



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Academy Building
66 Central Square
Council Chamber, Room 203
Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA - *UPDATED (4/24/17)

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) April 4, 2017

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS - None

F. HEARINGS

- a) **7:35 p.m., HEARING:** Order O-2017-009: Transfer Order Capital Transfer from Water Retained Earnings

At their meeting held 3/7/17, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval. The Finance Committee voted 7-0 to approve this item at their meeting held 3/27/17. This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website for a public hearing. This measure may be finally considered at the conclusion of the public hearing.

- b) **7:40 p.m. HEARING (continued from 4/4/17):** Order O-2017-008: Laying out and Accepting a Private Way – Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle

Upon favorable recommendations from all required departments, the Town Council voted on 1/24/17 their intent to take the way and referred the matter to the Planning Board and Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC). The Planning Board and CEDC each voted unanimously to recommend acceptance. This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's Website for a public hearing and abutters notifications were mailed certified, return receipt. This measure may be finally considered upon conclusion of the public hearing.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

H. PRESENTATIONS - None

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Addition of a Special Town Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 (Councilor Gallagher) *(UPDATED)

- b) Rules & Procedures Committee Amendments/Feedback on Ordinances:

- Ordinance D-2017-001: Amend General Ordinances – Vacant and Abandoned Commercial Properties
- Ordinance D-2017-002: Amend General Ordinances – Illegal Dumping

- c) Draft Paid Parking Ordinance – Town Manager

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

M. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance D-2017-005: Amend Administrative Code – Historic Commission Membership

At their meeting held 4/11/17, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of this measure with amendments. This measure requires advertising pending the adoption of amendments before being finally considered.

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-2017-019: Affix Town Clerk Salary (Councilor Gallagher)

- b) Order O-2017-020: Special Election – June 10, 2017 (Town Manager) *(UPDATED)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-009

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 28, 2017
First Reading: February 28, 2017
Second Reading/Hearing: April 25, 2017
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2017-009

TRANSFER OF WATER RETAINED EARNINGS

ORDERED; that pursuant to section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$504,500.00 from Water Retained Earnings Account for High Street Water Treatment Facility Capital Fund.

Explanation:

This transfer will fund the design work for the High Street Water Treatment Plant Project which is not eligible to be included in the approved State Revolving Fund loan.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee - This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing in the Enterprise 4/10/17 and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered at the conclusion of the hearing.	3/7/17: Vote 2-0 Recommend Approval 3/27/17: Vote 7-0 Approve

ROLL CALL VOTE



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Order: # O-2017-008

Introduced By:	Councilor Sandra Wright
Date Introduced	January 24, 2017
First Reading:	January 24, 2017
Second Reading/Public Hearing:	April 4, 2017
Third Reading/Public Hearing Continued:	April 25, 2017
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Order #O-2017-008

LAYING OUT AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE WAY(S) – HARTSWOOD WAY AND DOE BROOK CIRCLE

WHEREAS, the owners of the subdivision known as Cherrywood Subdivision, 5P Forester Real Estate Trust, Priscilla S. Lehtola and Patricia L. Lee, Trustees., have requested the Town of Bridgewater lay out and accept Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle as a public way(s); it is therefore;

ORDERED: that the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater require the laying out of Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said Town of Bridgewater, said easement passing by or over lands of those persons shown on “EXHIBIT A”, attached hereto, and parties unknown.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Said layout of said street, Hartswood Way, is bounded as described as follows:

Hartswood Way

Beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole (CBDH) on the northerly sideline of Cherry Street thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.42', with a radius of 20.00' to a drill hole set in the concrete sidewalk;
thence N 03°16'44" W a distance of 278.85' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 62.49', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 12°59'45" E a distance of 264.52' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 211.69', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 209.14', with a radius of 180.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 01°33'29" E a distance of 113.79' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 310.13', with a radius of 65.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 32.59', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 01°33'29" W a distance of 28.94' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right and intersection with Dow Brook Circle with an arc length of 255.61', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 173.20', with a radius of 180.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 12°59'45" W a distance of 264.52' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 51.13', with a radius of 180.00';
thence S 03°16'44" E a distance of 278.85' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.42', with a radius of 20.00';
thence along Cherry Street S 86°43'16" W a distance of 80.00' to a CBDH;
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 58186 square feet, 1.34 acres as shown on Plan Book 50, Page 680

Said layout of said street, Doe Brook Circle, is bounded as described as follows:

Doe Brook Circle

Beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole (CBDH) on the easterly sideline of Hartswood Way;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 27.22', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 73°50'52" E a distance of 276.94' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the right with an arc length of 344.71', with a radius of 65.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 73°50'52" W a distance of 270.27' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 29.71', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence along Hartswood Way with a compound curve turning to the left with an arc length of 74.76', with a radius of 220.00';
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 25518 square feet, 0.59 acres as shown on Plan Book 50, Page 680

Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle

All the land within the limits of a private ways known as Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle, supposed to belong to 5P Forester Real Estate Trust, Priscilla S. Lehtola and Patricia; L. Lee, Trustees and others, or parties unknown, being a strip of land extending from.

