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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

President Ryan asked for a moment of silence for our first responders and all those serving our military home and abroad.

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

Present: Charles Ryan, President
David M. Ringius, Jr., Vice President
Shannon Hume
Julia Flaherty
Annmary Quilty
Elizabeth Maglio
Meredith Boericke

Not Present: Joseph Reynolds
Peter Morin

Others: Erin V. Joyce, Mayor
Michael Esmond, Finance Director
Matthew Jacques, DPW Director
George Andes, Veterans Agent
Paul Marshall, Veterans Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **036 25 Mayor:** Foster Veterans Center

Mayor Joyce stated we have this is a brief update on the relocation plans for the Veteran Services. We are looking to identify space. The Foster School is in need of significant repairs. That building is very challenged. We can't do significant investments to all of our town buildings. I think we have identified a really great opportunity in the planned ultimate relocation which will be phased.

Director Jacques explained we have a phased plan.

Veterans Services is currently located at the old Foster School located at 30 Foster Road.

- Building requires major repairs:
 - Heating system update
 - Roof in need of significant work
- Not representative of the respect our veterans deserve
- Continued investment here is not cost-effective

We worked with George Andes, Veterans Agent and Paul Marshall on what the needs would be and what would better serve our veterans both short term and long term.

Phase 1 is a temporary move to 74 Pond Street while the permanent location is being modernized. The move will happen around the week of November 17, 2025.

- Good office & meeting space
- Accessible location
- Low-cost and quick to occupy

Long-Term Plan: 2015 Washington Street. It is a town building and town owned space. This location will be updated & modernized ready to occupy by late Summer 2026

- Good office & meeting space
- Convenient location
- Increased opportunities for future growth

It is a beautiful building there. It is currently not accessible. There is no ramp and no ADA accessibility. We need to do some work there and there is a plan to add some dedicated parking spaces.

This is great space for our staff and visitors. It avoids continuing putting money into the Foster School that we can use other places.

Councilor Hume asked what the plan is for the future of Foster School.

Mayor Joyce stated unknown at this time but to take the building offline, winterize it and make sure it is safe and secure. DPW will still maintain the property. We will work with District Councilor Morin to host some community meetings.

74/90 Pond Street - about a year ago we completed a preliminary study for affordable senior housing there and we do want to move forward on that project.

2015 Washington Street is currently excess office space for the Sheriff's Office use. This was available and with their parallel efforts and outreach to veterans I think it is a nice fit for it to be on that campus. The town owns that entire campus.

George Andes, Veterans Agent stated in a facility we need separate office space to allow veterans to talk about whatever they need to talk about freely. We also need larger spaces where we host coffee on Tuesdays and have about 12-20 veterans attend each week. We need storage and files. We have a lot of files that are required to be triple secure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 2, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2025

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Quilty, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Morin, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

- September 16, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2025

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Quilty, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Morin, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 25 062 Mayor: Tax Rate Classifications or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing on 12/2/25*)

Motion read by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 25 062 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 25 062

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Quilty, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Morin, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

- 037 25 Councilor Maglio: Update from the Mayor's office as to a plan for building the town's grant writing capacity

Motion read by Councilor Ringius to refer item 037 25 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 25 062

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Quilty, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Morin, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for: [Tuesday, November 18, 2025@7:30pm](#)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

Recording of meeting found at: <https://www.youtube.com/bcamtv>