



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 846 0525 4031

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) November 16, 2021

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

- a) Order O-FY22-025: Tax Classification Residential Factor (7:05 p.m.)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve

- b) Order O-F22-030: Capital Plan Fall 2022 (7:10 p.m.)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted to continue

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) New Fire Station – Brian Humes

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mitchell School Update
- b) COVID-19 Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY22-026: BAA Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification (Town Manager)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve.

- b) Order O-FY22-027: BAA Collective Contract Appropriation Transfer (Town Manager)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve

- c) Order O-FY22-028: USW Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification (Town Manager)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve

- d) Order O-FY22-029: USW Collective Bargaining Contract Appropriation Transfer (Town Manager)

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve

- e) Order O-FY22-031: Rescind Curve Street Loan Order (*Town Manager*)
The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve
- f) Order O-FY22-032: Bridgewater Police Association Contract Ratification (*Town Manager*)
The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting on 12/7 prior to this meeting. At their meeting held 12/1/2021, the FinCom voted 8-0 to approve
- g) Ordinance D-FY21-011: Amend Article II Section 2-1 of Town Charter (*Gallagher*)
At their meeting held 11/30/2021, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval as amended.
- h) Ordinance D-FY22-015: Amend Article VII Sec. 7-4 “Districts” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation. (*Chase and Rushton*)
At their meeting held 11/30/2021, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval as amended.
- i) Resolution R-FY22-001: Acknowledgment of the Acceptance of Catch Basin Cleaning at Marilyn’s Landing Land Reclamation Project (*Rushton*)

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance D-FY22-016: Amend Article I Sec. 1-9 “Definitions” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act legislation (*Moore*)
- b) Ordinance D-FY22-017: Amend Article VII Sec. 7-3(a) “Signature Requirements” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation (*Moore*)
- c) Ordinance D-FY22-018: Amend Article X Section 10-7 time of Taking Effect (*Chase and Wood*)
- d) Ratification of the Town Manager’s Contract

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-025

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	November 16, 2021
First Reading:	November 16, 2021
Second Reading:	December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY22-025

FY2022 CLASSIFICATION TAX ALLOCATION-ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL FACTOR

ORDERED that, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 56, the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt a residential factor of 1 for fiscal year 2022.

FURTHER ORDERED that; the Town Council authorizes the Chief Assessor to sign the LA-5 Recap relative hereto.

Explanation: The town council shall annually first determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in section two A of chapter fifty-nine and personal property for the next fiscal year. In determining such percentages, the town council, shall first adopt a residential factor. Said factor shall be an amount not less than the minimum residential factor determined by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with the provisions of section one A of chapter fifty-eight and shall be used by the board of assessors to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-030

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	November 16, 2021
First Reading:	November 16, 2021
Second Reading:	December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY22-030

Capital Plan Fall 2022

Ordered; 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 from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

FUND		SOURCES OF FUNDING	Amount
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	Capital Stabilization Trust Funds	\$ 2,716,170.61
Total			\$ 2,716,170.61
Project#		USES OF FUNDING	Amount
155.22	Software	PeopleGIS: Software for Town GIS	\$ 19,500.00
155.28	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	PD Cruiser Computers Replacement	\$ 20,000.00
155.33	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Memorial Building Renovation - Technology Improvements	\$ 75,000.00
155.35	Software	Software Integration and Implimentation - TCM / HR / P.O.	\$ 75,000.00
155.37	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Video System for Town Common	\$ 34,409.00
155.40	Software	HRIS	\$ 80,000.00
155.41	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Apparatus Computer Upgrade	\$ 10,000.00
161.05	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	New Precinct Voting Equipment	\$ 17,355.00
192.16	Infrastructure	Taking of Mobil Station 46 Summer Street	\$ 245,000.00
192.19	Infrastructure	80 Spring Street Paving & Parking Project	\$ 50,000.00
192.24	Bldgs & Property	Senior Center - Roof Repairs	\$ 20,000.00
192.25	Bldgs & Property	Library - Roof Repairs	\$ 30,000.00
192.26	Infrastructure	Library - Parking Lot Repairs and Repave	\$ 50,000.00
192.27	Bldgs & Property	Library - Carpet Replacement	\$ 25,000.00
192.46	Bldgs & Property	Fire Station - New Station 1 Preliminary Design	\$ 600,000.00
192.54	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Electric Vehicle 5 Leased EV#2 Buyout	\$ 18,101.15
192.54	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Electric Vehicle 5 Leased EV#3 Buyout	\$ 18,189.35
192.54	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Electric Vehicle 5 Leased EV#4 Buyout	\$ 12,233.50
192.55	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Garage Heaters - Fire Station 1	\$ 6,150.00
210.09	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Replace Fire Arms Simulator - 2 of 5	\$ 41,403.73
210.10	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Replace One Police Vehicles (1 4WD)	\$ 75,000.00
210.11	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Replace Firearms	\$ 95,000.00
210.15	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Replace All Issued Tasers (1 of 5)	\$ 25,000.00
210.20	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Body Worn Camera System (1 of 5)	\$ 65,318.00
220.12	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Engine (E2) Lease 3 of 5	\$ 137,491.80
220.15	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Radio Equipment Upgrades: Vehicle Mounted & Portable	\$ 130,000.00
220.16	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Ballistic Equipment: Armored Vest / Helmets / Protective Shields	\$ 24,000.00
220.29	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	SUV/Command Vehicle (VIN 4567)	\$ 56,331.00
220.41	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Engine 3	\$ 59,000.00
300.19	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DW 60% 4x4 Plow Truck with Utility Body	\$ 27,586.20
300.27	Infrastructure	HS 60% Install Tennis Courts	\$ 149,925.00
300.35	Bldgs & Property	HS 59.97% Replace PVI Hot Water Tank No. 1	\$ 50,974.50
300.36	Bldgs & Property	HS 59.97% Replace PVI Hot Water Tank No. 2	\$ 50,974.50
300.54	Bldgs & Property	WIS Rebuild 2 of the 4 Boilers	\$ 80,000.00
300.55	Bldgs & Property	WIS Replace Steamer	\$ 20,000.00
300.56	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DW 59.97 % 3-D Printer	\$ 6,648.27
410.01	Engineering	Engineering Plotting Plan & Survey (S/B IT or CED?)	\$ 80,000.00
420.07	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	No. 2 - 17 Freightliner - Lease Payment 4 of 5	\$ 47,136.61
420.17	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Sidewalk Plow - Lease Payment - 4	\$ 41,218.00
420.18	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	No. 2-01 F250 Super Cab	\$ 47,225.00
			\$ 2,716,170.61