And; the following drainage parcels necessary for the proper functioning of the designed drainage system:

Drainage Lot

DRAINAGE LOT MAP 52, LOT 12

beginning at a ;

thence N 41°14'41" W a distance of 229.97';

thence N 49°42'14" E a distance of 249.65';

thence S 41°14'41" E a distance of 225.84';

thence S 48°45'22" W a distance of 249.61';

which is the point of beginning,

having an area of 56,889 square feet, 1.31 acres as shown on Plan Book 50, Page 681

And we have considered and estimated that the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates as follows:

NO AWARDS.

Explanation:

Approval of this Order would formally affect the layout and acceptance of Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle by the Town for future maintenance and ownership.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

<i>Referral(s)</i>	<i>Disposition(s)</i>
• 1/24/17: Unanimous vote by Town Council that the Town intends to take the ways and to refer to the Planning Board. • Planning Board • Community & Economic Development Committee • A public hearing for this measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise, on the Town's Website and abutter's notifications mailed. • This measure may be finally considered at the conclusion of the public hearing.	• 2/15/17: Vote unanimously to recommend • 2/15/17: Vote unanimously to recommend

ROLL CALL VOTE



LEHTOLA HOMES, INC.

LEHTOLA REAL ESTATE

P.O.Box 712, 640 Auburn Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

Office: 508.697.4346 / FAX: 508.697.7767

November 10, 2016

RE: Cherry Woods subdivision

To: Bridgewater Town Manager

Dear Mr. Dutton,

Lehtola Homes, Inc. is requesting that the Town Council accept the streets, Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle, in the Cherrywoods subdivision.

On Monday, November 7, 2016, the Planning Board voted to release \$162,520.00 from the \$205,024.00 bond on file for the Cherrywoods Subdivision. Currently \$42,504.00 is being retained by the Town of Bridgewater.

Silva Engineering has placed the monuments and lot corners, and is currently completing the as-built plan for the subdivision. Lehtola Homes will request \$10,200.00 from the remaining bond when this has been completed. This will leave \$32,304.00 of the bond money.

Highway Superintendent, Ron Ladue, is planning to request a hold back of an amount to be determined, for the detention basin of the Cherrywoods subdivision because the new Oldfield Estates subdivision's detention basin is an extension of the current Cherrywoods basin.

We, Lehtola Homes, are unfamiliar with the street acceptance process. Please let us know how to proceed in this process.

Paula A. Lehtola, Treasurer

Lehtola Homes, Inc.

Email: office@Lehtola-Homes.com

Phone: 508-697-4346

Fax: 508-697-7767

If you have question that need immediate answers, please call Sue Lehtola,

Cell 508-577-2420

The Cherrywoods subdivision streets, Hartswood Way and Doe Brook Circle,
currently owned by

5P Forester Real Estate Trust

The Trustees are Priscilla S. Lehtola and Patricia L. Lee

Cherry Woods Subdivision

Hartswood Way

Beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole (CBDH) on the northerly sideline of Cherry Street thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.42', with a radius of 20.00' to a drill hole set in the concrete sidewalk;
thence N 03°16'44" W a distance of 278.85' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 62.49', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 12°59'45" E a distance of 264.52' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 211.69', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 209.14', with a radius of 180.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 01°33'29" E a distance of 113.79' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 310.13', with a radius of 65.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 32.59', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 01°33'29" W a distance of 28.94' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the right and intersection with Dow Brook Circle with an arc length of 255.61', with a radius of 220.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 173.20', with a radius of 180.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 12°59'45" W a distance of 264.52' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 51.13', with a radius of 180.00';
thence S 03°16'44" E a distance of 278.85' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.42', with a radius of 20.00';
thence along Cherry Street S 86°43'16" W a distance of 80.00' to a CBDH;
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 58186 square feet, 1.34 acres as shown on Plan Book 50,
Page 680

Doe Brook Circle

Beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole (CBDH) on the easterly sideline of Hartswood Way;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 27.22', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence S 73°50'52" E a distance of 276.94' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the right with an arc length of 344.71', with a radius of 65.00' to a CBDH;
thence with a reverse curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence N 73°50'52" W a distance of 270.27' to a CBDH;
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 29.71', with a radius of 20.00' to a CBDH;
thence along Hartswood Way with a compound curve turning to the left with an arc length of 74.76', with a radius of 220.00';
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 25518 square feet, 0.59 acres as shown on Plan Book 50,
Page 680

Cherry Woods Subdivision

DRAINAGE LOT MAP 52, LOT 12

beginning at a ;

thence N $41^{\circ}14'41''$ W a distance of 229.97';

thence N $49^{\circ}42'14''$ E a distance of 249.65';

thence S $41^{\circ}14'41''$ E a distance of 225.84';

thence S $48^{\circ}45'22''$ W a distance of 249.61';

which is the point of beginning,

having an area of 56,889 square feet, 1.31 acres as shown on Plan Book 50,
Page 681

