



Braintree Town Council
Committee on the Department of Public Works
One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

MEMBERS

Charles Ryan, Chairman
Julia Flaherty, Vice Chairwoman
Lawrence Mackin, member

April 25, 2023
MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee on the Department of Public Works was held in Johnson Chambers, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

There was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Councilor Charles Ryan, Chairman was in the Chair.
Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Ryan, Chairman
Julia Flaherty, Vice-Chairwoman

Not Present: Lawrence Mackin, member

Also Present: Crystal Huff, Town Solicitor
Jim Arsenault, DPW Director
John Thompson, Town Engineer/ Assistant DPW Director
Environmental Partners

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **23 013 Mayor: Discontinuance of King Hill Road – Tri Town Water Treatment Plant or take up any action relative thereto** (*Public Hearing April 25, 2023 full Council*)

Chairman Ryan stated Crystal Huff, Town Solicitor has been working with Environmental Partners for Tri Town. Town Council has received:

- Planning Board Recommendation
- Staff Recommendation from our Town Engineer

Crystal Huff, Town Solicitor stated what you have before you today is a petition to discontinue a small portion of King Hill Road. Tri-Town is in the process of building a new water treatment plant. In 1922 they laid out a road in the deed but that roadway was never accepted by the town and it has never been constructed. To bring the site into compliance with the Planning Boards conditions, a small portion of this roadway needs to be removed. Today we are here to check off one more step in preparation and in conjunction with construction. It will bring the parcel into zoning compliance. This portion has never been accessible to the public and has never been built.

Councilor Ryan stated this is just a housekeeping item.

Councilor Flaherty stated because this is in District 1. To clarify, this is only the portion of King Hill Road that already exists only on paper and only beyond the gate that has long been the end of the residential portion of King Hill Road dividing it from the water treatment plant that stands on the property beyond the gate.

Motion was read by Vice-Chairwoman, Councilor Flaherty for favorable recommendation to the full Council with Staff Recommendations:

MOTION: DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF KING HILL RD

At the request of the Tri-Town Water District that the Town Council Vote to accept the discontinuance of a portion of King Hill Rd.

That pursuant to its authority under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 82 §21, the Town Council moves that a portion of King Hill Road laid out by deed dated March 30, 1922, never accepted by the Town as public way, and as further shown on a Plan of Land dated November 15, 2022, prepared by Jared S. Johnson, PLS, entitled “Discontinuance Plan of Land for the Tri-Town Water District 300 King Hill Rd Braintree, Massachusetts” and described by the metes and bounds as submitted is hereby discontinued as a private way and any public easement to travel in or over the area of discontinuance is hereby discontinued; further the Town hereby releases its rights of travel in and over the area of discontinuance. The section of King Hill Road previously accepted as a public way and outside of the above described area of discontinuance shall remain a public way.

Motion: by Councilor Flaherty to Approve Order 23 013

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (2 – Flaherty, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (1 - Mackin), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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