Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Timothy Fitzgibbons called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:30 pm, on September 5, 2017 in the Academy Building Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Aisha Losche, William Wood, Kevin Perry, Edward Haley, Timothy Fitzgibbons, Francis Sousa, Dennis Gallagher, Peter Colombotos, and Shawn George. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

ABSENT:

- *No Councilors were absent.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for all veterans who have passed including:

- Norman Levesque
- Roland Loque

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 8, 2017

  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Gallagher. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haley.

  Discussion: None

  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 (Councilors Perry, Fitzgibbons, Sousa and George abstained).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT – *None*

PROCLAMATIONS

- Municipal Clerk's Week

  President Fitzgibbons read a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerk's week and recognized Marilee Hunt for her service in the role.
- Recognizing Constitution Week

  President Fitzgibbons read a proclamation recognizing September 18-24 as Constitution Week.

HEARINGS - *(Taken out of order without objection)*

- 7:35 p.m.: Order O-2017-011: Laying Out and Accepting Private Ways – Fern Hollow Road and Hillside Lane

  President Fitzgibbons opened the hearing at 7:36 p.m.

  President Fitzgibbons invited any questions from the public –
  - Mike Hourihan, 70 Fern Hollow Road: Mr. Horihan spoke about sidewalks and handicap ramps at Hillside Lane, stating they are in disrepair, noting he had pictures. Mr. Dutton responded the Highway Superintendent and Engineer both looked at the road and recommended acceptance. President Fitzgibbons asked; if we accept the road, is it the Town's obligation to repair. Mr. Dutton agreed.
  - Robert Boyer, Fern Hollow Road: Mr. Boyer also spoke about the sidewalks and further noted concerns about construction debris.

  President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - No citizens came forward.

  President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - No citizens came forward.

  President Fitzgibbons entertained any questions from councilors:
  - Councilor Perry pointed out he is the sponsor of the legislation, noting he has concerns that this should be looked into and suggested postponing the hearing.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Perry to postpone to the first meeting of October. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion:

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

- **7:40 p.m., PUBLIC HEARING**: Petition P-2017-022: Transfer of all alcohol restaurant license from The Bear's Den Pub & Pizza, LLC dba The Bear's Den Pub & Pizza to Greyhound Group LLC dba Greyhound Tavern
  President Fitzgibbons opened the hearing at 7:41 p.m.
  The Petitioner, Robert Sergio, came forward and spoke about his history as a former Bridgewater resident, then spoke about his firm background in the restaurant business and plans for this venture.
  President Fitzgibbons invited any questions from the public – No citizens came forward.
  President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - No citizens came forward.
  President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - No citizens came forward.
  President Fitzgibbons entertained any questions from councilors:
- Councilor George noted; on some of the applications it lists "weekdays and Sundays". Can we add Saturday?
  President Fitzgibbons closed the hearing at 7:45 p.m.
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
  Discussion: Councilors Wood and George welcomed the business.
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

**Return to regular order of business: Citizens Open Forum*

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM –

- Ed Ivaldi, Boxwood Lane: Mr. Ivaldi spoke about retail marijuana. Mr. Ivaldi only sees one benefit in the tax revenue, but has seen studies where the revenues may not be such a benefit. He feels it will change the face of our town. Since neighboring towns have banned it, people will come to Bridgewater to buy their marijuana. He cited Denver Colorado as an example. Mr. Ivaldi strongly recommends the Town Council issue a ban as soon as possible using the precautionary principle.
- Dr. Fred Kern, South Street: Dr. Kern thanked the Council for considering a ban on retail marijuana. Dr. Kern cited several medical facts about the negative effects of marijuana on young people, urging the Council to vote for the ban due to the negative effects on young people.
- Kelly Macomber – Bridging Lives Coalition: Ms. Macomber spoke on behalf of the Collaborative, their mission and the Bridgewater Coalition, Bridging Lives. She then spoke about their Photo Voice initiative, in partnership with Bridgewater Raynham High School. Ms. Macomber asked for the Council's help and support for the Coalition's work.
- Father Bill Devine, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish: Father Devine grew up here in Bridgewater. Father Devine then spoke about Colorado; noting in those towns and cities that sold retail marijuana usage in 6-12th graders increased significantly. He also pointed out that marijuana is quite different now. Father Devine is against a moratorium and believes it is a stall tactic.
- Bill Ferioli, Bridgewater: Mr. Ferioli worked for the Town of Bridgewater as former Chief of Police. Mr. Ferioli recalled; during his tenure, the Board of Selectman issued liquor licenses. Back then, Bridgewater bars could stay open an hour past closing. He spoke briefly about some of the problems experienced during that time; finally stating we do not need marijuana here. It will only bring problems to this town.
- Natalie Justice, Brown Ave: Ms. Justice stated she would like to see a ban.
- Sam Baumgarten, Short Street: Mr. Baumgarten has spent most of adjust life striving for health and wellness. Bringing retail marijuana into our town is just another opportunity for k ids to go wrong.