Explanation: This transfer will fund the Capital Plan Projects as outlined in the Capital Plan

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at meeting. - Voted at the 12/1/21 meeting to continue

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-026

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 16, 2021
First Reading: November 16, 2021
Second Reading: December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-026

BAA Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification

ORDERED, in accordance with section 4-2 (15) of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the negotiated agreement covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with the Bridgewater Administrative Association.

Explanation: The Town Manager negotiated an agreement with the Bridgewater Administrative Association. An affirmative vote of the Council will approve the contract as presented. A concurrent transfer request will fund the appropriation thereof.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-027

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 16, 2021
First Reading: November 16, 2021
Second Reading: December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-027

BAA Collective Contract Appropriation Transfer

Ordered; 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 from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule Use of Funds:

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Other One Time Stabilization Fund	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 7,000.00
WTR Reserved for Special Purpose	6200-358000	TRANSFER TO EF	\$ 500.00
SWR Reserved for Special Purpose	6100-358000	TRANSFER TO EF	\$ 500.00
Total:			\$ 8,000.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries Health	05105001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 820.00
Salaries ISD	02405001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 1,500.00
Salaries Assessors	01415001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 510.00
Salaries T/C	01455001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 510.00
Salaries Police	02105001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 1,600.00
Salaries Town Clerk	01615001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 1,560.00
Salaries Fire	02205001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 500.00
Salaries Water	62005001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 500.00
Salaries Sewer	61005001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 500.00
Total			\$ 8,000.00

Explanation: Settlement of Bridgewater Administrative Association Contractual Agreement

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-028

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	November 16, 2021
First Reading:	November 16, 2021
Second Reading:	December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY22-028

USW Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification

ORDERED, in accordance with section 4-2 (15) of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the negotiated agreement covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with the United Steelworkers.

Explanation: The Town Manager negotiated an agreement with the United Steelworkers. An affirmative vote of the Council will approve the contract as presented. A concurrent transfer request will fund the appropriation thereof.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-029

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 16, 2021
First Reading: November 16, 2021
Second Reading: December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-029

USW Collective Bargaining Contract Appropriation Transfer

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 from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule Use of Funds:

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Other One Time Stabilization Fund	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 36,085.00
WTR Reserved for Special Purpose	6200-358000	TRANSFER TO EF	\$ 550.00
SWR Reserved for Special Purpose	6100-358000	TRANSFER TO EF	\$ 550.00
GOLF Retained Earnings	6300-358000	TRANSFER TO EF	\$ 8,400.00
Total:			\$ 45,585.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries Assessors	01415001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 500.00
Salaries T/C	01455001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 4,098.00
Salaries IT	01555001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 3,078.00
Salaries Town Clerk	01615001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 2,117.00
Salaries CED	01825001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 4,263.00
Salaries Fire	02205001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 2,261.00
Salaries ISD	02405001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 6,829.00
Salaries Hwy	04205001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 2,550.00
Salaries Health	05105001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 500.00
Salaries COA	05415001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 6,217.00
Salaries Recreation	06305001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 3,672.00
Salaries Sewer	61005001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 550.00
Salaries Water	62005001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 550.00
Salaries Golf	63005001	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 8,400.00
Total			\$ 45,585.00

