



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Council Chamber, Room 203

Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) May 10, 2022

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- a) Subcommittee Re-assignments

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

- a) **7:10 p.m.** Order O-FY23-006: CPA Reserve Accounts – FY2023 (*Town Manager*)
Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 5/24/22 Town Council meeting. FinCom voted BLANK to recommend at their 5/18/22 meeting.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2022-021: The Granting of a One Day Entertainment Permit – Bridgewater Community for Civil Rights, Juneteenth Celebration, 50 School Street – 6/18/22

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Town Council Strategic Tracker (*Moore*)

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Re-Precincting Update
- b) Water Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY22-066: Contractual Buyouts (*Town Manager*)
Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 5/24/22 Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 5/18/22 meeting.
- b) Order O-FY22-067: BFA Bargaining Contract Ratification (*Town Manager*)
Budget and Finance meeting prior to the 5/24/22 Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 5/18/22 meeting.
- c) Order O-FY22-068: Contractual Settlement BFA (*Town Manager*)
Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 5/24/22 Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 5/18/22 meeting.
- e) Resolution R-FY22-009: A Resolution Supporting the Fair Share Amendment (*Rushton*)
Budget and Finance voted 2-1 to recommend at their 5/3/21 meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to take no action at their 5/4/21 meeting.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY22-069: Water (SDC) System Development Charges (*Town Manager*)

b) Order O-FY22-070: Water Rates (*Town Manager*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Order: FY23-006

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	May 10, 2022
First Reading:	May 10, 2022
Second Reading:	May 24, 2022
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-006

CPA RESERVE ACCOUNTS – FY2023

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 from the *Community Preservation Fund* FY2023 estimated annual revenues the sum of **\$40,000**. to meet the administrative expenses, and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

And further,

To reserve for future appropriation from the *Community Preservation Fund* FY2023 estimated annual revenues the sum of **\$307,500** for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; **\$153,750** for acquisition, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources; and **\$102,500** for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing.

And further,

To appropriate **\$25,900** to Budgetary Reserves.

And further,

To appropriate **\$345,000** for the payment of debt related to the Academy Building renovation from FY2023 estimated revenues.

And further,

To appropriate **\$50,350** for the payment of debt related to the Keith Homestead purchase from FY2023 estimated revenues.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• B&F	• Meeting prior to the Town Council meeting on 5/24/22.
• FinCom	• 5/18/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Petition: P-2022-021

Date Introduced: May 24, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

The Granting of a One Day Entertainment Permit

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR) has petitioned for a One-day Entertainment permit for the following event:

	EVENT	DATE	TIME	APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE
1	Live Entertainment (Bands and Gospel Singers): Juneteenth Celebration	June 18, 2022	2:00pm to 6:00pm	300 - 400

;and,

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire and Police Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

WHEREAS, this license is being issued under the most current state guidelines which could be revoked or changed such that the applicant will have to abide by any new state or local requirements;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 138 - section 14 and Chapter 140- Section 183A respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights to be granted a one-day entertainment permit for the aforementioned event to be held on the grounds of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 50 School Street, Bridgewater, MA 0224.

VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town Council Meeting Date: 5/24/22

ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Applicant Name: Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR)
Location of Event: First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church
50 School Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Telephone: (508) 930-0346
Email: refco27@gmail.com
Type of Event: Juneteenth Celebration
Live Music, Disc
Jockey, Other Live Music – Band and Gospel Singers
Other Speakers, Food & Craft Vendors

EVENT	DATE	TIME	ATTENDANCE
Live Entertainment	6/17/22	6:00pm – 12:00am	200-300
Live Entertainment	6/18/22	6:00pm – 12:00am	200-300
Live Entertainment	6/19/22	6:00pm – 10:00pm	200-300

Town Documents:

 X One-Day Entertainment Application
 X \$75.00 Fee

Recommendations:

 X Health Department
 X Fire Department
 X Police Department
 X Building Department

Notes:

- 1) Two Police Details have been scheduled.
- 2) A tent permit is required and applicant is working with the Building Department to obtain.
- 3) License fees collected.
- 4) License is subject to all state and local regulations, if the guidance is changed due to COVID numbers, events may need to be canceled or altered.