- Taylor Sullivan, Norlen Park: Ms. Sullivan stated; the Council was elected to be our voice. Our voice is that we want a ban.
- Mike Hourihan, Fern Hollow Road: Mr. Hourihan spoke about his experience with patients and drugs as a flight paramedic for Boston Paramedic.
- Marilee Hunt, Austin Street: Ms. Hunt spoke about the actual voting results in Town; noting the vote was almost 50/50. Ms. Hunt supports a moratorium. She then spoke about agenda item N (g) (Order O-FY18-004 - Evening Hours – Office of the Town Clerk) noting - just because you can order the Town Clerk's office to be open doesn't mean you should.
- Carol Bushani, Prescient 2 (address not disclosed): Ms. Bushani would like an explanation as to why the Council would go against the Town's wishes. She further stated; there is no need for a moratorium.
- Philip Silverman, Attorney for several businesses:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to allow Attorney Silverman to speak. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

Attorney Silverman is hoping the Council will vote for the moratorium not the ban. He hopes any decisions are based on good information. He pointed out; marijuana is already in your town. If you regulate your market you force the black market out.

- Debbie Smith, Bridgewater - Ms. Smith spoke passionately about past experiences with people close to her, speaking out against marijuana, begging the Council to vote a ban.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to take agenda item N: New Business out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Perry.

Discussion: Councilor Gallagher explained there were many people in the audience who have an interest in hearing about the marijuana ordinances.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – *(Taken out of order)*

President Fitzgibbons briefly explained the process and the fact that any vote to ban or place a moratorium will not happen this evening. He explained the legislation will be referred to committee with public hearing process and advertising; therefore there will be further opportunities for citizens to continue to weigh in.

- Ordinance D-FY18-002: Zoning Ordinance – Temporary Moratorium on the Retail Sale of Recreational Marijuana (*Councilor Haley)*

  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Haley to refer to the Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

  Discussion: Councilor Haley read the explanation for the public. Councilor Wood explained the discussion is around the motion, not anything else and expressed his appreciation for everyone coming out. He spoke about the vote in District 6 being heavily in favor, noting the law is evolving. Mr. Wood pointed out the Town cannot ban the use of marijuana in Bridgewater - only the sale of it, finally stating his support for sending the legislation to committee for discussion. Councilor Gallagher is also supporting this (legislation) moving forward. Mr. Gallagher spoke about what the proposed moratorium does and what the Cannabis Commission will do. He concluded; if we want to wait to see how to sell it, then a moratorium is what we want. But if we don't want to sell it, then we don't need to wait for a ban. Councilor Losche asked Attorney Rawlins if a ban is passed; can a future Councilor reverse it later? Mr. Rawlins responded the question hasn't been answered yet, but presumably, yes. President Fitzgibbons asked if the State can come back and say a person has a right to open the store. Attorney Rawlins believes that's unlikely. Finally, at Councilor Wood's request, Councilor Haley confirmed there would be a report from the Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee.

  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

At the conclusion of the discussion, President Fitzgibbons explained to the audience what transpired.
**8:34 p.m.; President Fitzgibbons called a 5 minute recess.*
**8:39 p.m.; President Fitzgibbons called the meeting back to order.*