Cherry Woods Subdivision

FUTURE 40' WIDE ROADWAY/UTILITY EASEMENT MAP 67, LOT 79

beginning at an iron rod on the westerly line sideline of Hartswood Way ;
thence N 71°04'49" W a distance of 152.53' to an iron rod;
thence N 69°37'17" W a distance of 236.39';
thence N 79°16'12" W a distance of 99.10';
thence N 17°16'04" E a distance of 40.26';
thence S 79°16'28" E a distance of 97.89';
thence S 69°37'17" E a distance of 235.53';
thence S 71°04'49" E a distance of 166.37';
thence along Hartswood Way with a curve turning to the right with an arc
length of 41.57', with a radius of 180.00';
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 19,804 square feet, 0.45 acres as shown on Plan Book 50,
Page 680

UTILITY EASEMENT

beginning at a ;
thence N 79°16'28" W a distance of 20.86';
thence S 86°36'37" W a distance of 119.54';
thence N 69°26'04" W a distance of 121.16';
thence N 40°17'46" W a distance of 805.38';
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 6.93', with a
radius of 180.00';
thence N 47°29'50" E a distance of 40.00';
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 30.65', with a
radius of 20.00';
thence N 49°42'14" E a distance of 156.21';
thence N 39°16'30" W a distance of 107.80';
thence N 48°45'19" E a distance of 260.66';
thence S 41°14'41" E a distance of 55.00';
thence S 48°45'19" W a distance of 182.51';
thence S 39°16'30" E a distance of 179.06';
thence N 82°47'27" W a distance of 36.00';
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 149.24', with a
radius of 180.00';
thence S 49°42'14" W a distance of 76.78';
thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.42', with a
radius of 20.00';
thence S 40°17'46" E a distance of 724.22';
thence S 69°26'04" E a distance of 102.27';
thence N 86°36'37" E a distance of 116.01';
thence S 79°16'28" E a distance of 30.41';
thence S 17°16'04" W a distance of 40.26';
which is the point of beginning,
having an area of 75,785 square feet, 1.74 acres as shown on Plan Book 50,
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-2017-001

For Discussion

Introduced By:	Councilors Edward Haley, Kevin Perry, Peter Colombotos
Date Introduced:	January 10, 2016
First Reading:	January 10, 2017
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-2017-001

AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

ORDERED that pursuant to Article II, Section 2-2 of the Bridgewater Town Charter; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater General Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 1, Article II. Non Criminal Enforcement of Violations by adding the following:

Chapter 1

Article II. Non Criminal Enforcement of Violations

Section 3. Schedule of Fines

Ch. 180. Problem Properties, Article I	First offense \$50.00, Second Offense \$100, Third offense \$200.00, Fourth and Following Offenses \$300
Ch. 180. Problem Properties, Article II	First and Following Offenses \$50

And vote to amend the Bridgewater General Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 180, Article I Registration of Vacant and Abandoned Properties by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Chapter 180. Problem Properties

Article I. Nuisance and Vacant or Abandoned Building Ordinance

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

Vacant structures and abandoned properties are visual eyesores and have a detrimental impact on the economic viability of the corresponding commercial districts. Often vacant storefronts and abandoned properties attract illegal activity, including criminal havens, squatting, vandalism, and dumping. Illicit activity suppresses surrounding property values, deters potential patrons from frequenting commercial corridors, makes investment less attractive, and places undue service burdens on Town departments. The Police Department, Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works expend resources by routinely responding to abandoned commercial properties and vacant storefronts to remove trespassers, clean up graffiti, secure buildings, and remove illegally discarded refuse and debris.

Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this section to secure vacant and abandoned buildings and eliminate nuisances in the Town of Bridgewater. Nuisances including dilapidated buildings, overgrowth, debris, trash, stagnant pools of water, structures with defective weather protection, and vacant or abandoned buildings cause and contribute to blight and decay within residential neighborhoods and commercial areas of the town and adversely affect the property values for adjacent and surrounding property. Such nuisances on property also impair the public health and safety of residents

and visitors. This ordinance is intended to further the objectives of, and to act in concert with, any existing state or local laws regulating, prohibiting, preventing and mitigating the impacts of nuisances.

Section 2. Definitions

“Abandoned” means a property that is vacant, or under current notice of default or trustee’s sale, pending tax lien or tax sale, or subject to foreclosure sale whereby title is retained by deed beneficiary, or notice of trustee’s sale, pending the Treasurer’s sale, or properties that have been subject to foreclosure sale or properties transferred under a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

“Commercial Building” means any improved or unimproved real property or portion thereof that is designated or permitted for commercial enterprise, residential rental, leased, industrial use, wholesale, retail, business or professional purposes as designated in the Use Regulations. This definition includes any real property used for such purpose, whether or not it is legally permitted or zoned for commercial use.

“Dilapidated” means a condition or state of decay, deterioration, or having fallen into ruin especially through neglect or misuse. A property or structure in this state shows visible signs of substantial physical distress, including, but not limited to: boarded or broken windows or doors, fire damage, exposure to the elements, susceptibility to unauthorized entry, overgrown vegetation, graffiti, or dumping or accumulations of detritus.