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Memorial Building, 66 Central Avenue
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Debbie Ward
508.659.1254 (Office) •
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REC'D
5/2/02
LICENSE NO. _____
DATE: _____
FEE: \$ 75.00

APPLICATION FOR ONE-DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

OUTDOOR ☒ INDOOR _____

APPLICANT: REBECCA FLEISCH CORDEIRO

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITIES FOR

CIVIL RIGHTS (BCCR)
ADDRESS: 135 DEERFIELD DRIVE

TELEPHONE: 508-930-0346

On Premises: OF FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Date of Event: 6/18/2002

50 SCHOOL ST B'WATER
Hours: 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Activity/Event: JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

APPROXIMATE NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 300 - 400

TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT: ☒ Live Music

☐ Juke Box

☐ Disc Jockey

☐ Other: (Please Specify & Answer Questions on Page 2)

SPEAKERS, FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS

Signature of Manager/Applicant: Rebecca Fleisch Cordeiro

Mailing Address: 135 Deerfield Dr, 02324

Contact Phone: 508-930-0346

Email: REFC027@gmail.com

APPROVED BY: _____

Date of Approval: _____

TOWN COUNCIL
Licensing Authority



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APPLICATION FOR ONE-DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Please answer all questions.

1. Specify precisely the type of concert, dance, exhibition, cabaret or public show sought to be licensed.
June 17th celebrations include prayer, speakers, gospel music, musical groups

2. Will such show include:

a. Dancing by patrons? ☐ Yes ☐ No uncertain?

b. Dancing by performers or entertainers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c. Recorded or live music? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Specify BANDS, GOSPEL SINGERS

d. The use of an amplification system? ☒ Yes ☐ No

e. A theatrical exhibition, play or moving ☐ Yes ☒ No

picture show? Specify _____

f. A floor show of any description? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Specify _____

g. A light show of description? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Specify _____

h. Any other dynamic audio or visual ☐ Yes ☒ No

show, whether live or recorded?

Specify _____

3. State whether or not as a part of the concert, ☐ Yes ☒ No
dance, exhibition, cabaret or public show
anyone will be allowed to appear nude or
semi-nude?

BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL - ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, ORDER TRACKER										
Last Update: 05/4/2022										
ID	Category	Status	Ordinance	Submitter	Current Owner:	Date Introduced	Last Update	Age (Weeks)	Comments	Next Action
1	Reprecincting	Closed	FY22-014 - Adoption of Town Precinct Map	Moore and Wood	Town Attorney	10/19/2021	1/20/2022	30	Approved and sent to State by Town Clerk	
2	Reprecincting / Election	Open	FY22-015 - General Ordinance: Amend Article VII Sec 7-4 "Districts" Home Rule Charter by Special Legislation	Chase and Rushton	Town Attorney	11/2/2021	1/20/2022	28	Attorney Rawlins sending certified copy to State. Copies given to him 1/20/22	Add to TC Agenda for Update from Town Attorney
3	Reprecincting / Election	Open	FY22-016 - General Ordinance: Amend Article I Sec 1-9 "Definitions" of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation	Moore	Town Attorney	12/7/2021	1/20/2022	23	Attorney Rawlins sending certified copy to State. Copies given to him 1/20/22	Add to TC Agenda for Update from Town Attorney
4	Reprecincting / Election	Open	FY22-017 - General Ordinance: Amend Article VII Sec. 703(a) "Signature Requirements" of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation	Moore	Town Attorney	12/7/2021	1/20/2022	23	Attorney Rawlins sending certified copy to State. Copies given to him 1/20/22	Add to TC Agenda for Update from Town Attorney
5	Reprecincting / Election	Open	FY22-018 - General Ordinance: Amend Article X Section 10-7 Time of Taking Effect	Chase and Wood	Town Attorney	12/7/2021	1/20/2022	23	Attorney Rawlins sending certified copy to State. Copies given to him 1/20/22	Add to TC Agenda for Update from Town Attorney
6	Charter Changes	Open	FY21-012 - General Ordinance - Admin Code Change: Part II, CH. 1 Article II, Section 2	Gallagher	Rules & Procedures	6/29/2021	12/21/2021	46	Voted to recommend approval as amended; R&P meeting 12/21/21; pending TC agenda	Check Status?
7	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-002 - Town Charter Amendment for correction of typographical and punctuation errors	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	3/24/2022	36	Voted not to recommend; R&P meeting 3/24/22; pending TC agenda	Voted not to recommend. Move to future iteration.
8	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-003 - Town Charter Article IV, Town Manager "Temporary Absence"	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	12/21/2021	36	Voted to recommend approval as amended; R&P meeting 12/21/21; pending TC agenda	Submitted for Attorney Review
9	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-004 - Town Charter Article III, Library Trustees	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	12/21/2021	36	Voted to recommend approval as amended, pending legal review; R&P meeting 4/14/22; pending legal review	Submitted for Attorney Review
10	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-005 - Town Charter "Town" to "City"	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	3/24/2022	36	Voted not to recommend; R&P meeting 3/24/22; pending TC agenda	Ready for Council Vote
11	Charter Changes	Closed	FY22-006 - Town Charter Article II, Term of Office	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	1/5/2022	36	Motion to table by R&P on 1/5/22; language was duplicate of other language already actioned by council	No more action planned.
12	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-007 - Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Electon Eligibility	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	12/21/2021	36	Voted to recommend approval as amended; R&P meeting 12/21/21; pending TC agenda	Submitted for Attorney Review
13	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-008 - Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Annual Stipend	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	1/5/2022	36	Approved with amendments by R&P on 1/5/22; pending TC agenda	Submitted for Attorney Review
14	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-009 - Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, recall Provision	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	12/21/2021	36	Voted to recommend approval as amended; R&P meeting 12/21/21; pending TC agenda	Submitted for Attorney Review
15	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-010 - Town Charter Article IV, City Manager Term of Office	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	12/21/2021	36	Voted to recommend approval as amended; R&P meeting 12/21/21; pending TC agenda	Submitted for Attorney Review
16	Charter Changes	Open	FY22-011 - Town Charter Article V, Administration Organizations, City Attorney, Term Limits	Gallagher and George	Rules & Procedures	9/7/2021	1/5/2022	36	Voted not to recommend by R&P on 1/5/22; pending TC agenda	Ready for Council Vote
17	Public Safety	Open	D-FY22-020 - General Ordinance – Chapter 14/Article II. Feeding of Wildlife	Moore	Public Safety	4/5/2022	5/4/2022	6	Approved by Public Safety on 5/4/22 to recommend the order as drafted; pending TC agenda	

