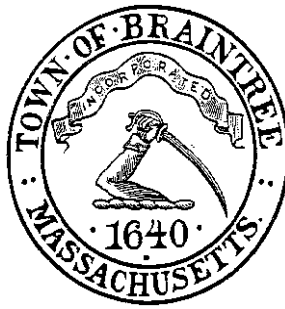


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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

MINUTES

The meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, June 16, 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
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Flaherty
Ryan Sterling
Joseph Reynolds
Ann Quilty
Meredith Boericke

Not Present: James Daiute

Also Present: Erin V. Joyce, Mayor
Ken Rossetti, Town Solicitor
Latham & Watkins LLP, Legal Counsel
Mike Esmond, Finance Director
Matt Jacques, DPW Director
Ben Hulke, Asst DPW Director

NEW BUSINESS

• 029 26 Executive Session

The Town Council of the Town of Braintree will vote on entering into Executive Session with the Mayor, the Chief of Staff, the Director of Municipal Finance, the Town Solicitor, and the Town's legal counsel from Latham & Watkins LLP, in accordance with Exemption 3, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), in order to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation (*Town of Braintree v. MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc., et al., Suffolk Superior Court Civil Action 2484CV01398-BLS1*) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Council and the Chair so declares.

Council later voted to adjourn the Executive Session after the Executive Session concluded; and the Council subsequently reconvened in the public portion of the Council's meeting.

Executive Session was held in Johnson Chambers – Council returned to Cahill Auditorium to continue other business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- **26 044** Mayor: Motion to Transfer Funds to Implement Terms of Agreement with AFSCME Custodians or take up any action relative thereto (**Public Hearing**)

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Order 26 044

Motion by Councilor Maglio to Open Public Hearing for Order 26 044

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to Open the Public Hearing for Order 26 044

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

Council President Morin asked for a recommendation from Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Chairwoman Boericke stated the Committee of Ways & Means met on June 9th and sends this to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.

President Morin asked if anyone from the mayors staff would like to speak on Order 26 044.

Director Mike Esmond explained Town management officials reached a tentative agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, Council 93 Local 1395, School Custodians (AFSCME Custodians), for a successor collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The unit represents roughly 40 employees who work within the various Braintree Public School s facilities in the Town.

The signed Memorandum of Agreement is attached to the memorandum. It is to adopt COLA of 2.75% over the three fiscal years.

Town Council ' s approval of the tentative agreement is mandated under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 150E, Section 7(b), which likewise requires the Council ' s approval of an appropriation to cover costs of the agreement. Town Council is likewise authorized to reject the agreement, after which the parties would renegotiate the terms.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the council would like to speak on Order 26 044.

Council President Morin asked if any member of the general public would like to speak on Order 26 044. Seeing none.

Council President Morin asked for a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 044

Motion by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 044

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to CLOSE the Public Hearing for Order 26 044

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

President Morin asked is there a Motion for Order 26 044.

Councilor Maglio read the Motion:

MOTION: That a sum of up to \$65,000 be transferred from the Finance Department / FY2026 Collective Bargaining Reserve to the DPW / School Custodians Department payroll accounts; and, that the Director of Municipal Finance is authorized to allocate said sum to and among various accounts affected thereby in such amounts as are proper and required.

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to approve Order 26 044

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

- **027 26** Councilor Flaherty: Discussion – Trash & Recycling Drop Off Center, Ivory Street or take up any action relative thereto

President Morin referred to Councilor Quilty, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a recommendation on item 027 26

Councilor Quilty stated the Committee on the Department of Public Works met earlier this evening. We had a discussion about the limited hours and closing in 2027. This was tabled so we can bring this back for future updates.

President Morin asked would anyone from the mayor's staff like to speak on the Trash & Recycling Drop Off Center, Ivory Street?

