



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 September 21, 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Rushton announced: 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 Town Council 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.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **September 7, 2021**

Councilor Gallagher motioned to approve the amendment to the agenda regarding the meeting minutes from September 7, 2021, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

Councilor chase motioned to approve the meeting minutes from September 7, 2021, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - None

C. PROCLAMATIONS - None

D. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS



G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- **P-2021-019: 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC, dba 99 Restaurant & Pub, 233 Broad Street, Change of Officer/Director**

Councilor Gallagher motioned to approve P-2021-019 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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.

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Mitchell School Update**

Work continues as planned and is on schedule. The exterior sheeting is going up along with more work on the plumbing and electric. The sprinkler system is also being installed and the project has lost no days due to injury. Site work has continued on the westerly site near the senior center. The MSBA finalized the agreement amendment establishing the projects budget allowing a tax calculator to be posted for the Town.

- **Covid-19 Update**

There are currently 27 reported cases of Covid-19. 55% of Bridgewater residents are fully vaccinated.

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Council Clerk Selection Ad Hoc:** Both candidates that were being considered have declined the position and the committee will need to restart the search process.
- **Fire Station Building Committee:** Michael Dutton updated the Town Council with the progress of the Fire Station Building Committee, the schematic design is underway along with the cost estimate for the project.

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- **Ordinance D-FY21-005: General Ordinance: Amend Section XXV Committees of the Town Council Rules & Procedures**

Discussion:

Councilor Wood motioned to amend Ordinance D-FY21-005 which was duly seconded.

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

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

M. OLD BUSINESS - None



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N. NEW BUSINESS

- O-FY22-011: Transfer Order – Sick Leave Buyout

Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-011 to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Finance Committee.

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.

- O-FY22-012: Transfer Order – Old High School Buyout with the Town of Raynham

Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-012 to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Finance Committee.

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

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

- O-FY22-013: Transfer Order – AFSMCE Contractual Settlement

Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-013 to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Finance Committee.

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.

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Chase motioned to enter executive session at 7:38 p.m.

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

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

Councilor George motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

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

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



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R. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted in draft form by: Joshua McGraw