

Peter Morin
President
District 6

David M. Ringius, J
At Large

Julia C. Flaherty
At Large

Ryan Sterling
At Large



Elizabeth Maglio
Vice President
District 3

James Daiute
District 1

Joseph Reynolds
District 2

Annmary Quilty
District 4

Meredith Boericke
District 5

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 2, 2026

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 2, 2026 beginning at 11:00a.m.

Council Vice-President Ringius was in the chair to conduct the election for the Council President being the senior member at this meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

26 001: Council President: Oath of Office

Erin V. Joyce, Mayor, administered the oath of office to the nine members of the Braintree Town Council and the recently elected members of the School Committee, Housing Authority, Electric Light Board and Thayer Library Trustees.

BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor-At-Large

David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Camille Flaherty
Ryan Sterling

District Councilors

1 – James Daiute
2 – Joseph H. Reynolds
3 – Elizabeth Maglio
4 – Ann Quilty
5 – Meredith Boericke
6 – Peter Morin

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

Present: Peter Morin, President
Elizabeth Maglio, Vice President
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Flaherty
Ryan Sterling
James Daiute
Joseph Reynolds
Ann Quilty

Not Present: Meredith Boericke

Others: Erin V. Joyce, Mayor
Joseph C. Sullivan, former Mayor
Mark Cusack, State Representative – Master of Ceremony
Walter Timilty, Senator
Shannon Hume, former Councilor-at-Large
Debra Starr, Assistant Town Clerk
Jane D'Auria, Town Clerk staff
Eric Cocca, Town Clerk staff
Color Guard, Braintree Veterans Council, Braintree Police Department, Braintree Fire Department
Bert Tremblay, Chaplin Braintree Veteran Council
Many friends, relatives and residents

Mayor Erin Joyce, and Representative Cusack expressed best wishes to all members of the Town Council, School Committee, Housing Authority, Electric Light Board and Thayer Library Trustees. Bert Tremblay gave the invocation and blessing.

Reorganization of Town Council

Eric Cocca, Town Clerk staff stated the reorganization procedures are as follows: Section 8-10 of the Braintree Charter requires councilors present to reorganize by electing a president and a vice president in January of each even numbered year. The charter also requires the town clerk to preside over the reorganization of the town council. With the absence of the town clerk, the town solicitor advises the town council member senior in service years out of the members present who were sworn in on town council to preside over the reorganization of this council. Councilor David M. Ringius, Jr having served eight years on the council and the senior member, I offer you the floor.

David Ringius, Jr. stated welcome to this first meeting of 2026, the first meeting of our newly formed council and to our bi-annual reorganization. This is a bi-annual process for this council to elect new leadership for our upcoming term. It is to me somewhat symbolic that this falls on our calendar New Year's because many of us begin our personal New Year's resolutions as to health, our finances and our relationships, so too does our town government and specifically this council, set its goals, its resolutions, its prioritization of various benchmarks, and we look to advance our community in positive ways. Today, we will go through the reorganization and the leadership election. The nomination process for the council president will be as follows. Just prior to the inauguration ceremony, council members were asked their intentions of nominating a council member for council president. Of our nine members, one had indicated their intention in the nomination. Councilor Maglio will be presented an envelope

technically under the rules which will have a number for who gets to make the first nomination if there are more than one. Do we have anyone else? Seeing none.

Councilor Ringius stated do I have a motion to open the nomination.

Councilor Flaherty made the motion to open the nominations.

Second by Councilor Morin.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, nominations for council president was open.

Councilor Ringius stated with the nominations now open, Council Maglio, which councilor do you wish to nominate?

Councilor Maglio stated I would like to nominate Peter Morin for Council President.

Councilor Ringius asked Councilor Morin if he would accept the nomination.

Councilor Morin stated I do.

Councilor Ringius stated I now asked for a motion to close nominations and that would be with a roll call vote. Do I have a motion to close nominations?

Councilor Flaherty made the motion to close the nominations.

Second by Councilor Reynolds.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, nominations for council president was closed.

Councilor Ringius stated now with only being one nomination do I have a motion and a second to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Peter Morin as the Council President for the upcoming term.