“Evidence of vacancy” means any condition, or combination of conditions, indicating a state of vacancy. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to: overgrown or dead vegetation; accumulation of mail, newspapers, circulars or flyers; disconnected utilities; accumulation of trash, debris, or junk; broken or boarded up windows or doors; the absence of furnishings or merchandise consistent with an ongoing concern; the presence of graffiti or squatters.

“Public Nuisance” or “Nuisance” means an unreasonable activity or condition that is harmful, or a disturbance, to the general public, including circumstances posing a harm to public health, are contrary to public safety or threaten general welfare. In general, a pervasive nuisance promotes criminal activity, results in code violations, and precipitates increased deployment of Town resources.

“Owner” means any person, co-partnership, corporation, fiduciary or trust having a legal or equitable title, recognized interest in, or otherwise owns, possesses, manages, or controls any real property. Generally the Owner is sufficiently identified by the name and address appearing in the records of the Assessor.

“Secure” means measures to secure a property or otherwise render a property inaccessible to unauthorized persons. Securing a property may include, but is not limited to: repairing or boarding windows, doors or other openings; repairing or installing fences or gates; and chaining or padlocking gates or doors.

“Vacant” means any condition or situation whereby a property, building or structure is unused, unoccupied or otherwise empty for a period exceeding 30 calendar days. Vacant shall describe a condition or state of a property whether taken in whole or in part.

Section 3. Minimum Property Standards.

All property in the Town of Bridgewater shall be maintained in accordance with the following property standards:

1. Generally. All property, whether occupied or vacant, shall be maintained in good repair and a safe and sanitary condition as provided herein, so as to not cause, or contribute to, the creation of a hazard or blighted area or to affect adversely the public health and safety or property value of adjacent or surrounding property.
2. Vegetation. ~~All property shall be maintained in a condition which would not reasonably lead to an area becoming infested with rodents, vermin, or other animals, concealing pools of stagnant water, or creating a fire safety hazard.~~ All vegetation property shall be kept in a manner which does not pose a hazard to the health and safety of any person in the vicinity of the property, including any persons traveling on any portion of any public way, or any surrounding property.
3. Structures. All structures, including any buildings, fences, storage sheds, garages, or any element thereof shall be maintained in a structurally sound condition and in good repair, including proper weather protection and waterproofing, and shall be maintained in a condition so as to not cause or contribute to creation of a fire safety

hazard ~~or hazard to the health and safety of persons in the vicinity of the property. All property shall be maintained free of extensive peeling, flaking, or chipped paint. All property with siding shall be maintained in a weather resistant and watertight condition.~~

4. Accumulation of Trash, Rubbish or Debris. All property shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and free from accumulations of litter, rubbish, trash or other debris, except in closed receptacles intended for such use.
5. Pools of Stagnant Water. All property shall be maintained to prohibit the formation of stagnant pools of water, that may adversely affect the public health by attracting and harboring mosquitoes and other insects.

Section 4. Vacant and Abandoned Properties Exclusions

For purposes of this Section, a building shall not be considered vacant or abandoned if:

- (1) There is a valid building permit for repair, rehabilitation, or construction of a vacant structure and the owner completes the repair, rehabilitation, or construction within one year from the date the initial permit was issued, unless the building permit is extended or renewed allowing additional time to complete the repair, rehabilitation, or construction of the structure; or
- (2) The owner or leaseholder of a vacant structure or property has filed an application for, and is actively seeking to, obtain authorization permits or a license required by state or local law thereby permitting the lawful use and occupancy of the structure or property; or
- (3) The commercial property complies with all provisions of state and local law, does not create a nuisance, is ready for occupancy, and the owner provides evidence that the commercial property is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent. Satisfactory evidence shall include, but is not limited to, evidence that the owner has hired a real estate agent or other rental agent who advertises and promotes the commercial property for rent, lease or sale, or the owner provides proof that the commercial property is offered for sale on the Multiple Listing Service or any other comparable real estate listing service

Section 5. Removal of Nuisance

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any property in the Town to violate any one or number standards contained in Minimum Property Standards and any such property in violation shall be deemed to be a public nuisance. The Building Inspector, the Health Agent, the Police Chief, or the Fire Chief, or any of their respective designees, shall declare the property a public nuisance and order the property owner to remove the nuisance within ten (10) calendar days after service of notice of the violation. Such notice shall be served in accordance with MGL c. 111, § 124 and MGL 143 §9. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) The street address and description of the property sufficient for identification of the property.
- (2) A statement that the property has been declared a public nuisance because of the presence of a nuisance on the property.
- (3) A concise description of the conditions on the property that have lead to the determination that the property is a public nuisance.
- (4) A statement that the nuisance shall be removed from the property within ten days from service of the notice and that if the owner fails to remove the nuisance within the time frame specified that the owner will be in violation of this ordinance and subject to the penalties described therein.

Section 6. Violations

1. If the owner fails to remove a documented nuisance within the time frame provided, the Town or its agent may enter the property and remove the nuisance and the owner shall reimburse the Town for any expense incurred for such removal. The sum so expended may be recovered by the Town as provided in the General Laws Chapter 111 § 125, or Chapter 143§9, or in an action of contract by the Town against the owner.
2. Any fine issued under this Section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.
3. In addition to the penalties set forth above, the Health Agent, the Building Inspector, or the Fire Chief may seek an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction to restrain any violation of this section.
4. This section shall not be enforced against the Town or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its authorities, departments, or agencies.