Mayor Joyce explained this was contemplated during budget season but maybe not well discussed. We do want to take feedback from the council and residents about the anticipated changes to the recycling center. We are going to present alternatives. So far we received about 800 responses on the survey. We will continue to keep that survey open and collect responses. It can be found on the town website. We are trying to be efficient of the costs that incurs to the general fund and the public. I am open to considering alternatives come January.

Councilor Maglio asked who is intended to benefit?

Mayor Joyce stated it is a budgetary cost savings.

In order to get a sticker for the recycling center you need to be participating in the curbside trash pickup program. Some apartment complexes to have recycling on their premises so we do allow those residents to recycle at our recycling center.

Councilor Maglio stated there will be reduced hours starting in July but the January 1st complete closure may not happen.

Mayor Joyce stated correct. We are looking into what to do in January.

Councilor Boericke stated the Council has received an unbelievable amount of mail on this issue. Multi-family locations rely on being able to recycle. It is one small effort of conservation. We do not want to add to our waste stream and end up throwing recycling in the trash.

Councilor Reynolds stated what this is coming down to is we are having revenue challenges for our inability to meet all the services we would like to provide. This was a challenge for the administration in order to balance the budget for 2027. The cost came down to labor at less than \$100,000. Less than 1% in a \$182 million dollar budget.

Councilor Flaherty stated she is glad we are looking at a process to look at alternatives to full-scale closure to the facility.

Councilor Quilty stated she is disappointed that this is being cut now with all the sustainability issues.

President Morin stated thank you to the Mayor for the opportunity to speak on this matter. One of the drivers on this is the new trash contract and the cost related.

Director Jacques stated the Capital Trash contract had an increase of \$257,583 for fiscal year 27. The increase in the trash fee brings in an additional \$500,000 but there are other cost drivers as well.

President Morin stated we learned of this on the Council when the notice went out. There was no discussion on this at the DPW budget hearing. This is a substantive change. This is something the people depend on. We essentially doubled our trash fee in the past several years and rightfully we have to because the idea of the trash fee is to cover costs to run our solid waste disposal. We were subsidizing that activity with other funds and we are closing the gap incrementally and done a good job on that. Now we have a new contract with new costs and inflation costs. I anticipate the funding we get for local aid could probably close this \$178,000 gap. My point is there will be money to pay for this difference. We as the Council would ask that the Mayor and the DPW revisit this when the budget numbers become solidified and look at what can be done to extend the services beyond January first. Even if it is limited hours, it is better than closing it.

President Morin allowed residents to speak on this issue.

Angles Nuss stated there was zero communications or opportunities to discuss potential solutions. I recycle weekly.

Maureen, resident stated we use the recycling center every week. My normal trash day is Friday so having the center open Friday or Saturday does not do me any good. It should be open Monday and Saturday.

Jean Connolly asked if there was an opportunity to talk to property managers about multi-unit complexes to have them pay for a sticker for the recycling center. This could help increase revenue.

Robert Toma stated you explained everything very well. What is it going to look like if you close it eventually.

President Morin asked is there a Motion to table item 027 26.

Councilor Maglio made the Motion.

MOTION: to table item 027 26

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to table item 027 26

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- **26 043** Mayor: FY2026 Supplemental Appropriation #2 or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means: **26 043** Mayor: FY2026 Supplemental Appropriation #2 or take up any action relative there to

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

- **26 048** Mayor: Appointment of Robert J. Kilroy, Jr. as Chief of Police or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means: **26 048** Mayor: Appointment of Robert J. Kilroy, Jr. as Chief of Police or take up any action relative there to

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- **028 26** Councilor Flaherty: Evaluation of a Proposal to formalize walking trails along the Great Pond Reservoir or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Maglio to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works: **028 26** Councilor Flaherty: Evaluation of a Proposal to formalize walking trails along the Great Pond Reservoir or take up any action relative thereto

Second: by Councilor Ringius

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Sterling),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Daiute), Abstain (0)

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

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