Councilor Flaherty made the motion to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Peter Morin as the Council President.

Second by Councilor Reynolds.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, Councilor Peter Morin is the Council President for the upcoming term.

Councilor Ringius stated congratulations to our new Council President.

Council President Peter Morin stated I begin by thanking the council for its expression of confidence in me. I consider myself one amongst equals just a one of nine. You've chosen me to preside over the Council business and that is an honor that I can't thank you enough for. I have to acknowledge that I do not possess the talents that many of you, that each of you on the council, in many ways, has passed me. I will never be as passionate about issues as Liz Maglio. I will never be meticulous and thorough as Julia Flaherty. My record of service to this country is nowhere near what Joseph Reynolds has offered. I will never be able to construct a line of inquiry and carry it out as well as Dave Ringius does.

I will never be able to keep my constituents informed as well as Meredith Boericke does.

The myriad of talents that Ann Quilty possesses is, you've got to sit next to her and find out everything that she's into. She is amazing. Ryan Sterling, the patience to deal with Mark Cusack, you have me beat by a mile. This is a talented group that is looking to assist in shaping the future of the town. We have different talents and interests, but there are two things that bind us together.

We live and care about our families, and we love and care about our town. These ties will serve to guide us and always work to keep every neighborhood of Braintree a great place to raise a kid. In the pursuit of this goal of keeping each neighborhood a great place to raise a family, I'm hopeful and confident Mayor Joyce will provide the council the opportunity to inform her decisions and proposals prior to their submission to the council. Because this group of nine individuals is a great deal of talent, and so much to offer, I am confident that she will make a good use of it. History has shown that when talented individuals are given the opportunity to make Braintree better, the possibilities are endless, limitless.

Some years ago, residents of Braintree asked for their roads to be individually accepted. Now, some may think I'm talking about Mayor Sullivan and the 100 Roads Program, but in fact, I'm referring to the 1761 appointment of John Adams as a highway surveyor. Four years later, that individual started humbly as a highway surveyor, opted to Braintree instructions to town meeting, protesting taxation without representation, and 15 years later, he was tasked with helping to write the Declaration of Independence. We need to honor the service of those who have served before us by giving our best and conducting ourselves in a way that brings honor to our town. We must show respect for the office we hold, the people we serve, and most importantly, each other. Let us never avoid candid discourse, but let's continue the practice of the last term of always being courteous and collegial with each other. There are many challenges ahead. I am confident if we devote our best efforts in conducting our business with diligence, respect, and courtesy. Braintree's future will surely be brighter. I look forward to working with all of you in the term that we begin today.

Thank you very much.

Councilor Ringius stated Mayor Joyce (in the absence of the Town Clerk) will now swear in Councilor Morin as our Council President.

Council President Morin stated the nomination process for the council vice-president will be as follows. To nominate a candidate, you must raise your hand, first name recognized, will place a name and nomination. The nominee will be asked if they accept the nomination. Any additional hands raised in the above process will be repeated until no additional candidates are brought forward. Voting will be conducted after nominations have been closed.

Council President Morin stated do I have a motion to open the nominations.

Councilor Ringius made the motion to open the nominations.

Second by Councilor Flaherty.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, nominations for council vice-president was open.

Council President Morin stated that being unanimous does a councilor wish to place a candidates name for nomination?

Councilor Reynolds stated I nominate Elizabeth Maglio for Council Vice President.

President Morin asked are there any other nominations? Hearing none.

Is there a motion to close nominations?

Councilor Ringius made the motion to close the nominations.

Second by Councilor Flaherty.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, nominations for council vice president was closed.

President Morin stated now with only being one nomination do I have a motion and a second to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Elizabeth Maglio as the Council Vice President.

Councilor Ringius made the motion to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Elizabeth Maglio as the Council Vice President.

Second by Councilor Flaherty.

On a Roll Call Vote and all members voting in the affirmative, Councilor Elizabeth Maglio as the Council Vice President.

Mayor Joyce in the absence of Town Clerk, Casey administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council Vice-President.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:03p.m.

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