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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

(zoom webinar)

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

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

The meeting began with a moment of silence for all men and women serving our country and is being dedicated to Veteran William "Officer Bill" Varraso who recently passed away.

Present: Shannon Hume, President

Charles Ryan

Julia Camille Flaherty

Steven A. Sciascia

Donna L. Connors

Stephen C. O'Brien

Meredith L. Boericke

Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.

Not Present: David M. Ringius, Jr., Vice-President

Others: Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor

Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor

Marybeth McGrath, Director of the Department of Municipal Licenses & Inspections

James Arsenault, DPW Director

Melissa Santucci-Rozzi, Assistant Director Planning & Community Development

Christine Stickney, Director Planning & Community Development

Steven Leary, Assistant to the Mayor

George Clements, Developer

Michael Modestino, Attorney

Matt Gaines, Attorney

William Proulx, resident

Liz Page, resident

Carol Czech, resident

Vania Mauricio, resident

Dan Clifford, resident (former Council member)

Kerri Piccalo, parent

John Riordan, Principal of Morrison School

COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATIONS

- Agenda/Documents link to website: <https://braintreema.gov/AgendaCenter>
- Email: towncouncil@braintreema.gov
- Meeting Notice Posting link: <https://ma-braintree.civicplus.com/calendar.aspx?CID=43&showPastEvents=false>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 024 20 Council President: Community Conversations on Racial and Social Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

President Hume stated I announced last time we will be bringing in a consultant to do a workshop with Council as well as all town department heads and possibly school committee members. As you can all imagine this is a hot topic not only for Braintree but throughout this entire country. There are a few individuals we were looking at that came highly recommended. Dr. Hackett has reached out to many of his contacts and has been working on this. We have been working collaboratively with the School Superintendent and the Mayor’s office on all this as well as our first responders. It is becoming an issue because everyone is booked. These individuals who are local are now traveling throughout the country because there is such a high demand. We are going to get the best person and the most appropriate. We do not have anyone firmed up just yet. It is scheduling that is holding up and the high demand for the interest in that.

• 027 20 Council President: Election Workers Needed

President Hume stated Town Clerk Casey has expressed the need for a Poll Workers. You are required to be a registered voter. Time is 6am to approximately 10pm. Election workers are paid \$12.75 per hour and training is available. If you are interested please contact the Town Clerk’s office 781-794-8240 or townclerk@braintreema.gov

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 16, 2020

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of June 16, 2020

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Approve Minutes of June 16, 2020

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

• 012 20 Council President: COVID-19 Update

Marybeth McGrath, Director of the Department of Municipal Licenses & Inspections stated the Town has had very little to no cases lately. The total of 930 cases with 57% being in assisted living facilities and 42% being in the general population. It is being noted large gatherings are contributing to these rise in numbers throughout the state. As we move towards the fall we need to consider it is also flu season. We continue to review the re-opening requirements. We receive a lot of complaints from residents at different sectors that are re-opening. We take them on a case by case basis and go out and investigate.

There is a link to all things COVID on the Town website.

We also encourage the residents to take steps to help prevent exposure to any respiratory viruses, including seasonal influenza and Coronavirus by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes and face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Stay at home when feeling sick.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

For questions, please feel free to contact the Town of Braintree Health Department:

Jean McGinty, Public Health Nurse at 781-794-8094 or Marybeth McGrath, Director of Health at 781-794-8095.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kokoros stated in regards to the Liberty and Grove Street areas I would like to thank the Committee on Ordinance & Rules committee and the Committee of Ways & Means for both committees unanimous vote to support this. The goal was to come up with a plan in regards to the 40(B) that was before us. We came up with a different use for this land and not have it completely developed and over-developed based on 40(B) guidelines. This will allow more open space that we control. With the hard work the Mayor's staff and committee(s) have done will give a great final solution of rezone and purchase of land. I do ask for your vote in support of these items.

• **20 044 Mayor: Amendment to Town Zoning Map—General Business District (Liberty and Grove Streets) or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 20 044?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 044

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 044

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 20 044?

Matt Gaines, Attorney for owners of 371 Grove Street stated comments including here you are voting to change the abutters from Residential to Business. I ask how this is in the best interest of the Town.

Carol Czech, Stafford Avenue stated she her support for the rezone and purchase of land and feels it is the best option for the neighborhood in general.

William Proulx, 371 Grove Street stated they met with Council members and Mayor's staff. They asked for examples where rezone occurred from Residential to Business and we did not see any good examples. The land purchase will be \$1.41 million for 1.8 acres of land. Mr. Proulx stated during all of these meetings no one has mentioned 371 Grove Street so that is distressing to us.

