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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

(zoom webinar)

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, March 2, 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: Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor
Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor
Marybeth McGrath, Director Municipal License & Inspections
Joseph Keaney, appointee Braintree Cultural Council

COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice-President asked to remember and hold a moment of silence for Lt. Principe and Sgt. DeCross.

Council Vice-President Ringius stated this weekend South Shore Girls Basketball Playoffs did well:

5th Grade Girls – Completed undefeated seasons and won the Championships

6th Grade Girls - Completed undefeated seasons and won the Championships

7th Grade Girls - Completed undefeated seasons and won the Championships

8th Grade Girls – defeated in the Championship

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 1, 2020

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of December 1, 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 **3,911**. Over the past two weeks it is an 85 case difference. The numbers have been lower. The total cumulative deaths is 184. We are rolling into our 2nd dose vaccination clinics. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from our residents on these clinics.

Effective March 1, 2021 we are in Phase 3 step 2. Changes include: Many Indoor/Outdoor businesses allowed at 50% capacity. Restaurant is now only limited with proper distancing of 6 feet. Food Court at the South Shore Plaza remains closed.

Effective March 22, 2021 Private Residences 10 person indoor, 25 outdoor.

The Mayor's Department continues to try to team with other resources to continue vaccination clinics.

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

- 21 003 Mayor: Reappointment of Joseph Keaney to the Braintree Cultural Council or take up any action relative thereto

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means. Councilor Boericke stated the Ways & Means met earlier this evening and sends this to the Full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation and we thank Mr. Keaney for offering his expertise and time to the Town.

Nicole Taub stated he is incredibly well suited to serve on the Cultural Council. Mr. Keaney has held this position since 2016 so we ask the Council to support the re-appointment of Mr. Keaney this evening.

Mr. Keaney stated thank you for the opportunity to continue. It is great to see the arts being brought in Town.

Motion ready by Council Vice-President Ringius:

MOTION: Upon the request of his honor, the Mayor, the Town of Braintree, through the Braintree Town Council, and in accordance with sections 3-3 of the Charter of the Town of Braintree to approve the re-appointment of Joseph Keaney to the Braintree Cultural Council.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 003

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 on the Department of Public Works

- 21 010 National Grid Petition: Huntley Road or take up any action relative thereto

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 21 010

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 21 010

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, March 16, 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

- Minutes of December 1, 2020
- 21 003 Mayor: Reappointment of Joseph Keaney to the Braintree Cultural Council
- 21 010 National Grid Petition: Huntley Road or take up any action relative thereto