

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Finance Committee

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Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Bridgewater Finance Committee (Fin Com)

Agenda for the Fin Com Meeting Convening on April 13, 2022 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/86856448336>

Call In: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 868 564 483 36

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 3/30/2022

Public Comment

New Business

- Order O-FY22-057: Transfer Order- Contract Funding
- Order O-FY23-001: FY2023 Annual Town Budget
- Order O-FY23-002: Budget Order - FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Budget
- Order O-FY23-003: Budget Order - FY23 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget
- Order O-FY23-004: Budget Order - FY23 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget
- Order O-FY23-005: Budget Order - Authorization of Revolving Funds
- Ordinance D-FY22-023: Revoke MGL c.44 s53 F 1/2 Golf Enterprise Fund
- Ordinance D-FY23-001: Acceptance of MGL c. 44 s53 F 3/4 Old Scotland Links Golf Course Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

Additional Items for Discussion

Adjournment of Meeting

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Bridgewater Finance Committee (FinCom) Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on March 30, 2022

Call to order: 7:04

Committee Members Present: Nathan Schofield, Eric Langone, Julie Scleparis, Suzi Robinson, Christopher Blunt, MJ Spagone, Rigobert Noel, Kathleen Martin

Committee Members Not Present: Lea Wyatt

Guests in Attendance: Anthony Sulmonte – Finance Director

Public Comment

Approve of Meeting Minutes – 3/16/2022

Eric Langone motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 3/16/22 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Order O-FY22-054 - Acceptance of Safe Program Grants

The FY2022 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) for \$5,175 for fire prevention education program designed to equip elementary, intermediate, and high school students with skills for recognizing the dangers of fire, including fire risks posed by smoking related materials. The Senior SAFE grant for \$3,055 is another fire prevention program designed to improve the fire and life safety of older adults in the community through education that addresses unique fire risks for this age group

Eric Langone motioned to recommend O-FY22-054 Acceptance of Safe Program Grants which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY22-055 – Contractual Buyout

Contractual buyout for retirements within the Fire Department.

Eric Langone motioned to recommend O-FY22-055 Contractual Buyout which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Ordinance D-FY22-019 Acceptance of Local Tax Option - Retail Marijuana Tax

Discussion centered around the proposed tax rate, and it was confirmed by the Finance Director that the maximum tax rate would be applied. The committee also considered the ramifications of not introducing a tax and retail marijuana being legalized for sale by either medical marijuana locations in Bridgewater at the state level.

Eric Langone motioned to recommend Ordinance D-FY22-019 Acceptance of Local Tax Option which was duly seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 2 nays, the motion was approved.

Next Meeting Date – April 13, 2022

Adjourn *Rigobert Noel motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 7:50 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-057

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-057

TRANSFER ORDER – CONTRACT FUNDING

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer \$49,215 from Other One Time Stabilization Fund

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
OTHER ONE TIME STABILIZATION FUND	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 49,215.00
Total:			\$ 49,215.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries TM	01235001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ -
Salaries ATM	01235001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 33,659.00
Salaries Finance Accounting	01355001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries Police Depart	02105001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,056.00
Salaries & Benefits Police Depart	02105001-517000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 9,500.00
Total			\$ 49,215.00

Explanation: Contractual obligations.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: O-FY23-001

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-001

FY2023 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET

Ordered that to provide for the payment of certain expenses of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023;

The town will raise and appropriate and vote into tax, to be assessed per law and/or appropriate and transfer from the following available funds:

• Ambulance Receipts Reserved the amount of	\$1,578,623
• Title V the amount of	\$136,245
• Enterprise Funds the amount of	\$494,147
• Conservation Receipts Reserved the amount of	\$45,000
• Energy Funds the amount of	\$100,000
• Consultant Fees the amount of	\$40,000
• Elm Street DIF	\$344,062
• ARPA Revenue Loss	\$400,000
• Golf	\$336,047
Other Financing Source Total	\$3,474,124

For the operation of the Town and further that such appropriation in the sum of **\$64,501,275** be for personal services, general expenses, principal and interest, for such purposes, each department and group being considered a separate appropriation as shown below:

Committee Referrals:	Committee Dispositions:
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Town of Bridgewater
Town Manager's FY2023 General Fund Operating Budget