And vote to adopt Bridgewater General Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 180, Article II Graffiti on Private Property as follows:

Article II. Graffiti on Private Property

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of this section to eliminate graffiti. Graffiti on buildings, walls, signs, and other structures or places or other surfaces causes and contributes to blight within neighborhoods and commercial districts of the city and constitutes a public nuisance. Graffiti impairs public health and safety and degrades the value, condition, or appearance of real or personal property and contributes to the general deterioration of property and business values for adjacent and surrounding property. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the city with enforcement tools to eliminate graffiti on private property and to impose penalties upon private property owners who fail to remove graffiti from their property in a timely manner. This ordinance is not intended to supersede any existing vandalism and anti-graffiti state laws.

Section 2. Definitions

The following words and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings:

“Graffiti” means the intentional painting, marking, scratching, coloring, tagging or other defacement of any property without the consent of the owner.

“Person” means any individual, voluntary association of individuals, business, entity, organization whether incorporated or not.

“Owner” means any person who owns, manages or controls any property and shall be sufficiently identified by the name and address appearing in the records of the Assessor.

“Property” means any land, building, structure of real property, including any fixtures attached thereto, or any personal property located within the Town of Bridgewater.

Section 3. Removal of Graffiti

It is the responsibility of the owner of the property to which graffiti has been applied to promptly remove the graffiti. No owner of property shall allow graffiti to remain on the property for a period of seven days after service of notice of the graffiti from the Building Inspector, Health Agent, or the Fire Chief, or their designees. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) The street address and description of the property sufficient for identification of the property;
- (2) A statement that the property has been declared a public nuisance because of the presence of graffiti on the property;
- (3) A concise description of the conditions on the property that have lead to the determination that the property is a public nuisance;
- (4) A statement that the graffiti shall be removed from the property within seven days from service of the notice and that if the owner fails to remove the graffiti within the time frame specified that the owner will be in violation of this ordinance and subject to penalties described therein.

Section 4. Violations

1. If the owner fails to remove a documented nuisance within the time frame provided, the Town or its agent may enter the property and remove the nuisance and the owner shall reimburse the Town for any expense incurred for such removal. The sum so expended may be recovered by the Town as provided in the General Laws Chapter 111 § 125, or Chapter 143 § 9, or in an action of contract by the Town against the owner.
2. Any fine issued under this Section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.
3. In addition to the penalties set forth above, the Health Agent, the Building Inspector, or the Fire Chief may seek an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction to restrain any violation of this section.
4. This section shall not be enforced against the Town or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its authorities, departments, or agencies.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-2017-002

Introduced By:	Councilors Edward Haley, Kevin Perry, Pete Colombotos
Date Introduced:	January 10, 2017
First Reading:	January 10, 2017
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-2017-002

AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING

ORDERED that pursuant to Article II, Section 2-2 of the Bridgewater Town Charter; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater General Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 1, Article II. Non Criminal Enforcement of Violations by adding the following:

Chapter 1

Article II. Non Criminal Enforcement of Violations

Section 3. Schedule of Fines

Ch. 160. Peace and Good Order, Article VIII First and Following Offenses \$300

And vote to amend the Bridgewater General Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 160, by adding the following Section VIII:

Chapter 160. Peace and Good Order

Article VIII. Illegal Dumping and Littering

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

Illegal dumping poses serious health risks to children and other persons, creates blight in neighborhoods and along commercial corridors within the Town of Bridgewater, and contributes to the presence of flies, insects, vector, vermin, rats, wild animals, and other pests.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare of the residents of Town of Bridgewater through the prevention and control of illegal dumping of litter throughout the community.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the respective meanings ascribed:

“Abatement costs” or “costs of abatement” means all costs, fees, and expenses, incidental or otherwise, incurred by the Town in investigating and abating a public nuisance.

NOT FOR ACTION: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

“Enforcement Officer” means Health Agent, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Town Manager or their designees.

“Illegal dumping” means placing, depositing, or discarding, or causing to be placed, deposited, or discarded, waste matter in violation of this article in quantities exceeding those for a product’s single use.

“Lid” means any cover to a container which can be affixed in such a way as to prevent the contents of the container from spilling or from being transferred about the premises or adjacent premises by wind or other natural causes.

“Litter” means all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, demolition debris, furniture, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description.

“Person” means any individual, owner, lessee, firm, business, partnership, sole proprietorship, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

“Private Property” means any land or any structure or portion of any structure designed or used for private, commercial or residential purposes which is not public property.

“Public Property” means any and all streets, sidewalks, waterways, public rights of way, easements, medians, highways, streets, or other public parks, spaces, grounds and buildings or other public property (including any grounds belonging to any Federal, State, County or other governmental or quasi-governmental entity or agency, unless expressly preempted by State or Federal Legislation).

