



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 841 707 771 22

MEETING AGENDA

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 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 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) 10/19/2021

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS - *None*

F. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - *None*

H. PRESENTATIONS

a) Bristol-Plymouth Tech School New Building Presentation (Introduction by Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes)

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)

b) COVID-19 Update

c) Main Street & Broad Street State Grant Improvements

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Ordinance D-FY21-011: General Ordinance - Amend Article II Section 2-1 of Town Charter

The Town Council voted to continue D-FY21-011 at their meeting held 10/19/2021. This measure may not be considered this evening as it requires advertising.

b) Ordinance D-FY21-012: General Ordinance - Admin Code Change Part II CH. 1 Article II Section 2

The Town Council voted to continue D-FY21-012 at their meeting held 10/19/2021. This measure may not be considered this evening as it requires advertising.

c) Ordinance D-FY22-014: Adoption of Precinct Map (*Councilor Moore, Councilor Gallagher, Councilor Wood*)

This ordinance has been advertised and may finally be voted on.

d) Order O-FY22-016: Capital Appropriation Memorial Building Project (*Town Manager*)

The Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee meet 11/1/2021, their dispositions will be provided upon receipt.

e) Order O-FY22-017: Transfer Order - OSLGC Pump (*Town Manager*)

The Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee meet 11/1/2021, their dispositions will be provided upon receipt.

f) Order O-FY22-018: Plymouth American Rescue Plan Act Vote (*Town Manager*)

The Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee meet 11/1/2021, their dispositions will be provided upon receipt.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution R-FY22-004: Resolution for Oak Street Bridge Repair *(Councilor Wood)*
- b) Order O-FY22-021: Acceptance of MRS Grant – Police *(Town Manager)*
- c) Order O-FY22-022: Acceptance of DMH Grant – Police *(Town Manager)*
- d) Order O-FY22-023: Acceptance of Grant for COA *(Town Manager)*
- e) Ordinance D-FY22-015: General Ordinance: Amend Article VII Sec. 7-4 “Districts” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation *(Councilor Chase & Councilor Rushton)*

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) *Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.*

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, October 19, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-011

Introduced By:	Councilor Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced:	June 29, 2021
First Reading:	June 29, 2021
Second Reading:	August 3, 2021
Third Reading:	October 19, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	(1)
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-FY21-011

General Ordinance - Amend Article II Sec 2-1. Composition; Eligibility; Term of Office

WHEREAS, an amendment to Article II, Section 2-1 of the Bridgewater Town Charter;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Town Charter, Article II, Section 2-1 to read as follows:

There shall be a Town Council consisting of **nine (9) members** which shall exercise the legislative powers of the town. ~~XXX of these members are to be known as district councilors, shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of the XXX districts into which the town is divided and XXX of the members to be known as councilors at large, shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters at large.~~ **Each of the districts into which the town is divided shall have a single member to be known as a district councilor, whom shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of their respective districts. The remaining members shall be known as councilors-at-large and shall be nominated and elected by and from voters at large.**

EXPLANATION:

This begins the process of what we know will be some change in the makeup of the precincts in Bridgewater due to the recent census. The Town Clerk will make a recommendation to the Council as to what the makeup should be, but the Council will have the final say. This puts the issue in committee so discussions can begin to take place as the timeline for this process will be tight.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules and Procedure Committee	Vote 2-0 to recommend approval as amended.



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Amendments Adopted:	(1)
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-FY21-012

General Ordinance – Admin Code Change: Part II, CH. 1 Article II, Section 2

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part II, CH. 1 Article II, Section 2 to read as follows:

There shall be **nine (9) members** of the Bridgewater Town Council, one Councilor elected from each district and the remaining elected at-large. ~~The total councilors shall be an uneven number.~~ The Bridgewater Town Council shall exercise all the legislative powers of the Town.

