



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 November 2, 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**

- **October 19, 2021**

*Councilor Chase motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2021 which was duly seconded.*

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.

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - None**

**C. PROCLAMATIONS - None**

**D. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

**E. APPOINTMENTS**

**F. HEARINGS**

**G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS**

**H. PRESENTATIONS**

- **Bristol-Plymouth Tec School New Building Presentation**

A presentation was given by HMFH Architects on the Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Technical High School. The schematic design is being reviewed by the MSBA and the report should be returned by February 2022. The presentation went over the issues with the existing school and how the new school looks to resolve the needs of the district. The feasibility study, site plan, and general guidelines for the planning of the school were included in the presentation.

**I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Mitchell School Update**

Work continues as plan with gas service being installed and paving beginning.



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- **Covid-19 Update**

The Town Manager reported that there are currently 21 active cases, 16 adults and 5 children, of Covid-19 within the Town of Bridgewater.

- **Main street improvements**

A \$400,000 reimbursement grant was secured from the State's Complete Streets Program money was secured for minor improvements and slated to begin early spring and concluding July 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional engineering has been conducted to address specific areas and the recent storm caused further damage as well that will need to be addressed.

**J. DISCUSSIONS**

**K. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION**

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

*Councilor Chase motioned to refer D-FY21-011 to the Rules and Procedures Committee 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.

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

*Councilor Moore motioned to refer D-FY21-012 to the Rules and Procedures Committee 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.

**c) Ordinance D-FY22-014: Adoption of Precinct Map**

*Councilor Moore motioned to approve D-FY22-014 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.



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

*Councilor Wood motioned to approve O-FY22-016 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.

**e) Order O-FY22-017: Transfer Order – OSLGC Pump**

*Councilor George motioned to approve O-FY22-017 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.

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

*Councilor George motioned to approve O-FY22-018 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.

**M. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Resolution R-FY22-004: Resolution for Oak Street Bridge Repair**

*Councilor Chase motioned to refer R-FY22-004 to the Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee 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.

**b) Order O-FY22-021: Acceptance of MRS Grant – Police**

*Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-021 to the Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee 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.



**c) Order FY22-022: Acceptance of DMH Grant – Police**

*Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-022 to the Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee 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.

**d) Order O-FY22-023 Acceptance of Grant for COA**

*Councilor George motioned to refer O-FY22-023 to the Budget and Finance Committee and Finance Committee 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 – Nay. The motion passed.

**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 Gallagher motioned to refer D-FY22-015 to the Rules and Procedures Committee 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.

**O. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Christopher Blunt shared comments on the streets and sidewalks throughout town.
- Marilee Hunt shared comments on the town’s sidewalks.
- Kathleen Blais shared comments on the Bristol-Plymouth New School presentation.

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor George – shared comments on the recent storm and his thanks to the crews and citizens for their patience while repairs were made.

Councilor Gallagher – shared comments on the recent storm.

Councilor Perry – shared comments on the recent storm.

Councilor Chase – shared comments on the upcoming Veterans’ Day event.

Councilor Sousa – shared comments on the upcoming Veterans’ Day event.

Councilor Moore – shared comments on the recent storm.

Councilor Wood – shared comments on the recent storm and “Christmas on the Common”

Councilor Colombotos – shared comments on the town’s streets.

Councilor Rushton – shared comments on the recent storm.



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**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Councilor George motioned to enter executive session at 8:35 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 – Nay. The motion passed.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted in draft form by: Joshua McGraw