Explanation: Settlement of the USW 3-year Contract FY22-FY24

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget and Finance • Finance Committee	• Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. • 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-031

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 16, 2021
First Reading: November 16, 2021
Second Reading: December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-031

Rescind Curve Street Loan Order

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote, in accordance with MGL c.44 section 7 and Section 6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, to rescind remaining authorization of \$979,000.00 as this amount was funded with Grant proceeds of \$225k from the Housing Choice Initiative and construction totals were lower than project estimates, funded with Water Fund Reserves for Special Purpose at the end of FY2021.

The Original authorization of \$979,000 on O-FY21-032.

Explanation: This order is to clear the authorized borrowing deemed not necessary to complete this Water Main project on Curve Street outside of the new construction development.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Council Order: O-FY22-032

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	November 16, 2021
First Reading:	November 16, 2021
Second Reading:	December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY22-032

Bridgewater Police Association Contract Ratification

ORDERED, in accordance with section 4-2 (15) of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the negotiated agreement covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with the Bridgewater Police Association.

Explanation:

The Town Manager negotiated an agreement with the Bridgewater Police Association. An affirmative vote of the Council will approve the contract as presented. A subsequent transfer request will fund the appropriation thereof.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget and Finance - Finance Committee	- Meeting on 12/7/21 at 6pm. Will give disposition at the meeting. 12/1/21: Voted to approve 8-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday June 29, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-011

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced: June 29, 2021
First Reading: June 29, 2021
Second Reading: December 7, 2021
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
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;

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 consist 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 ~~Town Charter~~ Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section 2-1 ~~to read~~ and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 2-1(a) "Composition" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(a) **Composition** - There shall be a town council consisting of ~~XXX~~ **nine** members which shall exercise the legislative powers of the town. ~~XXX~~ **Three** of these members, ~~are~~ to be known as **District** **C**ouncilors, shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of the ~~XXX~~ **three** **D**istricts into which the town is divided and ~~XXX~~ **six** of the members to be known as **C**ouncilors-at-Large, shall be nominated and elected by and from the 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:

ADVERTISING REQUIRED

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules and Procedures Committee	Vote 3-0 to recommend approval as amended



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:	December 7, 2021
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:

ADVERTISING REQUIRED

- 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)
Rules and Procedures Committee	Vote 3-0 to recommend approval



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Council Resolution: R-FY22-001

Introduced By:	Councilors Rushton
Date Introduced	October 5, 2021
First Reading:	October 5, 2021
Second Reading:	December 7, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Resolution R-FY22-001

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF CATCH BASIN CLEANING AT MARILYN'S LANDING LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT

WHEREAS; on February 28, 2017, Town Council unanimously approved issuance of a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") consenting to the land reclamation project at approximately eight (8) acres of land owned by MacDonald Industries, D/B/A Marilyn's Landing that has been mined of its soils, gravel, and stone;

WHEREAS; the Department of Environmental Protection has issued an Administrative Consent Order approving the land reclamation project.;

WHEREAS; the Department of Environmental Protection oversees the reclamation process, including the testing of all fill;

WHEREAS; MacDonald Industries now proposes to accept municipal catch basin cleanings ("CBC") at Marilyn's Landing and to accept CBC from the Town of Bridgewater free of charge;

WHEREAS; acceptance of CBC is subject to sampling as required by MassDEP, and such sampling results shall not exceed existing testing criteria for soil;

WHEREAS; the Town Manager recommends the issuance of municipal consent based upon the DEP policy governing land reclamation, and;

WHEREAS; land reclamation will bring the land contour back to its approximate original form,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Town Council acknowledges and approves the acceptance of CBC at Marilyn’s Landing, provided it is approved by MassDEP and meets all applicable regulatory standards.

Explanation: In 2017 the Town Council unanimously voted a resolution approving a letter of support for Marilyn’s Landing land reclamation project. The project straddles the Bridgewater/Halifax town line and is made up of the capped landfill on one side and Marilyn’s Landing on the other. As noted in the resolution, the Department of Environmental Protection oversees the project and all fill used to reclaim the land, including determining appropriate materials, testing, and site compliance. This confirmation is sought by the DEP to confirm the Town’s understanding that catch basin cleanings are permitted as part of the fill used to reclaim the land. The Town of Halifax has already assented to the DEP request.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• CEDC	• Recommended to approve 2-0



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-016

Introduced By: Councilor Moore
Date Introduced: December 7, 2021
First Reading:
Second Reading:
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-016

General Ordinance – Amend Article I Sec. 1-9 “Definitions” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation

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;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Council assembled has adopted a new town precinct map dividing the territory of the town into nine (9) voting precincts;

WHEREAS, the nine (9) precincts as set-forth hereinabove shall be constituted within three (3) districts, each such district to be comprised of three (3) contiguous precincts.

