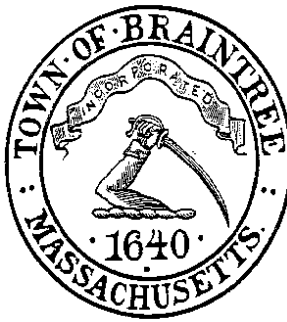


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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, November 18, 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.

President Ryan had a moment of silence for Leland Dingee, first Town Council President who passed away this week.

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

Present: Charles Ryan, President
David M. Ringius, Jr., Vice President arrived @7:34pm
Shannon Hume
Julia Flaherty
Joseph Reynolds
Annmary Quilty
Elizabeth Maglio
Meredith Boericke
Peter Morin

Others: Ann Toland, Director - Marge Crispin Center
Michael Esmond, Finance Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 039 25 Council President: Marge Crispin Center Update

Ann Toland, Director of the Marge Crispin Center stated we are part of the Greater Boston Food Bank. At the end of each year we have to do a status report. It gives an idea of what we do in total for the year. Monthly we weigh the food that comes in. Every other week we go into Boston and we are allotted 1,500 to 2,500 each time we go in which is usually twice a month. It is dairy, meats, produce and non-perishable items. If there is ever a surplus we get called to come in and get things. The number of people in need is increasing right now. This has been a great asset to share ideas and problems.

Last year we did 200 families for Thanksgiving and this year we are up to 240 families. That will be distributed all on Pond Street from 9am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm.

I have a list of the holiday schedule. You should all come and see the set up and distribution. The town-wide party is at Leo's on Wednesday, December 10th.

On December 16th thru December 18th is the toy distribution to families.

The Marge Crispin Center – it is such a difficult year but there is so much positivity going on and there is so much generosity from town government and all the business that help us out. I got a call from the post office who are collecting toys. There are so many good stories of those we have helped throughout the years. People come back when they get back on their feet and give back.

Councilor Quilty stated over the past couple of years it is a pleasure for me to visit with Ann Toland at the Marge Crispin center. It has been in existence since the 1970s and is located at 46 Lincoln Street. It is open for food pick up Tuesday thru Thursdays 10am to 1pm. Ann and her staff make sure children have backpacks going back to school and families have meals during holidays. Food insecurity is on the rise at this time. Each Thanksgiving food basket costs about \$100 to put together. Ann and her volunteers serve their clients with kindness and respect. Ann has quoted Marge Crispin by saying “An organization like this is only as good as the volunteers, staff, supporters, businesses, and the Town of Braintree”. Ann always notes how generous the people of Braintree really are.

Ann Toland, Director of the Marge Crispin Center stated it is true Marge Crispin always said, “An organization like this is only as good as the volunteers, staff, supporters, and the town government”. We work closely with all the town departments, and everyone is there to help.

The holiday distribution is for kids up to 18 years old. The parent/guardian shop for them. We appreciate all donated toys, gift cards of small denominations and of course pajamas. Again, December 16th thru December 18th is the toy distribution to these families.

Councilors thanked Ann Toland and her staff for all they do for families in the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 7, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2025

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **038 25** Council President: 2026 Town Council Meeting Calendar
(Please review/to approve on December 2nd)

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **25 064** Mayor: Local Options for Veterans' Tax Exemptions under Massachusetts HERO Act or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 25 064

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **25 065** Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Braintree Cannon Wheel Replacement – CPA Application or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 25 065

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- **25 063** Marr Scaffolding Company Petition: Request to Perform Work in Commerce Drive – 201 Commerce Drive/600 Grove Street or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works
Order 25 063

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **25 066** National Grid Petition: 104 Washington Street/Independence Ave/Cedar Street or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works
Order 25 066

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- **25 067** National Grid Petition: Replace old regulator station on Pearl Street at Colbert Ave or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Order 25 067
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services

- **041 25** Councilor Reynolds: Review the Mayor's proposed discount increase of the Town's Veteran Tax exemption or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services item 041 25
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- **042 25** Councilor Reynolds: Status update on the Senior Tax Program or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services item 042 25
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- **043 25** Councilor Reynolds: Community feedback on Elder Affairs programming and services or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services item 043 25
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- **044 25** Councilor Reynolds: Community feedback on Veterans Services programming and services or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services item 044 25
 - Second:** by Councilor Boericke
 - Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services

- **045 25** Councilor Reynolds: Discussion on proposed Braintree Veterans Memorial Steering Committee or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Elder Affairs & Veterans Services item 045 25

Second: by Councilor Boericke

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for: [Tuesday, December 2, 2025@7:30pm](#)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

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