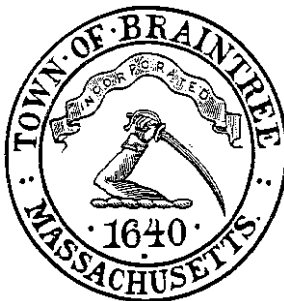


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At Large

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District 2

Annmary Quilty
District 4

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District 5

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Johnson Chambers, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Morin was in the chair.

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

Present: Peter Morin, President
Elizabeth Maglio, Vice President
Julia Flaherty
Ryan Sterling
James Daiute
Joseph Reynolds
Meredith Boericke

Not Present: David M. Ringius, Jr.
Ann Quilty

Also Present: Erin V. Joyce, Mayor
Michael Esmond, Finance Director
Jaclyn Gould, Facilities Director
Catherine Rollins, Economic Development Director
Mary Mulroney, National Grid representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 3, 2026

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Minutes of February 3, 2026

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Maglio - March is an awareness month for a lot of things.: Women's History, Developmental Disabilities, National Nutrition, all kinds of things and one of the things is also Social Work Month. Boston is where the social work profession was born. Social workers show up when systems fail and work quietly to prevent the next crisis before anyone notices it was coming. The work is rarely glamorous, but it's always necessary, and that is worth celebrating.

Councilor Reynolds - I just want to make the announcement that the Braintree Catholic Collaborative will be holding its monthly community meals tomorrow evening at the St. Francis Church basement that starts at 5:30pm. We welcome all families, seniors, and any members of the community for this opportunity.

Councilor Boericke – I wanted to offer gratitude both to our residents and also our DPW Director and our DPW team. After dealing with a historic blizzard right after we had a giant snowstorm in January, so I know how tirelessly the teams have been working to clear streets and sidewalks. Thank you to Councilor Maglio for her Hydrant Heroes initiative and all of the residents working together to get things cleared and looking out for our neighbors.

- **007 26** Council President: New Employee Introductions: Jaclyn Gould, Facilities Director and Catherine Rollins, Economic Development Director

Mayor Joyce introduced two new employees Jaclyn Gould, Facilities Director and Catherine Rollins, Economic Development Director.

Councilors welcomed the new employees and stated they look forward to scheduling some time to meet with them.

OLD BUSINESS

- **26 009** Mayor: Stormwater Ordinance Amendment or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing **OPEN and CONTINUE** to March 18, 2026 at 7:30pm*)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 009

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 009

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 009

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

Council President Morin explained this item is being discussed in the Committee on Ordinance & Rules tomorrow night (March 4, 2026), therefore we will continue this public hearing to March 18, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for Order 26 009 to March 18, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for Order 26 009 to March 18, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for Order 26 009 to
March 18, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

- **26 006** National Grid Petition: Andersen Road or take up any action relative thereto

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Flaherty, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works.

Vice-Chairwoman Flaherty stated the Committee on the Department of Public Works met this evening and voted for a unanimous favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 26 006. This street is not under moratorium and National Grid agrees to all staff recommendations.

Council President Morin asked if anyone from the mayor's staff would like to speak on this.
Is there a Motion?

Motion read by Councilor Maglio:

MOTION: To grant the request from National Grid: as part of the BSMNRPL Program, National Grid recommends the relay of approximately 850 feet of 2- inch, Coated Steel (1958/1970), approximately 65 feet of 2- inch, Aldyl-A plastic (1973), and approximately 20 feet of 2-inch, Plastic (2018) with approximately 935 feet of 2-inch, Plastic in Andersen Rd from the existing 6-inch, Coated Steel (1964) in Granite St to the end of main at #72 Andersen Rd, and abandonment of approximately 50 feet of 2-inch, Coated Steel (1958) in the driveway of #57 Andersen Road with staff recommendations:

BELD: BELD has no conflicts with this location.