Councilor Mackin stated I am in support of this proposal. This property is in my district. This was a big issue during the election. The original 40(B) had many residents in this area opposed to it. This is an excellent location for a business to be there with businesses on the two other sides of the street. It has been run down and abandoned for a long time. I did speak with the Proulx's and hope as we move forward things can be done to help them possibly with more of a buffer. I will be in support of this proposal.

President Hume referred to Councilor Sciascia, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Ordinance & Rules for a recommendation.

Councilor Sciascia stated the committee met and the Ordinance & Rules Committee delivered a unanimous favorable recommendation for this. There was a good bit of discussion around this. We have received insurances that once something is sighted for this land there will be a meeting with residents and abutters.

Councilor Sciascia stated I continue to support this. This lot is unique. It is partially zoned residential and partially zoned general business. The general business portion is greatly undersized compared to a typical store footprint is today. There was general agreement that we would have to look to rezone this lot no matter what if we want anything to be put on that lot.

Councilor Flaherty stated there are a lot of moving pieces to this plan. Either we rezone for a potential CVS or we face the prospect of a 96 unit 40(B) residential complex. To decide how to vote on this every Councilor has to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of either project. We have to look at traffic impact, taxes, historic home in the mix from the 1690's, and wetlands. We ask does Braintree need another CVS or do we need more housing. Braintree has been ignoring the need for housing for some time. We need housing but do we need this housing.

Councilor Boericke read into the record a letter from a constituent. This constituent opposes the rezone of Liberty and Grove Street.

Councilor Boericke stated I had residents living in the area stating they prefer a CVS or business development to the 4-story apartment building that they felt would be too tall and too imposing for that corner. I did hear traffic is the prime concern. I will be voting in favor of this, this evening and hope we can work to bring more affordable housing to Braintree.

Councilor O'Brien stated this rezone is not just for a CVS. This could end up being something else even a Cumberland Farms which I have had people saying they should have gone for that.

Councilor Sciascia stated it is true the Council can only rezone to general business but cannot say a particular business must go in that location.

Liz Page, 137 Storrs Avenue stated I do think all the efforts have showed a great deal of creativity and a lot of caring that the Braintree residents do not want to see their town overdeveloped. This project is very good.

Dan Clifford, Saint Claire Street stated this property has been discussed for years. When the announcement of 96 units going there was opposition from the residents and all the school, water and infrastructure uses the town has. It was basically settled a CVS would be more aesthetically pleasing than 96 units. Given the amount of years this has gone on I hope the Council will respect this. A CVS is much more appealing and it is what the residents want.

Vania Mauricio, Skyline apartments. I have a question on what these are zoned for - Is affordable units only in Residential C.

Melissa Santucci stated the Ridge apartments on upper West Street are zoned Residential A and have affordable housing units.

Councilor O'Brien stated people are not 100% against a 40(B) on this location.

Michael Modestino, Attorney of Liberty Grove, LLC. I say this rezone request benefits the entire town. This is great for open space and preserve a historical building. This is not spot zoning.

Councilor Ryan stated I heard loud and clear we do not want high density development in neighborhoods. We want it in the right location in Braintree. I will be supporting this.

Melissa Santucci stated this has been being looked at since 2014. This is being done to create something that will be appropriate in size, scale and massing for our bylaws. The site review process will have discussions on buffering and landscaping etc. I am one of the biggest proponents of housing and yes we need housing and diversity but not at this corner. I am hoping we find other opportunities within the community

President Hume stated this has been going on for years with this particular site with many projects brought before us. I do think this is the best one. I do think the developer has been working with the residents. The Proulx's are the residents most affected by this and I had asked the developer to come meet with them. I hope the talks with the Proulx's will continue to address their needs. This is truly a collaborative effort.

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

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 20 044?

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 044

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 044

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

The Motion for Order 20 044 was read by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Connors and Vote by Roll Call:

Motion:

That the Town Council vote, at the request of the Mayor of the Town of Braintree, and Liberty Grove LLC with consent by Eugene K. and Linda A. Mclsaac, to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Braintree, by rezoning from the Residence A and Residence B Districts to the General Business District, certain portions of the following lots: Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6 (identified as 357 Grove Street); Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6A (identified as 1006 Liberty Street); and Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6B (identified as 365 Grove Street). The portions of said Lots that are to be rezoned are shown on a plan entitled "Rezoning Plan At 357 & 365 Grove Street – 1006 Liberty Street in Braintree, Mass.", prepared by Hardy + Man Design Group, PC, dated June 22, 2020, which is on file with the Town Clerk. The acreage to be rezoned is approximately 1.23 acres, including approximately 0.72 acres of Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6, 0.02 acres of Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6A, and 0.49 acres of Assessors Parcel 1109, Lot 6B.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 044

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

- **20 045 Mayor: Request for Appropriation - CPA funds for the land purchase at Liberty and Grove or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 20 045?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 045

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 045

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke stated the Ways & Means Committee met last week on this matter and sends this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation. The funding for this will come from the towns Community Preservation Act fund.

