

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

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Bridgewater Finance Committee (Fin Com)

Agenda for the Fin Com Meeting Convening on November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Finance Committee for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom or Facebook Live.

Link to join meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89603346436>

Call In: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 89603346436

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 11/1/21

Public Comment

New Business

- **Resolution R-FY22-004: Resolution for Oak Street Bridge Repair**
- **Order O-FY22-021: Acceptance of MRS Grant – Police**
- **Order O-FY22-022: Acceptance of DMH Grant – Police**
- **Order O-FY22-023: Acceptance of Grant for COA**

Additional Items for Discussion

Adjournment of Meeting

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Bridgewater Finance Committee (FinCom) Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on November 1, 2021

Call to order: 7:00

Committee Members Present: Nathan Schofield, Lea Wyatt, Christopher Blunt, MJ Spagone, Julie Scleparis, Suzi Robinson, Kathleen Martin

Committee Members Not Present: Eric Langone, Rigobert Noel

Guests in Attendance: Anthony Sulmonte – Finance Director, Laurie Guerrini, Michelle Rota

Public Comment – No public comment.

Approve of Meeting Minutes – 10/13/21

Chris motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 10/13/2021 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 2 members abstaining, the motion was approved.

New Business

Resolution R-FY22-002: FY23 Budget Resolution

The committee will review the proposed budget resolution and look to further discuss and consider with the Budget and Finance Committee in a joint meeting. The joint hearing will be held November 15, 2021.

Order O-FY22-016: Capital Appropriation Memorial Building Project

The order looks to appropriate and transfer \$400,000 from the Sewer Reserves Special Purpose, Water reserves Special Purpose, and Capital Stabilization funds.

MJ Spagone motioned to approve Order O-FY22-016 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY22-017: Transfer Order – OSLGC Pump

The order is for the replacement of the 25-year-old pump station and the appropriation and transfer of \$125,000 from the OSLGC Retained Earnings to pay for it.

MJ Spagone motioned to approve Order O-FY22-017. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY22-018: Plymouth American Rescue Plan Act Vote

The order will allow approval, finalization, and submission of ARPA Grant applications by the Finance Director.

Christopher Blunt motioned to approve Order O-FY22-018 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date – November 10, 2021

Adjourn – Christopher Blunt motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 7:53 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.



Bridgewater Town Council

Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: November 2, 2021
First Reading: November 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY22-004

Resolution for Oak Street Bridge Repair

Whereas, the Oak Street bridge has been in disrepair since September, 2013 when a driver crashed into the side of the roadway and caused it to be reduced to a one lane bridge;

Whereas, the Town Manager has investigated many potential funding sources through state and federal programs since 2013 in order to fund repairs, and the Town does not qualify under any of those programs;

Whereas, Town residents use the Oak Street bridge regularly and have asked that the bridge be repaired;

Whereas, the Town's capital stabilization fund has been well funded;

Be it Resolved, the Town Council requests the Town Manager transfer \$500,000 from the Capital Stabilization account to fund repairs on the Oak Street bridge, and fully investigate the use of ARPA funds to further subsidize the repair.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-021

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 2, 2021
First Reading: November 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-021

ACCEPTANCE OF EOPS - Municipal Road Safety - MRS GRANT

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...,” and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater has received a grant award from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants & Research (EOPS - OGR) through the National Highway Safety Administration.

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$34,500.00 from the EOPS - OGR and state agency, to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation: *The Bridgewater Police Department has been selected to receive a \$34,500 grant award to support the FFY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Program.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-022

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 2, 2021
First Reading: November 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-022

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING (DMH) GRANT

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...,” and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater has received a grant award from the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant Program

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$36,094.00 from the DMH and state agency, to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation: *The Bridgewater Police Department has been awarded to receive a \$36,094 grant award to support the Mental Health First Aid Training of current officers for the One- Mind Campaign.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-023

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 2, 2021
First Reading: November 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-023

Acceptance of Grant for COA

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...,” and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater has received a grant award from AARP for Chat Bench on annual Good Neighbor's Day

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$500.00 from AARP, to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation: *The COA Director applied for and received \$500 from AARP to outreach community for a designated Chat Bench.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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