Explanation:

This would put the admin code in line with the charter change.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules and Procedures Committee	Vote 2-0 recommend approval as amended



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-014

Introduced By:	Councilor Moore, Gallagher, Wood
Date Introduced:	October 19, 2021
First Reading:	October 19, 2021
Second Reading:	November 2, 2021
Third Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-014

ADOPTION OF TOWN PRECINCT MAP

Whereas, Mass General Law requires that each precinct established shall contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, but not more than four thousand inhabitants; and

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater has exceeded the maximum allowable population for seven (7) precincts and must therefore redefine its precincts to be population-proportional and below the four thousand inhabitant limit; and

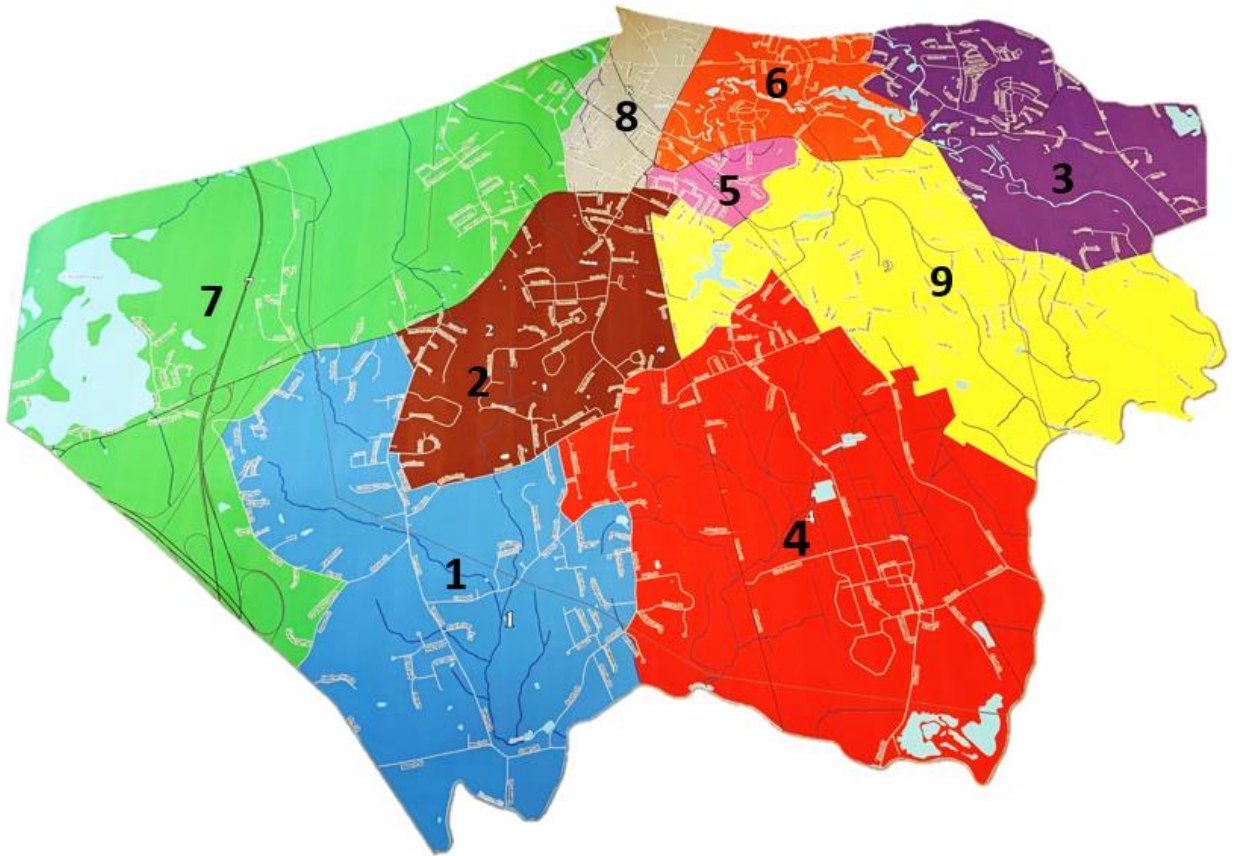
Whereas, Mass General Law requires an official description of the precincts so established, together with a statement of the number of inhabitants residing in each precinct as nearly as such number may be determined; and

Whereas, Mass General Law requires that an official map of the precincts be prepared;

Therefore, the Town of Bridgewater shall be divided into nine (9) precincts as visualized on the official map (Exhibit A) and with the following number of precinct inhabitants as nearly as such number may be determined:

