



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting – Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Matthew Rushton called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm, on October 12, 2021.

PRESENT:

Peter Colombotos, Francis Sousa, Shawn George, William Wood, Fred Chase, Matthew Rushton, Erik Moore, Dr. Kevin Perry, and Dennis Gallagher. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

- **Ed Ivaldi Boxford Lane:** commented on the Town's re-precincting.

B. DISCUSSIONS

- **Make-up of councilors**

The sponsoring councilors spoke to their reasoning for calling the special meeting. The Town Clerk, Marilee Hunt, shared an additional presentation on the process of changing to 12 councilors and a comparison to the proposed 9 precincts/9 councilors. Discussion centered on the number of councilors and the make-up with regards to precinct and at-large councilors. Several councilors proposed adopting the precinct map presented by the Town Clerk and supporting 9 councilors, 3 precinct and 6 at-large. Legislation will be proposed at the 10/19/2021 Town Council meeting.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- **Aisha Losche** – commented on the re-precincting process.

D. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Each Councilor was given the opportunity to speak and share comments with the Town Council.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor George motioned to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. which was duly seconded.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Perry – Yea; Chase – Yea; Rushton – Yea; Sousa – Yea; Moore – Yea; Wood – Yea; Colombotos – Yea. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted in draft form by: Joshua McGraw