“Waste matter” means any discarded, used, or leftover object or substance, including, but not limited to, a lighted or non-lighted cigarette, cigar, match, or any flaming or glowing material, or any garbage, trash, refuse, paper, container, packaging, construction material, carcass of a dead animal, any nauseous or offensive matter of any kind, or any object likely to injure any person or to create a traffic hazard.

Section 3. Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, discard, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, discarding, placing, throwing or leaving of litter or waste matter on any public or private property in the Town of Bridgewater unless done so within the context of licensed franchised solid waste collection or disposed lawfully at the Town of Bridgewater Transfer Station, and therefore through the following means:

- A. Waste matter and litter is placed into an authorized and lawful receptacle or container installed on public or private property for the purpose of pickup by a licensed franchised collection service or disposal at the Town of Bridgewater Transfer Station;
- B. Waste matter and litter is placed into an authorized and lawful receptacle by property owners on their own property for the purpose of pickup by a licensed franchised collection service or disposal at the Town of Bridgewater Transfer Station.
- C. Waste matter and litter is placed on private property into an authorized and lawful receptacle with the consent and approval of a property owner for the purpose of pickup by a licensed franchised collection service or disposal at the Town of Bridgewater Transfer Station.

Section 4. Littering and Dumping.

(a) Public Property. It is a public nuisance and unlawful for any person to illegally dump upon any public street or alley in the Town of Bridgewater any litter or waste matter.

(b) Private Property. It is a public nuisance and unlawful for any person to illegally dump, upon the sidewalk or parkway or upon any private premises, whether with or without the consent of the owner or occupant of such premises, any litter or waste matter, except in such container, receptacle or place provided for such purpose and approved or lawfully permitted by the Town.

(c) Trespassing. It is a public nuisance and unlawful for any person to trespass upon the property of another in the Town of Bridgewater for the purpose of dumping or to dump upon any such property litter or waste matter.

(d) Accumulations. It is a public nuisance and unlawful for any person to place or pile, or allow to be placed or piled, any vegetable or other compostable matter that attract rodents, vermin, flies or other insects, unless the same shall be completely removed from the premises within twenty four (24) hours after the placing thereon. This provision shall not be construed as forbidding the use of [residential](#) compost piles or bins, nor shall it apply to regular commercial farming operations.

Section 5. Allowable Trash Receptacles.

The owner, occupant, and person in control of any real property within the Town of Bridgewater shall place or cause to be placed in an enclosed container all ~~litter and waste matter~~garbage or debris, rubbish, or other waste matter that shall exist upon the premises. Such enclosed container shall be of such a nature that the ~~litter and waste matter~~garbage or debris or rubbish placed therein shall not be free to be transferred about the premises or adjacent premises by wind or other natural causes. The enclosed container shall have a lid, or cover that is permanently affixed by hinge or other means to the ~~container~~.

Commented [DM1]: Is there interest in adding a requirement that dumpsters be screened with fencing? Bushes?

Section 6. Maintenance Required.

~~The owner, occupant, and person in control of any real property within the Town of Bridgewater shall keep and maintain the sidewalk and other public right-of-way adjacent to said real property in a neat, clean, and orderly condition free from litter or waste matter and as otherwise required by the Town of Bridgewater Municipal Code. It is unlawful and hereby declared a public nuisance for any person owning, occupying or having charge or control of any real property to fail to keep and maintain the sidewalk and other public right-of-way adjacent to said real property in the manner required by this section.~~

Section 7. Abatement of Public Nuisances.

Any public nuisance created by violation of this section shall be abated in accordance with the provisions of this article (or as otherwise authorized by law). The procedures for abatement in this article shall not be exclusive and shall not limit or restrict the Town from pursuing any other remedies available in law, whether equitable, civil, or criminal, or from enforcing sanitary standards, health codes, other Town codes and ordinances, or from abating or causing abatement of public nuisances in any other manner provided by law.

Notification. Except as otherwise provided by this Code or other applicable law, whenever an Enforcement Officer determines that litter or waste matter or other condition creating a public nuisance is located within the public street, highway, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public property and that Town personnel (or agents thereof) may need to abate such public nuisance, he or she shall notify the responsible person(s) by telephone, in person, by electronic correspondence, or in writing of: the address, and location, of the violation; a brief description of the public nuisance; a reference to the law prohibiting the public nuisance condition; a brief description of the responsible person's required corrective action(s); the compliance period of no less than twenty-four (24) hours and no more than seventy-two (72) hours to complete the required corrective action(s); and, a statement that failure to abate the public nuisance as described in the notice shall result in the abatement of the public nuisance by Town personnel (or Town paid contractors) and that the owner of the subject property shall be personally responsible for the costs of abatement and that said costs may be recorded against the subject property as a lien or as otherwise allowed by law.

Abatement Actions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, if any responsible person fails to abate a public nuisance or imminent hazard, the Town may, without any administrative hearing, cause the removal of any organic or inorganic rubbish, refuse, garbage, debris, bulky item, waste matter, hazardous waste, solid waste, or offal from within the public street, highway, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public property, at the expense of the responsible persons. Further, the Town may assess the costs of abatement against the owner of the subject property as set forth in this section.