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BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL - INITIATIVE TRACKER											Last Update: 05/4/2022
ID	Initiative	Status	TC Priority Number	Target Completion	Description	Owner:	Date Introduced	Last Update	Age (Weeks)	Comments	Next Step
1	2023 Budget	Open	1		Define, align, and approve the town budget for 2023.	Town Manager	4/5/2022	4/5/2022	6	Town Manager Dutton gave update on budget and sent out budget books on 4/5/22	
2	Water Treatment Plant	Open	2	Spring 2023	Once completed, the facility will help reduce levels of iron, manganese and other minerals in the water from nearby wells that serve residents in the area. Funded by a \$6.25 million loan through the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and	Town Manager	10/28/2020	4/29/2022	81	Plant almost coming to completion, was expected to be done in May but now it is early next Spring (2023) due to supply chain issues. IO is backordered and the DEP will not allow wells to be worked on during the summer months.	
3	OSLGC Management Agreement	Closed	N/A		Transfer management of golf course to private company in exchange for an annual fee. Designed to improve services and	Town Manager		4/5/2022		Issued an RFP, selected Indigo golf. \$125k annual fee plus percentage of gross revenues. Approximately \$350k annually.	
4	Fire Station Project	Open	4		Town seeks new Fire Station to improve conditions and capabilities	Town Manager	10/5/2020	4/23/2022	84	Approved on 04/23 ballot; Next step is Site and RFP	Need schedule for next steps; clarify what happens to committee
5	Town Hall Roof	Open	12		Town hall roof requires urgent repair to prevent damage to archival documents.	Town Manager	4/1/2022		7	TC Approved transfer order on 4/5/22	Need update on process
6	Town Hall Repurpose	Open	13		Restore town hall interior and repurpose to be an anchor destination to drive pedestrian	Town Manager					
7	Roadways Plan	Open	5		Identify plan and funding to build Cross Street, Flagg Street, Vernon Street, and South Street; Drainage and reclamation of Deerfield	Town Manager					
8	Document Archival	Open	11		Evaluate, clean, digitize, and store Bridgewater's many at-risk historic and municipal documents	Town Manager					
9	Wastewater Treatment	Open	3		Update Bridgewater's wastewater treatment facility to handle population growth and safety needs	Town Manager					
10	Mitchell School	Open	6		Replace damaged elementary school with modern facility & relocate displaced students	Town Manager					
11	Charter Review Updates	Open	10		Develop and implement a plan for addressing the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee	Town Manager					
12	Town Website Refresh	Open	15		Address outdated or missing content on the town website. Improve website usability.	Town Manager					
13	Downtown Maintenance and Repairs	Open	9		Address issues with WW1 memorial, crooked flag pole, railing replacements and ongoing rapid maintenance plan	Town Manager					

