



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

[Link to Join 02/02/2021 Town Council Meeting](#)

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 918 7570 4399

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Facebook Live.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) January 19, 2021

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Disability Commission – *Karen Aicher*
- b) Conant Trust – *Michael Levy (Reappointment)*

F. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - *None*

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Parks and Recreation Commission Update (*Charlie Simonds*)

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)
- b) COVID-19 Update
- c) FY2022 Budget (*Standing Item*)
- d) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY21-027: Transfer Order - Employee Contractual Buyout
At their meeting held 1/12/21, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this measure. The Finance Committee voted unanimously on 1/25/21 to recommend approval of this measure. This measure may be finally considered this evening.
- b) Order O-FY21-028: Acceptance of a Private Donation
At their meeting held 1/12/21, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this measure. The Finance Committee voted unanimously on 1/25/21 to recommend approval of this measure. This measure may be finally considered this evening.
- c) Order O-FY21-029: Place an Advisory Question on the April 24, 2021 Town Election Ballot
At their meeting held 1/25/21, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this measure with proposed amendments. Per Section XVIII of the Council Rules & Procedures, 14 days has elapsed, therefore this measure may be finally considered pending the adoption of any proposed amendments.

M. OLD BUSINESS – *None*

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY21-030: Acceptance of Non-Recurring Revenue to Capital (*Town Manager*)
- b) Order O-FY21-031: Establish Town Manager Goals (*Councilor George*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY21-027

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: January 5, 2021
First Reading: January 5, 2021
Second Reading: February 2, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-027

TRANSFER ORDER - EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL BUYOUT

ORDERED, pursuant to section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council 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
EMPLOYEE SLLB LIABILITY TRUST	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 80,270.00
Total:			\$ 80,270.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries COA	05415001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 1,681.00
Salaries Library	06105001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 10,624.00
Salaries Police	02105001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 67,965.00
Total			\$ 80,270.00

Explanation:

Contractual Employee Liability Buyouts

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee	1/12/21: Vote 3-0 recommend approval. 1/25/21: Vote unanimous to recommend approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Council Order: O-FY21-028

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: January 5, 2021
First Reading: January 5, 2021
Second Reading: February 2, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-028

ACCEPTANCE OF A PRIVATE DONATION

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a Private Donation in the form of a \$500 money order, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the Donation of \$500, in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Private Donation of \$500 from Pine Street Resident for Bridgewater Gift Fund

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee	1/12/21: Vote 3-0 recommend approval. 1/25/21: Vote unanimous to recommend approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

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Council Order: O-FY21-029

Amendments proposed by
Rules & Procedures Committee
01/25/21

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: January 19, 2021
First Reading: January 19, 2021
Second Reading: February 2, 2021
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-029

PLACE AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE APRIL 24, 2021 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, The Town Council may vote to place "nonbinding public opinion advisory questions on local ballots" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 53, Section 18A; and

WHEREAS, there has been a clear shift of public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion question does not change the current zoning or ban; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion in the form of an election ballot question is a highly accurate method for polling the registered voters of Bridgewater:

THEREFORE, be it Ordered, that a non-binding advisory opinion question be placed on the April 24th Town Election Ballot with a Yes or No response available in this form:

"This non-binding question will not change any current zoning or general ordinances but serves to inform the Town Council of current public opinion.

Will the public support allowing ~~the existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to apply for an Adult Use Marijuana Retailer License~~ retail sale of recreational marijuana in Bridgewater?"

Explanation:

Recent changes in many States and at the Federal level show that public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana has changed significantly since the Town Council enacted a ban against Retail Marijuana Shops. It is very difficult to measure the current opinion in the Town of Bridgewater through Social Media or other methods. This method, allowed by law, will accurately inform the Town Council of current public opinion without changing any current laws.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Rules & Procedures Committee	1/25/21:

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



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Council Order: O-FY21-030

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 2, 2021
First Reading: February 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-030

ACCEPTANCE OF NON-RECURRING REVENUE TO CAPITAL

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §5B requires the Town Council to accept and authorize the expenditure of revenue sources that are deemed one-time revenue or take any other action relative thereto and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a payment of \$292,286.73 from the Department of Corrections' FY 2021 budget earmarked for cities and towns hosting correctional facilities.

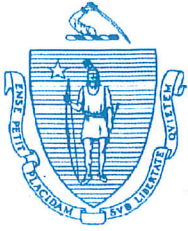
ORDERED: that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled to vote to accept payment of \$292,286.73 into the Capital Stabilization Funds to appropriate for Capital needs

Explanation:

This order accepts one-time non-recurring revenues from the DOC earmarked 2021 budget to the Capital Stabilization Fund for Capital Appropriations for the Towns Capital Needs

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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CHARLES D. BAKER
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January 6, 2021

Mr. Shawn George, President
Town Council
Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Mr. George:

The Department of Correction's FY 2021 operating budget contains funds earmarked for cities and towns hosting correctional facilities.

Based on the average state inmate population housed in your community from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, a payment in the amount of **\$292,286.73** will be processed for the Town of Bridgewater. This payment will be issued via the State Treasurer's Office and sent to your local Treasurer by electronic transfer. This payment has a scheduled disbursement date of January 6, 2021.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at 508-422-3427.

Sincerely,


Shab Khan
Budget Director

Cc: Thomas J. Preston, Deputy Commissioner Administration
Lisa Perna, Executive Director of Administrative Services
Tara Calhoun, Director of Legislative Affairs



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Council Order: O-FY21-031

Introduced By: Councilor Shawn George
Date Introduced: February 2, 2021
First Reading: February 2, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-031

ESTABLISH TOWN MANAGER GOALS

WHEREAS, the Town Manager needs Council direction in the form of Goals for FY19;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED; the Goals of the Town Manager are:

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Explanation:

This measure should be sent to the Strategic Planning Committee of the Council for content recommendations and returned to the Council within a reasonable amount of time.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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