of our buildings and what we inherited, we would like to see an end to it. We thought maybe the 5-year plan would work. It depends on how much abatement we have to do.

Councilor Flaherty asked why the Town Hall parking lot needs improvements. Mike McGourty stated on the side entrance it is absolutely falling apart and has been for over 10 years with patching. The island by the handicapped entrance curbing is all wrong and needs a new design. We have safety issues. It is not safe passage for the residents.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion to Table Order 22 007

Motion was made by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 007

- Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 007 to the next Committee of Ways & Means meeting
- Second:** by Councilor Maglio
- Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

- **22 008 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2022 Enterprise Funds Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor’s office who would like to speak on Order 22 008.

Discussion was held on the FY2022 Capital Plan with committee members and mayor’s staff.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion to Table Order 22 008

Motion was made by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 008

- Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 008 to the next Committee of Ways & Means meeting
- Second:** by Councilor Maglio
- Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

- **22 009 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget - Other Available Funds or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor’s office who would like to speak on Order 22 009.

Discussion was held on the FY2022 Capital Plan with committee members and mayor’s staff.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion to Table Order 22 009

Motion was made by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 009

**Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to Table Order 22 009 to the next Committee of Ways & Means meeting

**Second:** by Councilor Maglio

**Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

- **22 020 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Core Project Braintree High School or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor's office who would like to speak on Order 22 020.

Jim Lee, Superintendent stated this is the first step in a process. We are hopeful to be invited into the next step with the MSBA. This is due April 29, 2022 so we ask for a favorable vote.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion for Order 22 020

Motion read by Councilor Flaherty for favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 22 020

**MOTION:**

BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF INTEREST, Braintree Town Council, **APRIL 26, 2022**  
UPON THE REQUEST OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, JAMES LEE, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, RESOLVES:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on **April 26, 2022** prior to the SOI submission 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 the Statement of Interest Form dated March 10, 2022 for Braintree High School located at 128 Town Street, Braintree, Massachusetts, 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: **Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements;** 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 Town of Braintree or the Braintree School Department to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to approve for favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 22 020

**Second:** by Councilor Maglio

**Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

- **22 021 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – CPA Appropriation – Watson Park Shoreline Stabilization & Flood Control Project or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Reynolds asked if there was anyone from the Mayor’s office who would like to speak on Order 22 021.

Nicole Taub stated at the March 14, 2022, meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the appropriation of Community Preservation Act funds in the amount of \$29,363.00 for the Shoreline Stabilization & Flood Control Project from the Open Space and Recreation Fund. The Project also provides limited additional funding for shore stabilization and flood control measures at Watson Park.

Funding was previously provided for this project in the amount of \$300,000 (see Council Order 21 044); however, the construction bids received in December 2021 came in well over budget. The project scope was subsequently clarified and the project was rebid in January. The bids received on January 24, 2022, were still slightly over budget and additional funding is required.

The current funding available is \$904,810; however, the low construction bid was \$958,000 and there are additional consulting and advertising costs associated with the rebid in the amount of \$5,536. The total shortfall in funding is \$58,726. To further support the project, the grant funder, MA Coastal Zone Management, has agreed to increase the grant award by \$29,363-leaving the balance of \$29,363 to be funded by this request.

Councilor Maglio asked if the use of CPA funds require the area to be open to the public. There are parts in Watson Park that are required to be residents to use it. (splash pad). Is that violating any CPA funding requirements.

Elizabeth Manning said she has not heard that question before but will look into it.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there is a Motion for Order 22 021

Motion read by Councilor Flaherty for favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 22 021

**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 \$29,363 from the CPA Open Space and Recreation Fund for the Shoreline Stabilization & Flood Control Project at Watson Park, located off Gordon Road (Assessors Map 3001, Plot 1B), conditional on the funds expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Director of Planning and Community Development.

**Motion:** by Councilor Flaherty to approve for favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 22 021

**Second:** by Councilor Maglio

**Vote:** For (3–Flaherty, Maglio, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. by Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- 007 22 Councilor Reynolds: Q2 Budget Update or take up any action relative thereto
- 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
- 22 020 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Core Project Braintree High School or take up any action relative thereto
- 22 021 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – CPA Appropriation – Watson Park Shoreline Stabilization & Flood Control Project or take up any action relative thereto