14	Park / Trail System	Open	7		Develop and implement a plan for improving, connecting, and marketing our town parks and trail system.	Town Manager						
15	McElwain Project	Open	8		Monitor development and progress of the McElwain Project	Town Manager						
16	Dwell 85	Open	14		Understand and address concerns related to the Dwell 85 property	Town Manager						
17	Perkins Foundry	Open	16		New development at Perkins Foundry location	Town Manager						
18	Old Mobile Station	Open	17		Define and implement a plan for the old Mobile station	Town Manager						
19	Master Plan Report	Open				Town Manager						
20	Old Firestation Plan	Open			What do we do with the old station and can that be the catalyst for downtown revitalization	Town Manager						
21	Broad Street Development	Open			Can we track progress of that project sale?							



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-066

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Order O-FY22-066

CONTRACTUAL BUYOUTS

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 \$47,650.15 from Employer's Liability Trust Fund to accounts as outlined:

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Employee Liability Fund	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 47,650.15
Total:			\$ 47,650.15
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
LIBRARY DEPT SALARIES	06105001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 38,125.15
ISD DEPT SALARIES	02405001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 9,525.00
Total			\$ 47,650.15

Explanation: Contractual Buyouts for Retirements from ISD and Library

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• B&F	• Meeting prior to the Town Council meeting on 5/24/22.
• FinCom	• 5/18/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend

VOICE VOTE – REQUIRED MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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Order O-FY22-067

BFA BARGAINING CONTRACT RATIFICATION

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to,

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 Firefighters Assn (BFA), Local 2611 I.A.F.F

Explanation: The Town Manager negotiated an agreement with the Bridgewater BFA, Local 2611, IAFF, 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)
• B&F	• Meeting prior to Town Council meeting on 5/24/22.
• FinCom	• 5/18/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-068

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: May 10, 2022
First Reading: May 10, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing: May 24, 2022B&F
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-068

CONTRACTUAL SETTLEMENT BFA

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	\$ 150,000.00
Total:			\$ 150,000.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries	02205001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 101,822.00
Salaries	02205001-513000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 42,789.00
Salaries	02205001-514000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 3,589.00
Medicare	09145170-517003	Medicare	\$ 1,800.00
Total			\$ 150,000.00

Explanation: Settlement of Bridgewater Firefighters Association IIAF Local 2611 FY2022-FY202

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• B&F	• Meeting prior to Town Council meeting on 5/24/22.
• FinCom	• 5/18/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Council Resolution: R-FY22-009

Introduced By: Councilor Rushton

Date Introduced: April 26, 2022

First Reading: April 26, 2022

Second Reading: May 24, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY22-009

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FAIR SHARE AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery;

WHEREAS, the best way to help working families and rebuild a strong economy for us all is to make sure that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable public higher education, and a reliable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, for Massachusetts to compete against other regions around the nation and the globe, we need modern, reliable transportation: safer roads and bridges, public transportation that works, and safe ways to walk and bike around town¹; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater has many structural deficient bridges and overdue road repair and replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, tuitions and fees at our public colleges are among the highest in the country, forcing students to take on enormous debt just to receive a degree; and

WHEREAS, new state revenue is necessary to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, expand access to vocational and technical training invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts' wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
B&F	5/3/21: Voted 3-0 to Recommend
FinCom	5/4/21: Voted 5-0 No Action

1. Boston Globe, [Mass. still short on transportation funding, report says](#)

VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



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Order O-FY22-069

WATER (SDC) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Whereas, the Town Manager is recommending an increase in the SDC (System Development Charge) for both domestic and commercial property. This charge will be assessed to customers with expanding needs or new customers that connect to the Town's water system (Water Treatment Plant(s) and Water Delivery System - Waterlines). These demands require that the Water Department continuously invest in upgrades and improvements to our physical plant and our waterline delivery system. These charges will offset a portion of the current expansion and all other improvements to the Town's water system. These charges will be accounted for and segregated separately from all other Water Revenue and can and will only be used for Capital Improvements to the Water Treatment Plant(s) and Water Delivery System.