NOT FOR ACTION: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Collection of Abatement Costs. The Town shall be entitled to recover its costs of abatement for any public nuisance abated by the Town in accordance with the provisions of this article. In such instances, the Town shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.:

- (a) Statement of Abatement Costs. The Town of Bridgewater shall serve a statement of abatement costs to the owner of the subject property by certified mail to the address shown on the last assessment tax roll.
- (b) Nonreceipt of Statement. Failure of a responsible person to receive a properly addressed statement shall not invalidate any action or proceeding by the Town pursuant to this article.
- (c) Payment of Abatement Costs. A responsible person shall tender the abatement costs in U.S. currency to the Town within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of service of the statement of abatement costs. The abatement costs as contained in a statement of abatement costs shall constitute a civil debt against the responsible party(ies) and may be collected by the Town as set forth in this section, or in any other manner authorized by law.
- (d) Collection of Abatement Costs by Lien. The Town may cause a lien to be made upon the subject property pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, and amendments thereto, in the event a statement of abatement costs is not paid in a timely manner.

Section 8. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a fine. Every day illegally dumped waste matter remains on public or private property unremoved or uncollected constitutes a separate violation. Any fine issued under this Section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.

Section 9. Severability.

If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance and applicability of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules & Procedures	This measure is before the full council for discussion.

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Parking meter or kiosk shall mean any mechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, and placed or erected on any public way within the city for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this article and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

Parking meter space shall mean any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter or within a paid parking zone, which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by lines painted on the surface of the street or designated by official town signage.

Parking space, as used in connection with off-street parking areas, shall mean the space indicated on plans of the off-street parking areas on file in the town clerk's office in which a vehicle may be properly parked and which shall be indicated clearly by painted lines, official town signage or otherwise.

Parking meter zones shall mean the streets or parts of streets in which the use of parking meters is authorized by this article, and the numbered parking spaces on each of the off-street parking areas in which the use of parking meters is authorized by this article.

Section 2. Meter zones and parking time limits established - On-street parking.

The streets or parts of streets described below are hereby established as parking meter zones, with parking restrictions as specifically indicated for each such zone.

School Street from Central Square to Summer Street as allowed by markings and signage.

Spring Street the southwesterly side as allowed by markings and signage.

Section 3. Meter zones and Parking Time Limits Established - Off-street parking areas.

The numbered parking spaces as shown on plans for each individual off-street parking area and filed with the Town Clerk, are hereby established as parking meter zones, with parking meter restrictions as specifically indicated for each zone. The Off-street parking areas are:

Spring Street Parking Lot

Town Parking Lot – rear of the buildings on the east side of Central Square.

Section 3. Installation and maintenance.

(a) The Town Manager shall provide for the installation and repair of parking meter or kiosks, curb or street marking lines, and lines on the off-street parking areas, in the areas designated in this article as parking meter zones. The Town Manager shall have charge of the regulation and operation thereof and shall ensure the maintenance of such meters in good workable condition.

Section 4. Location and construction generally.

In on-street parking meter zones, parking meters or kiosks shall be placed upon the curb, next to or reasonably close to the individual parking places. Parking meters or kiosks shall be placed on the various off-street parking areas, as shown on the plans on file with the Town Clerk. All such meters or kiosks shall be so

constructed as to display a signal or issue a display showing legal parking, upon the deposit of proper payment indicated by the instructions on the meters.

Section 5. Location where parking prohibited.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this division, parking meters shall not be erected nor shall parking meter spaces and zones be established in any street or parts of streets where parking may by law be prohibited, except as specifically provided herein.

Section 6. Hours of operation.

Parking meters shall operate and control parking in the parking meter zones established in this article between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on every day, specifically exempting Saturdays and Sundays and legal holidays of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Section 7. Vehicle to be parked within lines of metered space.

Whenever any vehicle shall be parked in a metered area, the operator of the vehicle shall park within the area designated by the curb or street marking lines as indicated for angle or parallel parking. In off-street parking areas, the vehicle shall be parked within the lines indicating the parking space.

Section 8. Deposit of payment required; overtime parking; exemption.

(a) When a vehicle is parked in a parking space for which a parking meter or kiosk has been installed under this article, the driver shall, upon entering the parking space, immediately deposit, in the meter or kiosk, appropriate payment as indicated by the instructions on the meter or kiosk. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or neglect to deposit such payment. Upon such deposit, the parking space may then be used by such vehicle during the time prescribed in this article according to the sum thus deposited. The vehicle shall be unlawfully parked if it shall remain in such space beyond the period of time which the driver shall have deposited such payment in the meter or kiosk. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause any vehicle to be unlawfully parked as provided in this section.

(b) No parking fees shall be exacted under subsection (a) of this section nor shall any penalty be imposed for failure to pay such fees for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or by a handicapped person and bearing the distinctive number plates authorized therefor by M.G.L. c. 90, § 2.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this article, no parking meter fees shall be due under subsection (a) nor shall any penalty be imposed for failure to pay on days declared a parking meter holiday which dates shall be determined by the Town Manager to correspond with special events.

Section 9. Parking meter fees prescribed.