Councilor O'Brien stated his paperwork shows a \$1.3 million dollar offer. The documentation I have shows a \$1.4 plus purchase price.

Melissa Santucci states the total purchase price which includes the land, dwelling and other soft items is \$1.41 million. The offer from Mr. Clements notes lead in the house needing to be removed.

Melissa Santucci stated Liberty Grove LLC will get \$1.360 million.

Councilor O'Brien stated he does not see anywhere in his documentation that the house has gone by the Historic Commission. How do we know it is historic and has the Historic Commission made that determination?

Melissa Santucci stated they have not made that determination. We are using unrestricted funds from CPA. Sometimes age is considered enough for historic.

Councilor O'Brien asked about a 21E. If there was leaching I would want the clean up to be on the previous owner and not a burden to the town.

Melissa Santucci stated a 21E is not on for the 1006 Liberty Street. It was for the Sunoco location but when you do investigative environmental work you keep testing until you don't find anything anymore. What we did review there was not presence of things beyond the monitored area. What we have seen is not concerning.

Councilor O'Brien stated there is talk about affordable housing. There is only one unit. Is that the only unit that could go on the rolls?

Melissa Santucci stated our intentions to this purchase are related to that structure.

Mr. Proulx stated there was a mention that there are no additional funds for the upkeep of the property. I want public to understand there is no plan for a walking park etc. To make an open space you need access to it. I can't imagine there is any room for a path there to get back to any open space. It is just a public buffer in our mind.

Nicole Taub stated no additional monies in the budget was to maintain certain properties but there were also conversations about engaging with the public on what use there may be for these lands and possible further development and possible additional monies available from CPA funds.

Melissa Santucci stated there is an additional 150 feet of frontage via Liberty Street for access for the public for multiple uses in the future.

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

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 20 045?

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 045

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 045

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

The Motion for Order 20 045 was read by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Connors and Vote by Roll Call:

Motion:

That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, the sum of **\$1,415,000** be appropriated from the CPA Unreserved Fund in order to acquire a parcel of land located off Liberty and Grove Streets containing approximately 1.8 acres and consisting of portions of Assessors Map Parcels 1109-0-6, 1109-0-6A, and 1109-0-6B, said parcel being identified as "CPC Area" on a plan entitled "Liberty/Grove Development and Preservation Plan at 357 & 365 Grove Street / 1006 Liberty Street in Braintree, Mass.", prepared by Hardy + Man Design Group, PC, dated June 22, 2020. The purposes of the acquisition include the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and/or the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is so acquired or created. The appropriation includes \$1,360,000 for the parcel purchase price, and \$55,000 for associated costs. Said sums are to be expended under the direction of the Mayor, with the assistance of the Director of Planning and Community Development. Further, that the Mayor be authorized to accept a deed for said parcel and to take any other action necessary to accomplish the acquisition of said parcel, and that the Mayor also be authorized to grant such permanent restrictions on said parcel (or a portion thereof) as may be necessary to meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, Sections 31 and 32, as required by Chapter 44B of the General Laws, Section 12.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 045

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

Councilor O'Brien stated to a previous speaker this is not money from the general fund or from the schools. This is money set aside specifically for this purpose of historic housing saving, open space which we can always use more and housing also a problem in this town that we need to remedy. I think the Mayor will be working on that. I say yes.

• **20 050 Mayor: Request for Appropriation –Archie T. Morrison Elementary School-Outdoor Classroom or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 20 050?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 050

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 050

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke stated the Ways & Means Committee met last week on this matter and sends this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation. This funding is being appropriated from our CPA funds. This is going to be an outdoor classroom for the use for all of our residents, young and old, to be able to enjoy the space.

President Hume stated also in attendance is John Riordon, Morrison School Principal and Kerri Piccolo, parent and advocate for this outdoor classroom whom both stated their excitement about this project.

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

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 20 050?

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 050

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 050

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

The Motion was read by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Connors and Vote by Roll Call:

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 \$100,000.00 from the CPA Unreserved Fund for the capital improvement of recreational/open space area for the creation of an outdoor classroom on the grounds of the Archie T. Morrison Elementary School located at 260 Liberty Street (Assessors Map 3030 Plot 1) conditional on the funds expended under the Community Preservation Committee and the Director of Planning and Community Development and (2) with School Department approval.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 050

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

- **20 054 Mayor: Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 20 054?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 054

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 20 054

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke stated the Ways & Means Committee met last week on this matter and sends this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation. This is an opportunity to get money back from the state and our understanding is it will be used to complete some of the traffic calming initiatives that begun last year.

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

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 20 054?

Councilor Ryan made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 054

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 20 054

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

The Motion was read by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Connors and Vote by Roll Call:

Motion:

That the sum of \$50,219.90 received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund be appropriated to Department of Public Works to be spent in accordance with St. 2016, c. 187, s. 8(c)(i).