The charges are calculated based on the Buy-in Method (Equity Method) and the Equivalent Resident Method (ERU) so that new water customers and expanding demand from existing customers pay their fair share of the remaining life of the fixed assets (Equity) and that existing customers who expand are charged for the additional capacity that they require.

Therefore, Ordered that the Town Council vote to ratify the SDC Charges pursuant to the Buy-in and ERU methodology.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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May 17, 2022

Mr. Anthony Sulmonte
Finance Director
Town of Bridgewater
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Mr. Sulmonte,

This report and the accompanying System Development Charge (SDC) were prepared for the Town of Bridgewater Water Department to charge new customers requesting water service and current customers expanding their facilities. The SDC is based on the current net book value of the water department's fixed assets.

We have compiled the Systems Development Charge in accordance with applicable guidelines established by the American Water Works Association. This report completes our requirements to prepare the System Development Charge.

We wish to thank everyone who assisted us during this project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Gardner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas W. Gardner
President

SUMMARY

The purpose of this study was to prepare the System Development Charge based on the current water fixed assets. We included the near complete water treatment facility in our calculations but no other long term and short term future capital improvements.

Introduction

The Town of Bridgewater Water Department has water related improvements that are needed to meet their current and future needs and demands. Customers expanding their needs or a new customer connecting to the system will be required to pay an amount equal to that already paid by the current customers towards the invested capital funds.

The single-family houses, condos, townhouses, etc. are expected to increase during the next five years. This requires that the department invest in expansion and improvement of the physical plant (water system). However, the current expansion and improvement of the water system is not being recovered, in part, through a System Development Charge. The purpose of this study is to calculate a SDC based on the Buy-in Method so that new water customers and expanding customers are paying their share of the remaining life of the fixed assets and existing customers who expand are charged for the additional capacity (ERU).

Recommendations

We recommend the department approve the recommended SDC and ERU charges presented on Exhibit 3, “System Development Charges”.

There are two ways to charge for the SDC.

1. The Buy in Method or Equity Method.

The Buy in Method is a flat rate charge per dwelling that requires a 1” connection. Larger connection sizes will result in a larger SDC. Refer to Exhibit 1, “System Development Charge”.

The recommended Buy in Method SDC is \$3,482, rounded up to \$3,500, for a 1” connection. Larger connections should be charged at the increased amount as shown on Exhibit 3. The amounts for the larger connections were calculated using the AWWA criteria for increasing connection sizes.

All dedicated fire services are charged a separate SDC based on connection size.

2. The ERU, “Equivalent Residential Unit”

The ERU method is based on the expansion of both domestic and commercial property. It can be used for the expansion of a dwelling, such as adding a new bedroom, a new bathroom, expansion of a restaurant etc. Expansion of services or an expansion of the number of living units for existing customers should be based on the ERU's, i.e., an increase in usage totaling more than 10 percent over a three year average or those who are expanding facilities.

The calculated ERU charge is \$3,482 (rounded to \$3,500), per addition based on the percent of one unit.

Enforcement of these provisions is dependent on the water district working closely with the Town of Raynham building department.

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER WATER DEPARTMENT
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE
FIXED ASSET LISTING**

The fixed asset listing (Schedule 1) was prepared based on data received from the water department. The fixed assets study was prepared through June 30, 2021 and based on the district's audited financial statements. The fixed asset original cost was based on actual costs or estimated original cost. The fixed asset data was prepared to provide the original cost of the water fixed assets. The original cost includes \$14,958,916 of current and future costs for the new water treatment facility.

Once the estimated original cost was determined, the depreciation was calculated based on the expected useful life of the fixed asset. Depreciation was based on the straight line method with a half-year's depreciation in the year of purchase and retirement.

The "Fixed Asset Listing Summary", Schedule 1, summarizes the fixed assets by type of asset and provides the original cost, accumulated depreciation, and net book value through June 30, 2021. The total original cost is \$62,195,098 and the net book value totals \$49,614,762.

The fixed asset data is the basis of the Buy-in method of calculating a SDC.