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article I, Section 1-9 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article I, Section 1-9 “Definitions” is hereby amended by adding the following words:

“Precinct”, is the smallest geographically bounded unit used for election purposes and must be bounded by the center-line of streets or other well defined boundaries such as streams or other bodies of water, railroad tracks, power lines or other clearly visible geographic figures.

“District”, is a geographically bounded unit for election purposes, which consists of one or more contiguous precincts.

EXPLANATION:

This establishes definitions for “Precinct” and “District” within the Charter to support the reprecincting changes proposed elsewhere in the document. The proposed definitions borrow language from the “Reprecincting in Massachusetts” presentation published by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on April 14, 2021.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-017

Introduced By: Councilor Moore
Date Introduced: December 7, 2021
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Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-017

General Ordinance – Amend Article VII Sec. 7-3(a) “Signature Requirements” of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation

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;

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 consist 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 to include more At-Large positions which carry our highest nomination signature requirement;

WHEREAS, with the above referenced new town precinct map and new makeup of the Town Council, the Town Council seeks to remove barriers to participating and ensure equitable access for all residents who seek town offices;

WHEREAS, excessive nomination signature requirements are recognized to be a significant barrier to participation and limit equitable access to town office positions;

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater’s existing nomination signature requirements are up to ten times higher than nearby communities with far larger populations;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section 7-3 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 7-3(a) “Signature Requirements” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- (a) Signature Requirements – The number of signatures of voters required to place the name of a candidate on the official ballot to be used at an election shall be as follows: For an office which is to

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be filled by the voters of the whole town, not less than 60. For an office which is to be filled by the voters of a District, not less than 40 from the District.

EXPLANATION:

This ordinance addresses potential participation and equity barriers associated with our shift from a majority District Councilor to a majority At-Large Councilor model by reducing the signature requirements for town-wide positions from 150 to 60 and District positions from 100 to 40. This change brings us into alignment with policies in neighboring towns and encourages more equitable participation and access to potential candidates.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-018

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Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-018

General Ordinance – Amend Article X Section 10-7 Time of Taking Effect

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 Bridgewater Town Charter;

WHEREAS, an amendment to Article X, Section 10-7 of the Bridgewater Town Charter is necessary to facilitate transition to certain amended provisions of the Bridgewater Town Charter;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Town Charter, Article X, Section 10-7 to read as follows:

This Charter shall become fully effective upon ratification by the voters as provided for by the General Laws, except as provided in this section:

Section 10-7. Time of Taking Effect.

Upon the ratification of the Charter by the voters at the annual town election:

- (a) The election to elect the initial Town Council under this Charter shall be the annual town election scheduled to be conducted on April 30, 2022; and
- (b) The officials elected hereunder to serve upon the initial Town Council shall take office immediately upon election and certification, subject to the following transitional provisions:
 1. The term of office of any District Councilor serving on the date of the annual town election shall immediately expire and the term of office of each District Councilor elected hereunder shall commence upon certification of election.
 2. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large serving on the date of the annual town election shall immediately expire and the term of office of each Councilor-at-Large elected hereunder shall commence upon certification of election, provided, however, that any Councilor-at-Large previously

elected and serving on the date of the annual town election but not having fulfilled his full term of office shall be entitled to serve the remainder of the term for which he was elected to serve.

3. The term of office of the District Councilor elected to serve District 2 shall expire upon the first anniversary of the approval of the charter by the voters and upon election and certification of his successor.
4. The term of office of the District Councilor elected to serve District 1 shall expire upon the second anniversary of the approval of the Charter by the voters and upon election and certification of his successor.
5. The term of office of the District Councilor elected to serve District 3 shall expire upon the third anniversary of the approval of the Charter by the voters and upon election and certification of his successor.
6. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large elected upon approval of the Charter by the voters shall accord with the below-indicated transitional term of office, each such term as shall have been determined by the ballot bearing his name:
 - a) Three-Year Term:
Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election and certification with each term of office to expire upon the third anniversary of approval of the Charter by the voters and upon election and certification of their respective successors.
 - b) Two-Year Term:
One (1) Councilor-at-Large shall serve upon election and certification with his term of office to expire upon the second anniversary of approval of the Charter by the voters and upon election and certification of his successor.
 - c) One-Year Term:
Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election and certification with each such term of office to expire upon the first anniversary of approval of the Charter by the voters and upon election and certification of their respective successors.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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