<i>Precinct 1</i>	<i>3,178</i>	<i>Precinct 2</i>	<i>3,210</i>	<i>Precinct 3</i>	<i>3,218</i>
<i>Precinct 4</i>	<i>3,122</i>	<i>Precinct 5</i>	<i>3,291</i>	<i>Precinct 6</i>	<i>3,093</i>
<i>Precinct 7</i>	<i>3,027</i>	<i>Precinct 8</i>	<i>3,211</i>	<i>Precinct 9</i>	<i>3,283</i>

Roll Call Vote



Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Roll Call Vote



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-016

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-FY22-016

CAPITAL APPROPRIATION MEMORIAL BUILDING PROJECT

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 \$400,000 from the Sources as outlined below:

FUND		SOURCES OF FUNDING	Amount
6100	SWR RESERVES SPECIAL PURPOSE	SWR RESERVES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE	\$ 100,000.00
6200	WTR RESERVES SPECIAL PURPOSE	WTR RESERVES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE	\$ 100,000.00
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	\$ 200,000.00
Total			\$ 400,000.00

Project#	USES OF FUNDING		Amount
192-09	MEMORIAL BLDG CAPTL PROJ FUN	MEMORIAL BLDG CAPITAL	\$ 400,000.00
			\$ 400,000.00

Explanation: Due to escalating construction costs, the renovation project general construction bids came in higher than expected. These funds will fully fund the project and a generous contingency in the event of unanticipated issue needing to be addressed during construction. Any unused funds will be returned to the funding source proportionally.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee	

Roll Call Vote



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Council Order: O-FY22-017

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

Order O-FY22-017

TRANSFER ORDER – OSLGC PUMP

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 \$120,000 from OSLGC Retained Earnings.

Explanation: Replacement is needed for 25 year old pump station.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance Committee • Finance Committee	•



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-018

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

Order O-FY22-018

PLYMOUTH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT VOTES

ORDERED; That the Finance Director is authorized to approve, finalize, and submit on behalf of the Town any such ARPA Grant application and to make all representations and certifications required to be made on behalf of the Town to complete each such application, with such approval, representations, and certifications to be evidenced by the signature of the Finance Director on such application; and if any such ARPA grant is awarded, the Town Manager shall be the recipient of such grant on behalf of the Town.

Explanation: The Town may apply to Plymouth County for grants for certain eligible purposes to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act. The County will receive applications for such grants through its online portal. The County requires evidence of Town authorization before granting access to the portal. The following votes will authorize one Town official to supply the County with all supporting data for each application and another Town official to approve the application and make the required representations and certifications on behalf of the Town to complete and submit the applications.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance Committee - Finance Committee	



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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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-015

Introduced By: Councilor Chase & Councilor Rushton

Date Introduced: November 2, 2021

First Reading: November 2, 2021

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-015

General Ordinance – Amend Article VII Sec. 7-4 “Districts” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation

WHEREAS, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Council assembled has adopted a town precinct map dividing the territory of the town into nine (9) voting precincts consisting of, as nearly as possible, an equal number of inhabitants and each consisting of fewer than four thousand inhabitants;

WHEREAS, due to the above referenced precinct map the Town Council must now amend the makeup of the Town Council;

WHEREAS, Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Charter of the Town;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section 7-4 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 7-4. “Districts” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 7-4. “Precincts and Districts”

The territory of the town shall be divided into nine (9) precincts (“Precincts”) as specifically illustrated on the attached Precinct map which shall be appended to the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. The Town of Bridgewater shall also be divided into three (3) districts (“Districts”). Each District shall be comprised of three (3) Precincts as illustrated herein and as established in accordance with the General Laws. Said Districts have been established as to consist of as nearly an equal number of inhabitants as it is possible to achieve based on compact and contiguous territory, bounded insofar as possible by the center line of known streets or ways or by other well-defined limits. The Town Council shall from time to time, but at least once in each ten (10) years, review such Districts to ensure their uniformity in number of inhabitants. The composition of the three (3) Districts stated herein shall consist of the Precincts as set forth herein:

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY

District 1: Precincts 1, 2 and 7.
District 2: Precincts 5, 6 and 8.
District 3: Precincts 3, 4 and 9.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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