- Ordinance D-FY18-003: Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment – Easy Street *(Councilor George)*
  Town Manager offered a brief explanation on the need for the zoning change.
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor George to refer to the Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
  Discussion: Councilor Colombotos asked what the consequences would be if a zoning change was not made. Mr. Dutton responded; any house built pursuant to the residential development on Easy Street would technically need a variance.
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ordinance D-FY18-004: Senior Work-Off Abatement Program
  Mr. Dutton briefly explained this just repeals the town meeting vote that implemented the SAVE program and reimplements it pursuant to state law, as amended.
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor George to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.
- Ordinance D-FY18-005: Zoning Ordinance - Prohibiting the Retail Sale of Recreational Marijuana *(Councilors Gallagher and Sousa)*
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to refer to the Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.
  Discussion: President Fitzgibbons explained this is a competing ordinance and explained the legislative process. Councilor Gallagher spoke about the state legislation allowing the council to vote for a ban if they choose to - if the town voted no on the question. Mr. Gallagher does not think there should be marijuana shops in our community. Councilor Sousa agreed with Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Sousa asked Police Chief Delmonte to offer an opinion.
  Chief Delmonte stated he has a number of concerns, including a flourishing black market. Marijuana has posed a significant problem. One of the areas of greatest concern is driving under the influence and being able to enforce that. Councilor Wood pointed out several people have emailed the Council, but many people don't know we have medical marijuana established in Bridgewater. He firmly believes there is already a black market for marijuana in Bridgewater. He is against having competing legislation in a committee because it's distracting. Councilor Wood cited the statistics of the vote and suggested he would be in favor of putting it back to a town-wide vote.
  Councilor George asked Attorney Rawlins to clarify if we can put it to a town-wide vote. Town Attorney Rawlins explained, if the Town voted no, the state says the City Council can recommend it go back to a ballot vote, but the law is silent beyond that. Therefore, we would defer to our Town Charter. Councilor Perry, a member of the Community & Economic Development Committee, does not see it being a problem to have both Ordinances in the same committee, noting it would be good to debate the merits of both.
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-1 (Councilor Wood in the minority).
- Order O-FY18-002: South Street – Chapter 61A – Intent Not To Exercise Right to Purchase Land *(Town Manager)*
  Mr. Dutton explained the property owner requested the Town make a decision on their
  This measure was not referred to any committee.
- Order O-FY18-003: Acceptance of a Gift - Estate of John Chruniak *(Town Manager)*
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor George to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Order O-FY18-004: Evening Hours – Office of the Town Clerk *(Councilor Wood)*

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to refer to the Rules & Procedures Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

Discussion: Councilor Wood agreed with the Town Clerk's previous comments, noting this is a very strong order. Mr. Wood believes other areas of the Town should also have evening hours. In the future we can talk about having the Tax Collector stay open late. Councilor Gallagher stated he doesn't like the fact that we would be medaling in Town departments like this; further stating this is a slap in the face to the Town Clerk. These kinds of recommendations should come from the Town Manager to us. There are many times of the year that the Town Clerk's office is required by law to stay open after hours. Mr. Gallagher stated if we're going to do this to the Town Clerk's office it should be done in other departments. Councilor Wood took exception to the term "slap in the face", pointing out Section 3-4 in the Charter allows this. It is not a slap in the face. Councilor Perry stated he has received emails over the years asking for an expansion of hours in the Town Clerk's office. Feels this is worth reviewing in Rules & Procedures.

Town Clerk, Marilee Hunt came forward stating she would be interested in knowing which constituents are calling about extended hours; pointing out, she goes out of her way to be available when constituents need her, citing several examples. She further noted there are other departments that could also be opened later hours.

Discussion continued as Councilors expressed opinions on the order. Councilors George and Gallagher expressed their lack of support for the measure.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-3 (Councilors Gallagher, Sousa and George in the minority)

- Order O-FY18-005: Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter Changes Ballot Question *(Councilor Losche)*
  This measure was not taken up.
- Order O-2017-006: Loan Order – Water Meter Replacement Project *(Town Manager)*
  Mr. Dutton explained this is to replace almost all the water meters in town.

  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor George to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

  Discussion: Councilor Wood asked if there was anything the Council needed to do to enable the workers to cross onto private properties to replace the meters. Mr. Dutton responded; there is nothing the Council needs to do. The Town has the right to access the meters and we will make appointments with the property owners.

  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to take agenda item H: Presentations out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS *(Taken out of order)*

- FY2016 Exit Interview/Audit – Roselli, Clark & Associates

  Mr. Roselli came forward and presented the financials of the town noting that all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies are fixed. Mr. Roselli spoke about economic trends and reserve balances. He noted accomplishments as an increase in reserves, Free Cash policy is being followed, fully transitioned Finance Director. Mr. Roselli spoke about the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and new pension standards and pension liability. He noted the town should continue to fund the liability as free cash becomes available. Councilor Wood asked if we should be moving into goals for individual stabilization funds? Mr. Roselli thought that was a good idea, with the total goal being 10%.