DEPT#	DEPART DESCRIPTION	Group	GROUP DESCRIPTION	FY2023 Town Mgr Budget
111	TOWN COUNCIL	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	60,327
		2.0	EXPENSE	10,000
111	Total			70,327
123	TOWN MANAGER	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	522,367
		2.0	EXPENSE	65,061
123	Total			587,428
132	RESERVE FUND	2.0	EXPENSE	60,000
132	Total			60,000
135	FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	410,341
		2.0	EXPENSE	64,100
135	Total			474,441
141	FINANCE - ASSESSORS	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	174,379
		2.0	EXPENSE	131,770
141	Total			306,149
145	FINANCE - TREASURER	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	468,440
		2.0	EXPENSE	55,872
145	Total			524,312
151	LAW - LEGAL	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	76,875
		2.0	EXPENSE	14,550
151	Total			91,425
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	257,747
		2.0	EXPENSE	352,928
155	Total			610,675
161	TOWN CLERK	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	222,914
		2.0	EXPENSE	74,641
161	Total			297,555
166	PARKING	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	15,375
		2.0	EXPENSE	750
166	Total			16,125
182	COMMUNITY ECON DEVELP	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	337,567
		2.0	EXPENSE	69,215
182	Total			406,782
192	TOWN BUILDINGS	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	92,066
		2.0	EXPENSE	466,757
192	Total			558,823
210	POLICE	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	6,276,529
		2.0	EXPENSE	278,326
210	Total			6,554,855
220	FIRE	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	6,282,572
		2.0	EXPENSE	355,038
220	Total			6,637,610
240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	422,349
		2.0	EXPENSE	17,950
240	Total			440,299

Town of Bridgewater
Town Manager's FY2023 General Fund Operating Budget

DEPT#	DEPART DESCRIPTION	Group	GROUP DESCRIPTION	FY2023 Town Mgr Budget
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	56,499
		2.0	EXPENSE	2,000
292 Total				58,499
300	B/R RGNL DISTRICT	2.0	EXPENSE	31,577,075
	B/R SCHOOL DEBT	7.1	DE: DEBT SERVICE	4,097,393
300 Total				35,674,468
301	BRISTOL AGI TUITION	2.0	EXPENSE	245,002
301 Total				245,002
302	BRISTOL PLYMOUTH TUITION	2.0	EXPENSE	1,790,567
302 Total				1,790,567
303	NORFOLK CNTY AGI TRANS	2.0	EXPENSE	35,206
	NORFOLK CNTY AGI	2.0	EXPENSE	49,144
303 Total				84,350
410	TOWN ENGINEER	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	64,566
		2.0	EXPENSE	97,000
410 Total				161,566
420	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	1,008,366
		2.0	EXPENSE	503,275
420 Total				1,511,641
421	SNOW AND ICE	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	41,000
		2.0	EXPENSE	41,100
421 Total				82,100
424	STREET LIGHTING	2.0	EXPENSE	175,818
424 Total				175,818
510	HEALTH	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	159,574
		2.0	EXPENSE	18,350
510 Total				177,924
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	224,428
		2.0	EXPENSE	8,200
541 Total				232,628
543	VETERANS SERVICES	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	33,676
		2.0	EXPENSE	68,800
543 Total				102,476
610	LIBRARY	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	536,608
		2.0	EXPENSE	191,184
610 Total				727,792
630	RECREATION	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	176,734
		2.0	EXPENSE	41,490
630 Total				218,224
710	DEBT PRINCIPAL	7.0	DEBT SERVICE	425,823
710 Total				425,823
751	INTERST ON LT DEBT	7.0	DEBT SERVICE	240,990
751 Total				240,990
820	STATE/COUNTY ASSESMENTS	2.0	EXPENSE	365,972

Town of Bridgewater
Town Manager's FY2023 General Fund Operating Budget

DEPT#	DEPART DESCRIPTION	Group	GROUP DESCRIPTION	FY2023 Town Mgr Budget
820 Total				365,972
830	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	2.0	EXPENSE	65,164
830 Total				65,164
911	RETIREMENT	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	4,008,491
911 Total				4,008,491
912	WORKERS COMP	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	172,971
912 Total				172,971
913	UNEMPLOYMENT	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	5,000
913 Total				5,000
914	HEALTH/LIFE/MEDICARE	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	3,732,627
914 Total				3,732,627
919	OTHER BENEFITS	1.0	SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	6,330
		2.0	EXPENSE	50,640
919 Total				56,970
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2.0	EXPENSE	260,166
945 Total				260,166
950	GAS & OIL	2.0	EXPENSE	192,500
950 Total				192,500
Grand Total				68,406,535
Adjust for State/County Charges				(431,136)
Total Appropriation				67,975,399



