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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (zoom webinar)

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

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

Present: Shannon Hume, President
David M. Ringius, Jr., Vice-President
Charles Ryan
Julia Camille Flaherty
Steven A. Sciascia
Donna L. Connors
Stephen C. O'Brien
Meredith L. Boericke
Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.

Others: Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor
Marybeth McGrath, Director Municipal Licenses & Inspections

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 001 21 Council President: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citizen of the Year Award

President Hume stated the Mayor announced the recipients of this year's award are the Public Health Nurses and the Braintree Public School Nurses. BCAM is televising this ceremony that took place. These nurses have truly gone beyond their own jobs and helped the Town's Health Department during this pandemic.

Here are a list of their names:

- Jean Afzali – Director of School Nursing Services
- Jane Bagley – Hollis Elementary School Nurse
- Diane Bulman – Braintree High School Nurse
- Cheryl Campbell – Morrison Elementary School Nurse
- Peggy Ciulla – Pre School Nurse
- Sara Crowley – Monatiquot School Kindergarten Center Nurse
- Ashley Dias – Braintree High School Nurse
- Heather Driscoll – South Middle School Nurse
- Karen Hubbard – Interim Director of School Nursing Services
- Joanne Kelly – Liberty Elementary School Nurse
- Casey McDonough – South Middle School Nurse
- Ashley McHugh – Monatiquot School Kindergarten Nurse
- Carolynn Moore – Braintree Public Health Nurse
- Heidi Morris – Braintree High School Nurse
- Mary Mulready – Braintree Public Health Nurse
- Heidi Olson – Ross Elementary School Nurse
- MaryAnn O'Rourke – East Middle School Nurse
- Kelly Perfetti – Highlands Elementary School Nurse
- Judy Sellon – Flaherty Elementary School Nurse
- Ellen Wright – East Middle School Nurse

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• October 20, 2020

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2020

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O'Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), 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 Towns total number of cases is at 3,192. We had 13 cases today. This could be the lull before the storm. This is 553 cases from the last meeting. The numbers are continuing to increase.

We started vaccinations last week with the First Responders. We have an appointment registry so when we are ready to roll into Phase 2 we have a list of those 65 and older. This would be individuals with 2 plus co-morbidity or immune suppressed. This is a lengthy registration process. You need to be placed on a list. If a resident calls we need full name, address and best contact phone number. When we puncture a vial we need to use that vial within 6 hours. We will not throw any out. I refuse to waste any vaccines. We schedule appointments so we know who is coming and when.

We do not have a date when we will be able to begin Phase 2 of vaccinations.

[Southshore/COVIDTESTING.COM](#) – Brewster ambulance can set up COVID testing.

Testing sites available are: Randolph (128 Pleasant Street) Monday thru Friday 2pm to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Massasoit in Brockton is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 7am to 11am and Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 2pm to 7pm.

Both of these sites are free to Massachusetts residents. You stay in your car and get tested.

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:

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **20 071 Town Clerk: Polling Locations or take up any action relative thereto (TABLED)**

President Hume stated this item will be tabled to a future Town Council meeting. The Town Clerk has more information to compile and asked this be tabled further. When we do take up this Order we will allow Public Comment at that meeting.

If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns please email us at towncouncil@braintreema.gov

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to table Order 20 071

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to table Order 20 071

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

NEW BUSINESS

- None

President Hume asked is there a motion for the following to be referred to Committee(s):
Councilor Ringius read the following item(s) for referral to committee(s):

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 21 002 Mayor: Acceptance of Donations or take up any action relative thereto

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 21 002

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Council Order 21 002

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting scheduled on: **Tuesday, February 2, 2021@7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m.

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

Meeting Documents

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