

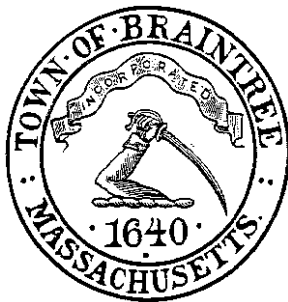
Charles B. Ryan
President
At Large

Sean E. Powers
At Large

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

Thomas W. Whalen
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes
District 3



CHARLES C. Kokoros
Vice President
District 1

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

David M. Ringius, Jr.
District 5

Timothy P. Carey
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

August 13, 2019 MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

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

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles C. Kokoros, Vice President
Thomas M. Bowes
Timothy P. Carey
Stephen C. O'Brien
Sean E. Powers

Not Present: Shannon L. Hume
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Thomas W. Whalen

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff
Paul Shastany, Police Chief
John Goldrosen, Town Solicitor
James M. Casey, Town Clerk
Dr. Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools
Christine Stickney, Director Planning & Community Development
Ben Hulke, Assistant DPW Director
Andrew Marron, Sr Project Manager, IT
Lorraine See, Procurement
Tom Devin, School Committee member
Erin Joyce, Planning Board member
Debra Saucier, DPW Finance
Mike Cavanaugh, Sustainable Braintree
Jean Giagrande, Charter Review Committee
Pat Needham, Charter Review Committee
Hank Joyce, former Councilman
Many residents including:
Jill Coyle, Linda Kopkind, Liz Page

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 18, 2019

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Minutes of June 18, 2019

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Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O'Brien, Powers, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

- **028 19 Council President: Charter Review Committee (Swearing-In)**

Mayor Sullivan performed swearing-in of the Charter Review Committee as a group. Town Clerk James Casey was in attendance with the book all must sign after being sworn-in.

Town Council Appointments:

1. Jean Giangrande, served on the original Town Charter Committee
2. Patricia Needham, former Water and Sewer Commissioner
3. Shannon Hume, Town Councilor
4. Tim Carey, Town Councilor

Mayor's Appointments:

1. Al Varraso, Veteran, served on the original Town Charter Committee
2. Erin Joyce, Planning Board member
3. Jeff Kunz, Solid Waste Manager
4. Jen Dolan, School Committee member
5. Peter Morin, former Chief of Staff

- **033 19 Mayor: Update Regarding Digital Strategy and IT Projects**

Power Point presentation by:

Andrew Marron, Senior Project Manager/IT gave an update on the Town of Braintree social media sites. Andrew mentioned the Smart911 at braintreema.gov/alerts, he mentioned cybersecurity month is October, Town phone upgrades, see click fix, Munis and showed the Town Seal over the years and how it has now been standardized.

- **034 19 Mayor: Green Communities Proposed Ordinance Changes Update (initial presentation)**

Power Point presentation by: Joe Reynolds, Lorraine See (Procurement), Debra Saucier (DPW finance) and Mike Cavanaugh from Sustainable Braintree. This will be a General Ordinance update known as the "Stretch Energy Code" under Chapter 2.520 Inspector of Buildings.

- **035 19 Mayor: Weymouth Compressor Station Update**

Mayor Sullivan gave an update on the Compressor Station along with a memo of events.

- **036 19 Mayor: East Middle School Update**

Mayor Sullivan gave an update on the East Middle School renovation project stating this was voted 2 years ago with an 82.6 million budget.

Dr. Hackett stated this is a \$41 million share with MSBA and the Town. Dr. Hackett stated approximately \$48 million spent to date at about 60% complete.

OLD BUSINESS

• **19 011 Mayor: Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Council President Ryan stated the Town Council has not yet received a recommendation from the Planning Board on Order 19 011. Town Council is continuing to table this public hearing to a “date certain”.

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to continue to TABLE the Public Hearing on Order 19 011 to October 1, 2019 at 7:30pm

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to TABLE Order 19 011 to October 1, 2019 at 7:30pm

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

• **19 022 Town Clerk: Call of the Town Preliminary Election - September 17, 2019**

Motion read by Councilor Kokoros:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

TOWN CLERK: CALL OF THE ELECTION SEPTEMBER 17, 2019.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE IS HEREBY REQUIRED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To cast their votes on the official ballot for nomination of Mayor with the 2 persons receiving at the preliminary election the highest number of votes for nomination shall be the sole candidates whose names shall be printed on the official ballots to be used at the regular town election at which such office is to be voted upon.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve Order 19 022

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

• **19 023 National Grid Petition: Harbor Villa Avenue or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Ryan referred to Councilor Kokoros, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Councilor Kokoros stated this road is not under moratorium therefore the permit was voted unanimously for favorable recommendation to the full Council.