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: FY23-002

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order FY23-002

BUDGET ORDER - FY23 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

ORDERED, that the Town Council vote to appropriate **\$4,826,542** from the Water Enterprise receipts to defray Water direct costs, and that **\$283,499** as appropriated under Order O-FY23-001 be used for Water indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Water Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	\$ 1,943,027
OPERATING EXPENSES/CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 1,221,805
DEBT SERVICES	\$ 1,656,710
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS OPEB	\$ 5,000
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	\$ 4,826,542
TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 22,459
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	\$ 261,040
TOTAL COST - WATER EF	\$ 5,110,041

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: FY23-003

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order FY23-003

BUDGET ORDER - FY23 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to appropriate **\$2,563,809** from the Sewer Enterprise receipts to defray Sewer direct costs, and that **\$175,035** as appropriated under Order O-FY23-001 be used for Sewer indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	\$ 1,269,442
OPERATING EXPENSES/CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 790,892
DEBT SERVICES	\$ 498,475
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS OPEB	\$ 5,000
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	\$ 2,563,809
TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 22,460
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	\$ 152,575
TOTAL COST - SEWER EF	\$ 2,738,844

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: FY23-004

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order FY23-004

BUDGET ORDER - FY23 TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to appropriate **\$347,602** from Transfer Station Enterprise receipts to defray Transfer Station direct costs, and that **\$35,613** as appropriated under Order O-FY23-001 be used for Transfer Station indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Transfer Station Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	\$ 102,425
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 245,177
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	\$ 347,602
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	\$ 35,613
TOTAL COST - TRANSFER STATION EF	\$ 383,215

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Order: FY23-005

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order FY23-005

AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

ORDERED, that the Town Council vote to establish revolving funds for certain Town Departments under the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, with specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent, and the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for FY2023 as follows:

Spending Authority	Fund	Receipts	Expenditures	FY2023 Spending Limit
Town Clerk	Street Listing	Sale of street lists; sale of bylaws/zoning bylaws; sale of subdivision rules; sale of zoning maps	Printing and other costs with publications/books sold to public	\$5,000
Recreation Director	Recreation	Fees associated with recreation programs	Salaries/ benefits of full-time staff, part-time and seasonal staff, recreation programs, facility expenses and other expenses related to programs	\$ 150,000
Council on Aging Director	COA Revolving	Fees and Rentals	Programs for Seniors & Community	\$10,000
Library Director	Library Revolving	Fines & Fees	Programs & supplies for Community	\$5,000

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-023

Introduced By: Town Manager (Upon advice of the Finance Director)

Date Introduced: April 5, 2022

First Reading: April 5, 2022

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-023

Revoke MGL c.44, s53 F ½ Golf Enterprise Fund

ORDERED that the pursuant to Article II, Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Town Charter, the Town Council hereby revokes the provisions of MGL c.44 Section 53F ½, ceasing the Golf Enterprise Fund for Olde Scotland Links Golf Course, effective June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022).

Explanation: The Enterprise Fund for OSLGC is no longer necessary or appropriate due to the agreement with a management company to run the golf course business. This order dissolves the enterprise fund. The Town will create a Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to receive payments from the management company for appropriation on golf course related expenses.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY23-001

Introduced By: Town Manager

Date Introduced: April 5, 2022

First Reading: April 5, 2022

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-001

ACCEPTANCE OF MGL c.44, s53 F $\frac{3}{4}$ Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

ORDERED that the pursuant to Article II, Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Town Charter, the Town Council accept the provisions of MGL c.40 Section 5F and further authorize the Town Manager to carry out the provisions contained therein including the creation of a "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation" Fund to reserve Olde Scotland Links Golf Course revenues for appropriation to support related expenses including debt service and other liabilities related to the OSLGC operations effective July 1, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023).

Explanation: Due to the dissolution of the Golf Enterprise Fund and the Town's agreement with a management company to run the golf course, a new Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account is required to replace the Enterprise account. The new account will be the repository for all funds due under the management agreement, and will be available for appropriation for expenses related to the golf course, such as remaining debt obligations, capital expenses, etc.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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