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER DEPARTMENT
FIXED ASSET SUMMARY**

Schedule 1

Fiscal Year 2021

Description		Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
1910	LAND	\$3,745,700	\$0	\$3,745,700
1920	BUILDINGS	\$579,000	\$369,030	\$209,970
1930	PLANT, MAINS, ETC.			
	Tanks and Standpipes	\$2,412,650	\$1,426,671	\$985,979
	Mains	\$33,315,914	\$8,114,714	\$25,201,200
	Hydrants	\$1,488,395	\$441,012	\$1,047,383
	Valves	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Wells	\$255,632	\$112,864	\$142,768
	Total	\$37,472,591	\$10,095,262	\$27,377,329
1940	EQUIPMENT			
	Equipment	\$5,153,858	\$1,834,905	\$3,318,953
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$5,153,858	\$1,834,905	\$3,318,953
1950	VEHICLES	\$285,033	\$281,139	\$3,894
1990	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	\$14,958,916	\$0	\$14,958,916
	TOTAL	\$62,195,098	\$12,580,335	\$49,614,762

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER WATER DEPARTMENT
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE
Exhibit 1

BUY-IN METHOD (Equity Method)

The "Buy-in Method" is calculated based on the cost to connect to the current water system. Adjustments for the distribution system costs, debt service principal outstanding, and similar local facilities serving existing customers are deducted from the total cost because they are classified as maintenance type costs, not facility costs.

The "System Development Charge - Buy in Method, Exhibit 1, is the basis for calculating the SDC based on an equivalent meter size for existing capacity.

The fixed asset costs are listed by types of asset group summarized from Schedule 1, Fixed Asset Listing and Depreciation. The estimated net book value is \$49,614,762 as of June 30, 2021.

The amounts that represent the all facilities' net book value, i.e., "Net Investment in Back Up Plant" represents Total Cost less Net Cost (local facilities). The local facilities (\$685,147) represent water mains (6" and under), valves and hydrants (\$1,047,383), that service customers directly and are not included in the calculation of the facilities that all customers use jointly. The Net Investment in Back Up Plant is \$47,882,233.

The "Outstanding Bonds" that represent facilities that service customers directly are also deducted from the total. The outstanding principal debt is \$15,019,920 and includes new and anticipated debt associated with the new treatment facility.

The "Total Equity Investment" is calculated by subtracting the outstanding bonds from the Net Investment in Back Up Plant. The Total Equity Investment is \$32,862,313.

The "Number of Customers" was based on the total customers from the FY 2023 water rate study and totals 7,835.

The "Equivalent Units" are calculated based on 9,437 Equivalent Units for current customers and an estimated 0 for future customers based on the equivalent units.

The "Average Net Equity Investment for a 1" connection is obtained by dividing the "Total Equity Investment" by the "Equivalent Units", which results in \$3,482, rounded to \$3,500 per equivalent unit.

The SDC for each water service base on connection size has been calculated for a 1" connection up to a 12-inch connection. The basic charge is \$3,500 for a 1" connection.

**BRIDGEWATER WATER DEPARTMENT
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE CALCULATION**

Exhibit 1

	Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Land	\$3,745,700	\$0	\$3,745,700
Building	\$579,000	\$369,030	\$209,970
Mains - 6" and less	\$1,245,919	\$560,772	\$685,147
Mains - 8" and over	\$32,069,995	\$7,553,942	\$24,516,053
Tanks	\$2,412,650	\$1,426,671	\$985,979
Well	\$255,632	\$112,864	\$142,768
Machinery & Equipment	\$5,153,858	\$1,834,905	\$3,318,953
Hydrants	\$1,488,395	\$441,012	\$1,047,383
Vehicles	\$285,033	\$281,139	\$3,894
Construction. in Progress	\$14,958,916	\$0	\$14,958,916
Total	\$62,195,098	\$12,580,335	\$49,614,762
Less: Distribution System			
Mains and Valves 6" Less			\$685,147
Hydrants			\$1,047,383
All Facilities Net Investment			\$47,882,233
Less: Outstanding Bonds			\$15,019,920
Total Equity Investment			\$32,862,313
Number of Customers			7,835
Total Equivalent Units			9,437
Average Net Equity Investment 1" Service			\$3,482
Connection Size	Flow Factor Equivalent		SDC
1"	1		\$3,482
1 1/2"	5		\$17,411
2"	8		\$27,858
3"	16		\$55,717
4"	25		\$87,057
6"	50		\$174,114
8"	80		\$278,583
10"	115		\$400,463
12"	155		\$539,754

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER WATER DEPARTMENT
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE
Equivalent Residential Units (ERU'S)
Exhibit 2

The Equivalent Residential Units method is based on the estimated cubic feet per day (CFPD) of water consumed by a single-family residence.