All meter fees shall be at the rate of \$0.50 per half hour.

Section 10. Tampering with, breaking, etc., meters; depositing slugs.

It shall be unlawful for any person, not authorized to do so, to tamper with, break, injure or destroy any parking meter, or to deposit or cause to be deposited therein any slugs or any other device or metallic or paper substance or any other substitute for the payments required to be deposited by this article.

Section 11. Collection of deposits and inspection of meters or kiosks.

The Town Manager shall have the authority and duty to collect or cause to be collected, weekly or more often at his discretion, all coins deposited in the parking meters located in the city and to inspect or cause to be inspected such parking meters weekly, or may be necessary, to see that they are in proper working order. The chief of police shall maintain a list of the number of each parking meter which is not in proper working order. Said list shall be posted in the police station and a copy provided to the parking clerk.

Section 12. Records of receipts and disbursements.

The Town Manager and the Collector-Treasurer shall keep whatever records may be necessary to show all parking meter receipts and disbursements.

Section 13. Duty of police as to violations of article.

It shall be the duty of the Police Chief to issue citations for all vehicles whose operators violate the provisions of this article and to cause to be imposed the penalties provided in Chapter 1, Section 3. Schedule of Fines.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-2017-005

Proposed Amendments

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced: March 21, 2017
First Reading: March 21, 2017
Second Reading: April 25, 2017
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-2017-005

AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 5-1 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, Section 17, A to read as follows:

“Term of office. There shall be a Historical Commission consisting of five regular members and ~~one~~two alternate memberss. The alternate memberss may serve on committees, and shall be ~~a~~ voting memberss in the absence of a regular member.”

Explanation: Adoption of this Ordinance will restore the Historical Commission to five regular members.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules & Procedures	4/11/17: Vote 3-0 to recommend with amendments.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-019

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher

Date Introduced: April 25, 2017

First Reading: April 25, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Order O-2017-019

SALARY OF THE ELECTED TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk of the Town of Bridgewater shall receive a salary in lieu of all fees and other compensation provided for in the Massachusetts General Laws, which salary shall be in an amount fixed by the Legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 § 15 the duties of the Town Clerk are defined as:

“record all votes passed at town meetings held during his term of office. He shall administer the oaths of office to all town officers who apply to him to be sworn, and shall make a record thereof and of the oaths of office taken before justices of the peace of which certificates are filed. He shall, immediately after every annual election of town officers, transmit to the state secretary, on blanks to be furnished by him, a complete list of all town officers elected and qualified and shall promptly report to the secretary any changes in such officers”.

WHEREAS, the Town, to ensure business continuity and to make certain that the needs of the general public are met, employs two full-time staff to address and perform the day-to-day activities of the Office of the Town Clerk.

WHEREAS, it is intended that these provisions be in accord with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Federal Minimum Wage, and should be applied and interpreted to produce a result harmonious therewith.

WHEREAS, it is intended that these provisions be in accord with the Employee Manual of the Town of Bridgewater and should be applied and interpreted to produce a result harmonious therewith. If there is an irreconcilable conflict between this Order and any other Order of the Town of Bridgewater, this Order shall govern.

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, disability or otherwise in violation of any federal or state law.

NOT FOR ACTION: FIRST READING ONLY.

BE IT ORDERED, that beginning in the fiscal year 2018, the salary of the Town Clerk shall be increased to \$65,000.00 annually. The Town Clerk is an elected position and eligible for membership with Plymouth County Retirement System (PCR) benefit and insurance benefits per employee policy manual. The Town Clerk shall be paid in accordance with the usual practices for other town employees.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the position of Town Clerk is exempt from the overtime provisions of the FLSA and shall not be entitled to overtime compensations in any form.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-020

Date Introduced: April 25, 2017

First Reading: April 25, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2017-020

2017 Special Election Warrant – June 10, 2017

ORDERED: (1) that the Town of Bridgewater, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(a), shall seek voter approval at the next special election on June 10, 2017 to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. 59 § 21C for the payment of the Town's share of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District to pay costs of the funding of the Mitchell School feasibility study, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto;

(2) to that end the Town Clerk is hereby directed to place the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District to pay the costs of a feasibility study for the George H Mitchell Elementary School located at 500 South Street Bridgewater, MA 02324, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes ____ No ____

(3) that the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2017 Special Election Warrant for June 10, 2017 relative to the funding of the Mitchell School feasibility study.

Explanation: It is required that the Town Council call the town election, sets the form of ballot question and directs the Town Clerk to prepare ballots, and accepts and approves the attached Warrant for the Special Town election as a matter of record.



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

Plymouth, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Bridgewater, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special Town Election to vote at:

Precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7
Bridgewater Middle School
166 Mount Prospect Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

On **SATURDAY, THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2017 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the following question:

Shall the Town of Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District to pay the costs of a feasibility study for the George H Mitchell Elementary School located at 500 South Street Bridgewater, MA 02324, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Town Council of: Bridgewater

(Indicate method of service of warrant)

Constable

_____, 2017
(month and day)

(Warrant must be posted at least *seven days prior* to June 10, 2017)