MOTION read by Councilor O'Brien:

To Install and maintain approximately 475 feet of 2 inch gas main from Quincy Avenue northeasterly to the end of the main at #37 Harbor Villa Avenue. Harbor Villa Avenue was shimmed and micro-surfaced in 2010 and is not under moratorium. The DPW recommends that the permit be granted with the normal conditions imposed by the DPW Highway Division with staff recommendations:

BELD: BELD also has a 13,800 volt underground system on Quincy Ave in sidewalk toward Harbor Villa Ave.

DPW:

1. If sidewalk surfaces are disturbed the surface is to be replaced in kind, at ADA compliant slopes and for the full width of the sidewalk;
2. all matches with existing surfaces be smooth, safe, properly surfaced and satisfactory to the Town;
3. the work be coordinated with the abutters to ensure that the properties are accessible at all times, including ADA compliant pedestrian access;
4. the conduit be installed outside of the trenches of the water and sewer mains and other utilities in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time;
5. the DPW be notified when the construction conflicts with Town utilities so the resolution can be mutually agreeable;
6. as-built plans be prepared and submitted satisfactory to the Department of Public Works;
7. the construction portion of the permit period not exceed two months from the start of construction and that the entire permit period be set at one year beginning at the date of Council approval.

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 O'Brien to approve Order 19 023

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O'Brien, Powers, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

• **19 024 National Grid Petition: Hawthorn Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Ryan referred to Councilor Kokoros, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Councilor Kokoros stated this road is not under moratorium therefore the permit was voted unanimously for favorable recommendation to the full Council.

MOTION read by Councilor Kokoros:

To Install and maintain approximately 1040 feet of 2 inch gas main from Washington Street southeasterly to the existing gas main in Home Park Road with staff recommendations:

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

DPW: Hawthorn Road was milled and overlaid in 2008 and is not under moratorium. The DPW recommends that the permit be granted with the normal conditions imposed by the DPW Highway Division plus staff recommendations:

1. If sidewalk surfaces are disturbed the surface is to be replaced in kind, at ADA compliant slopes and for the full width of the sidewalk;
2. all matches with existing surfaces be smooth, safe, properly surfaced and satisfactory to the Town;
3. the work be coordinated with the abutters to ensure that the properties are accessible at all times, including ADA compliant pedestrian access;
4. the conduit be installed outside of the trenches of the water and sewer mains and other utilities in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time;
5. the DPW be notified when the construction conflicts with Town utilities so the resolution can be mutually agreeable;
6. as-built plans be prepared and submitted satisfactory to the Department of Public Works;
7. the construction portion of the permit period not exceed two months from the start of construction and that the entire permit period be set at one year beginning at the date of Council approval.

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 O’Brien to approve Order 19 024

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 19 026 National Grid Petition: Gardner Terrace or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 19 026
 - Second:** by Councilor Powers
 - Vote:** For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

- 19 027 National Grid Petition: Lawnview Drive and Pinecrest Road or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 19 027
 - Second:** by Councilor Powers
 - Vote:** For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

- 19 028 National Grid Petition: Plymouth Road or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 19 028
 - Second:** by Councilor Powers
 - Vote:** For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

- 19 029 Resident Petition: 40 Bowditch Street or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 19 029
 - Second:** by Councilor Powers
 - Vote:** For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 19 030 Mayor: Appointment Braintree Historical Commission, Robert S. Harris or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 19 030
 - Second:** by Councilor Powers
 - Vote:** For (6 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (3 - Hume, Ringius, Whalen), Abstain (0)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting will be held on: **Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- Minutes of June 18, 2019
- 028 19 Council President: Charter Review Committee (Swearing-In)
- 033 19 Mayor: Update Regarding Digital Strategy and IT Projects
- 034 19 Mayor: Green Communities Proposed Ordinance Changes Update (initial presentation)
- 035 19 Mayor: Weymouth Compressor Station Update
- 036 19 Mayor: East Middle School Update
- 19 011 Mayor: Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 19 022 Town Clerk: Call of the Town Preliminary Election - September 17, 2019
- 19 023 National Grid Petition: Harbor Villa Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 024 National Grid Petition: Hawthorn Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 026 National Grid Petition: Gardner Terrace or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 027 National Grid Petition: Lawnview Drive and Pinecrest Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 028 National Grid Petition: Plymouth Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 029 Resident Petition: 40 Bowditch Street or take up any action relative thereto