The average family of three persons results in 23.47 cubic feet per day (CFPD) of water usage. The CFPD is detailed on Exhibit 2. The total billable flow from the FY 2023 rate study totaled 67,126,000 cubic feet annually divided by 365 days results in 183.907 CFPD. The customer base is 7,835 customers. The daily household consumption of 23.47 CFPD divided by the average household of 3 customers results in 7.82 cubic feet daily.

Calculation of the ERU's.

The "Calculation of the ERU's" was calculated as follows:

The total equity investment of \$32,862,313 was obtained from Schedule 1.

The average daily consumption of 183.907 CFPD was based on total metered consumption. The total equity investment of \$32,862,313 divided by CFPD, results in a total cost of \$178.69 per ERU.

The cost per residential unit is \$4,194.30 (23.47 CFPD x \$178.69 per ERU).

The cost per residential unit can now be used to calculate the cost per meter size or cost per water usage by type of customer.

The ERU's is an estimate of water usage volume in the Town of Bridgewater Water Department. The estimates of water usage per day were obtained from a national publication, Plumbing Design & Installation Details, Page 51, Table 4.5a, "Design Criteria for Daily Water Requirements based on Building Occupancy." We have calculated the most common types of businesses; however, the list is not intended to be all-inclusive (Exhibit2).

One of the requirements for new connections is to estimate usage requirements before a permit is issued. This is expressed in ERU's. The appropriate impact fee can then be calculated.

BRIDGEWATER WATER DEPARTMENT
Equivalent Residential Units

Exhibit 2

Calculation of Cubic Feet per Day

Annual Consumption (cubic feet)	67,126,000
Days in Year	365
Average Daily Consumption	183,907
Customers	7,835
Consumption per household per day	23.47
Average Household	3
Consumption per person per day	7.82

Calculation of Equivalent Residential Units (ERU's)

Average Daily Consumption	183,907
Total Equity Investment	\$32,862,313
Total Cost per ERU	\$178.69
Consumption per household, per day	23.47
Cost per Residential Unit	\$4,194.30



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-070

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: May 24, 2022
First Reading: May 24, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-070

WATER RATES

Whereas, the Town Manager is recommending an increase in the Metered Consumption Charge and Quarterly Minimum Charge to cover the cost of the debt service and the operating costs for the “New High Street Water Treatment Facility”. This requires that the Revenue from Water User Charges generate \$1,500,000 in revenue over what is currently being generated – from approximately \$3,300,000 to \$4,800,000. To achieve this the Metered Consumption Charge is to be increased by 24%, coupled with an increase to the Quarterly Minimum Charge. The Quarterly Minimum Charge increase will be dependent upon the meter size.

A summary of the recommended increase to the quarterly Minimum Charge and the Metered Consumption Charges are attached.

Therefore, Ordered that the Town Council vote to ratify the increase in the Metered Consumption Charge and Quarterly Minimum Charge.

Explanation: The Town of Bridgewater is obligated to pay the principal and interest on the previously authorized debt for the construction of the town’s “New High Street Water Treatment Facility” which will be going online this coming fall.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,MA						Exhibit 1
Current vs Proposed Rates & Charges						
Water Division	Current	Proposed Water Rates				
	Rates					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Minimum Charge - Quarterly						
Up to 1"	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
1"	\$12.50	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
1 1/2"	\$12.50	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
2"	\$12.50	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
3"	\$12.50	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
4"	\$12.50	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
6"	\$12.50	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Meter Water Charges - Quarterly - per 100 CF						
1st Step 1-1,500 CF	\$2.81	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.48
2nd Step 1,501-10,000 CF	\$5.94	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37
3rd Step Over 100,000 CF	\$7.28	\$9.03	\$9.03	\$9.03	\$9.03	\$9.03
Private Fire Protection - Annual Charge						
Hydrant	\$250.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
2"	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3"	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
4"	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
6"	\$250.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
8"	\$400.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
10"	\$580.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Backflow Prevention						
First Device Tested	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Second Device	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fittings	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00