DPW: The DPW has reviewed the subject petition and accompanying plans to relay the gas main on Andersen Road. The work includes the replacement of 935 feet of 2-inch gas main and is being proposed as part of a program to eliminate aging gas infrastructure. Andersen Road is not subject to the excavation moratorium, having been last resurfaced by overlay and microsurfacing in 2016. As such, the DPW recommends that if the petition is approved, it contains the following conditions:

- Temporary patches shall be placed immediately after the work. Street excavations should be saw-cut, backfilled, and compacted in 8-inch lifts, paved to match existing asphalt depth (with a minimum depth of four inches) in two-inch lifts to match the existing street grade.
- After maintaining the temporary patches through one winter, National Grid shall return the following spring to perform permanent trench repairs. The permanent patch should be an 8-foot- wide mill and overlay, to a pavement depth of 1.5 inches. If the edge of the permanent patch falls within 2-feet of the roadway gutter, the patch should be extended completely to the roadway edge. Tack coat should be applied to milled surfaces and joints prior to paving. Finished joints should be treated with a rubberized asphalt sealer.

We also recommend that the following requirements be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

- National Grid must arrange a pre-construction meeting with Braintree the DPW and Braintree Police to review utility corridor assignment and traffic controls during the work. The new gas mains must not encroach on any existing utilities.
- No contractor is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 006

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

- **26 003** Council President: Re-appointment – Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino or take up any action relative thereto

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Flaherty, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Personnel Issues.

Vice-Chairwoman Flaherty stated the Committee on Personnel Issues met on February 18th and voted for a unanimous favorable recommendation to the full Council on Order 26 003.

Council President Morin asked if anyone would like to speak on this.

Councilors gave positive remarks and were all in favor of this re-appointment.

Council President Morin asked is there a Motion?

Motion read by Councilor Maglio:

MOTION: UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Pursuant to Section 2-8 (c) of the Charter of the Town of Braintree, the Town Council approves the re-appointment of Susan M. Cimino as Clerk of the Council effective July 21, 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 003

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Morin stated we have a Request for Same Night Action.

Council President Morin asked does any Councilor object to Same Night Action on Order 26 008?

Ok - Hearing none. We will take up Order 26 008 (1) and (2).

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **26 008** Mayor: Authorization to Accept Donations for School Scholarship Funds or take up any action relative thereto (**Same Night Action Request**)

Council President Morin stated these donations are to be part of the scholarships handed out to graduating BHS students.

Kristina O’Connell, Treasurer/Collector was in attendance and gave some background information on these donations.

Council President Morin asked if any Council member would like to speak on Order **26 008**?

Councilors were all very thankful for the generous donations.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion on Order 26 008.

Motion read by Councilor Maglio.

(1) MOTION: That the Town of Braintree be and hereby is authorized, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to accept the following gift upon the conditions attached and herein set forth:

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Estate of Robert Corey	\$128,000.00	Braintree High Scholarship

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 008 (1)

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

(2) MOTION: That the Town of Braintree be and hereby is authorized, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to accept the following gift upon the conditions attached and herein set forth:

DONOR	GIFT	PURPOSE
Michael J. Cosseboom Scholarship	\$65,811.03	Braintree High Scholarship

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 008 (2)

Second: by Councilor Sterling

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Morin asked is there a Motion to move all remaining items under new business to their respective committee(s)?

Councilor Maglio made a **MOTION**: to refer all new business to their respective committee(s):

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- **26 009** Mayor: Stormwater Ordinance Amendment or take up any action relative thereto
Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules Order 26 006
Second: by Councilor Sterling
Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **26 004** Council President: Appointment - Town Auditor or take up any action relative thereto
Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 004
Second: by Councilor Sterling
Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)
- **26 010** Mayor: Transfer Funds for the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Local No. 466 (UWUA) or take up any action relative thereto
Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 010
Second: by Councilor Sterling
Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)
- **26 011** Mayor: Request for Appropriation - French House Gutter Replacement and Grounds Restoration – CPA Application or take up any action relative thereto
Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 011
Second: by Councilor Sterling
Vote: For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)

- **26 012** Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Thayer House Conditions Assessment and Rehabilitation Plan – CPA Application or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 26 012
 - Second:** by Councilor Sterling
 - Vote:** For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)

- **009 26** Councilor Boericke: FY26 Q2 Update or take up any action relative thereto
 - Motion:** by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Item 009 26
 - Second:** by Councilor Sterling
 - Vote:** For (7 – Boericke, Daiute, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (2 - Quilty, Ringius), Abstain (0)

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m.

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