  Paul Gargano came forward and spoke about changes to the Municipal Modernization Act, highlighting the requirement to move sewer betterments into its own separate fund and bond premiums now needing to be used to reduce the amount of borrowing, or set aside only for capital use. Mr. Gargano briefly walked through some prior years' recommendations and progress. Finally, Mr. Gargano spoke about current recommendations, noting recommendations on net metering credits regarding the solar farms in town. Transfer station - recommending the department do a monthly analysis of expected usage charges versus the weight. Police details recommending they record the outstanding receivables. Recommend finance department meet with the department heads to see what can be closed out.

President Fitzgibbons returned to regular order of business (Appointments)

APPOINTMENTS

- Cultural Council – Susan Boerman
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Perry. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Veteran's Council – Ronald Lembo
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Gallagher. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- Petition P-2017-019: One Day Alcohol & Entertainment License – Black Hat Brew Works – South Shore Farmer Brew Fest 2
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Losche. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Petition P-2017-020: Replacement of Officer(s) – 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC and 99 West, LLC
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Haley. The motion was seconded by Councilor Perry.
  Discussion:
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Petition P-2017-021: Transfer of Common Victualler License J.J.S. Breakfast, LLC. Dba Lou Lou's Café to C.S.M. Hospitality Inc. dba Lou Lou's Café
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor George. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Petition P-2017-023: Transfer of Local Licenses – The Bear's Den Pub & Pizza, LLC dba The Bear's Den Pub & Pizza to Greyhound Group LLC, dba Greyhound Tavern
  Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Perry. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Items of note included: the Town has received the final draft of the Complete Streets policy. We will get it out hopefully via Dropbox. There is one available package store license for the Town Council to award. It will be on your next agenda. The Town has submitted $3MM grant request to MassWorks for reconstruction of Elm Street. The Town has just received a site eligibility request for a 40B project on Plymouth Street. Claremont has submitted their 40B application behind their office building on Pleasant Street for 300 units. They have also submitted site review for slightly smaller office building. Mr. Dutton has met with the Strategic Planning consultant and will be looking to create a process.

Councilor Questions:

- Councilor Wood asked for an update on Skips Liquors and the fence. Mr. Dutton explained; the fence was dismantled and taken away by the fence contractor due to a dispute with the property owner. After pointing out the issue, the fence went back up.
- Councilor Haley asked about the status of the foundation at Skips Liquors. Mr. Dutton responded; since the footing was poured higher than originally planned, we have required him to come back with revised drainage calculations. Councilor Haley followed up asking; how long is too long? Mr. Dutton responded; he plans to notice the owner on a license revocation hearing.

- Councilor Gallagher asked if there is anything precluding the Town of Bridgewater from taking a commercial property by eminent domain? Mr. Dutton responded; on its face, there is nothing precluding the action.
- Councilor George spoke about the University having some sort of event that was loud last night, asking if the University need a license. Mr. Dutton responded they do not, but he will look into it.
- Councilor Colombotos referenced the 40B on Plymouth street noting it is slated for 60 units. He asked if the state issued a standard for 15 units per acre? Mr. Dutton does not think that is a uniform standard.
- Councilor Perry asked for an update on the open fencing on the common. Mr. Dutton responded; to the extent we know who caused the damage we can file an insurance claim. If we don't know then the cost (for the repair) is on us.
- Councilor Wood asked about holiday decorations on the common asking if there are electrical issues. Mr. Dutton responded; we're looking at a number of improvements in the common, particularly the south end. We're looking to get an assessment of the electrical system there. That system runs off the Town Hall.

DISCUSSIONS - *None*

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: *No committee reports were offered.*