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 054

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

• **20 049 Mayor: Acceptance of Donations or take up any action relative thereto**

This is not a Public Hearing but if anyone wishes to speak they can reach out and we will try to get their questions answered.

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke stated the Ways & Means Committee met last week on this matter and sends this to the full Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation. Thank you to former Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan and the Anonymous donor for their generosity to benefit the town.

President Hume stated thank you to former Mayor Sullivan and the Anonymous donor for these gifts. The High School each year has a Scholarship Night and more and more it is necessary and thank you for all who contribute to this.

The Motion was read by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Connors and Vote by Roll Call:

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:

DONOR	GIFT	PURPOSE
Joseph C. Sullivan	\$40,000.00	Braintree Blue Scholarship
Joseph C. Sullivan	\$2,000.00	Veterans Donation Fund
Anonymous	\$50,000.00	Abraham Lincoln Park- Walking Path

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 049

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

Councilor Ryan stated it is good to see former Mayor Sullivan is still making an impact on the Town. We thank him for these donations.

• **20 051 National Grid Petition: Argyle Road or take up any action relative thereto.**

Council President Hume referred to Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Councilor Ryan stated the committee met earlier this evening and send a unanimous favorable recommendation to the full Council. This street is not under moratorium. The Braintree DPW is doing the water lines over in these roads and want National Grid to replace the gas lines as soon as possible. Councilor Flaherty asked all the impacted residents be informed on what is going on. We asked DPW Director to do that as well.

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

MOTION: To install and maintain approximately 735 feet of 2 inch gas main at three separate locations between Audubon Ave and Gordon Rd. Total main installation 735 FT with staff recommendations:

BELD: There are no underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: This section of Argyle Road is not under the moratorium. The street has not been resurfaced in several years. Argyle Road is scheduled to have a new water main installed and we would recommend that the petition for this section be granted as soon as possible so that both the water main and gas main projects can be coordinated and completed in a timely manner. The petition should be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the new water main trenches and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time. We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor’s engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.”

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 051

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

• **20 052 National Grid Petition: River, Railroad, Hooker Streets or take up any action relative thereto.**

Council President Hume referred to Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Councilor Ryan stated the committee met earlier this evening and sends a unanimous favorable recommendation to the full Council. This street is not under moratorium. The Braintree DPW is doing the water lines over and replacing them in these streets and want National Grid to replace the gas lines as soon as possible. Councilor Flaherty asked all the impacted residents be informed on what is going on. We asked DPW Director to do that as well. See note from BELD on this item for BELD to be on-site at the time of work.

Motion read by Councilor Ryan:

MOTION: To install and maintain approximately 885 feet of 2 inch gas main in River St., Railroad St. and Hooker St. from Washington St. to the end of the main. Total main installation 885 FT with staff recommendations:

BELD: Please note, BELD has a 115,000-volt oil filled transmission line located on River Street to Washington Street. BELD Engineering should be notified in advance of any excavation to be performed near this line. BELD will provide onsite support and safety personnel at no cost to the project. Please see attached drawing of the locations of services.

DPW: These sections of River St., Railroad St. and Hooker St. are not under the moratorium. The streets have not been resurfaced in several years. All three streets are scheduled to have new water mains installed and we would recommend that the petition for these streets be granted as soon as possible so that both the water main and gas main projects can be coordinated and completed in a timely manner. The petition should be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the new water main trenches and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time. We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor’s engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.”

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve Order 20 052

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

NEW BUSINESS

- None

President Hume asked is there a motion for the following to be referred to Committee(s):

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 20 055 Mayor: FY20 Year End—Line Item Transfers or take up any action relative thereto

Motion made by Councilor Ryan to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Town Council Order 20 055 Mayor: FY20 Year End—Line Item Transfers or take up any action relative thereto or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Town Council Order 20 055

Second: by Councilor Connors

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

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting scheduled on: [**Wednesday, September 2, 2020 @7:30pm**](#)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:11p.m.

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

Meeting Documents

- Minutes of June 16, 2020
- 20 044 Mayor: Amendment to Town Zoning Map—General Business District (Liberty and Grove Streets) or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)
- 20 045 Mayor: Request for Appropriation - CPA funds for the land purchase at Liberty and Grove or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)
- 20 049 Mayor: Acceptance of Donations or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 050 Mayor: Request for Appropriation –Archie T. Morrison Elementary School-Outdoor Classroom or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)
- 20 051 National Grid Petition: Argyle Road or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 052 National Grid Petition: River, Railroad, Hooker Streets or take up any action relative thereto.
- 20 054 Mayor: Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)
- 20 055 Mayor: FY20 Year End—Line Item Transfers or take up any action relative thereto