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION - *None*

OLD BUSINESS

- Ordinance D-FY18-001: Establish a Stabilization Fund
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to send to advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
  Discussion: None
  A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Order O-2016-027: Accept Changes to Bridgewater's Home Rule Charter
  President Fitzgibbons explained; in Rules & Procedures Committee we voted to send back to the Council with amendments.
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Losche to send to advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
  Discussion: Councilor Wood explained they restored Section 3-4, as an amendment. He then explained the amendment and reporting. At Councilor George's request, Councilor Wood further explained the amendment as having restored the language of Section 3-4; except it will read appointed but relationship stays as it was with Town Council.
  Motion: A motion was made by Councilor George to amend Section 3-4 by striking the word "appointed" and replacing with "elected". The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
  Discussion: Councilor George firmly believes that at Town Meeting there was a compelling reason to keep the position elected, but with guidance from the Council. He sees no need to change that. Councilor Gallagher agreed and noted; he would have liked to see two questions. Councilor Wood explained the importance of the position being appointed is; the person needs to be highly qualified. Our current Town Clerk is highly qualified, but in the future he sees this as the way maintain that standard. Additionally, Mr. Wood would want the person to be full time. In the past the position was really only part time. The only way to ensure those things is through an appointment.
  President Fitzgibbons requested a roll call vote with results recorded as follows:
  Losche – NAY; Wood – NAY; Perry – NAY; Haley – NAY; Fitzgibbons – NAY; Sousa – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; George - YEA. The motion failed 4-5.
  Discussion (Cont'd on main motion): Councilor Colombotos asked what information will be in the advertisement. Attorney Rawlins responded; substantive things need to be properly noticed. Councilor Perry asked if there should be a summary to come back before the Council. Councilor Losche responded she will defer to the Town Manager to parse those things out. Councilor Wood reminded all that the hearing is the time for people to come and speak. Councilor Gallagher noted he would still like to see two questions. Councilor Losche responded the Rules & Procedures Committee recommended one ballot question.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to accept amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haley.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-3 (Councilors Gallagher, Colombotos and George in the minority). Seeing no further discussion, President Fitzgibbons requested a roll call vote for the motion to send to advertising with results recorded as follows:

A roll call vote was taken on the main motion to send to advertising, with results recorded as follows:
George – NAY; Colombotos – YEA; Gallagher – NAY; Sousa – NAY; Fitzgibbons – YEA; Haley – YEA; Perry – YEA; Wood – YEA; Losche - YEA. The motion passed 6-3.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Marilee Hunt, Austin Street: Ms. Hunt spoke about the electricity on the common. Regarding the proposed late hours in the clerk's office, Ms. Hunt pointed out; she is only non-union employee so she'd be the one to stay.
- Ed Ivaldi, Boxwood Lane: Mr. Ivaldi reminded the Council; when we voted for the charter, we had three ballot questions. In terms of the timing, you may be able to make the April ballot. Mr. Ivaldi also sees term limits as a potential ballot issue. He then suggested; when you hold the hearing, it would be helpful to have a power point with each change and the explanation.
- Dr. Carlton Hunt, 80 Austin Street: Dr. Hunt agreed the Council should not go forward without a Power Point that summarizes the major changes, citing, Councilor stipends, changes to the Finance Committee, and recall provisions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Losche: Thanked the volunteers, and then stated her feelings on the charter are that we're moving in the right direction.
- Councilor Wood: There was a lot of good discussion and a lot of great comments by citizens. The marijuana item is interesting. There was an ordinance previously creating an overlay district, but there was an unsavory item in it that became a distraction.
- Councilor Perry: Welcomed back the BSU students. Wished all the students a good year. Loved seeing all the discussion tonight. Thanked the subcommittee for their hard work.
- Councilor Haley: Spoke briefly about the returning BSU Students. Regarding retail marijuana: whether or not retail sales are allowed here, we're still going to have to deal with marijuana. It's already here.
- Councilor Sousa: Thanked the volunteers. Regarding recreational marijuana – pot isn't the same today as it was years ago.
- Councilor Gallagher: We had some great discussions this evening. We should have continued healthy discussions and should listen to what the voters say. We shouldn't try to circumvent their wishes. He thanked the citizens for coming out to express their opinions and offered condolences to the Guasconi family on the loss of Helen.
- Councilor Colombotos: There's a lot to the recreational marijuana issue and he strongly supports a moratorium so we can investigate the issue.
- Councilor George: August 29th he held an informational session on the opportunity to create a noise ordinance. There were approximately 50 people. Mr. George thinks it was a good outcome. At the end he asked for people to get involved. Only five people volunteered for a potential committee. Regarding recreational marijuana – he sees the major issue is what the legislation did to us.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons: Thanked the Sergio's for buying the old Bear's Den. Offered condolences to the Guasconi family. He thanked Mr. Sulmonte for doing a great job getting us in shape. Thanked the Town Clerk for getting the Town Report close to being done. Thanked everyone at the table and in the audience for conducting themselves respectfully.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *No Executive Session was held.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Losche. The motion was seconded by Councilor George. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: Ann Holmberg

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted by a voice vote (8-0) (Councilor George absent).
A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk