



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 23, 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 Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in the Academy Building Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Aisha Losche (arriving at 7:33 p.m.), William Wood, Kevin Perry (arriving at 8:32 p.m.), Edward Haley, Timothy Fitzgibbons, Francis Sousa, Dennis Gallagher, Peter Colombotos (arriving at 7:41 p.m.), and Shawn George. Town Manager Michael Dutton was also in attendance.

ABSENT:

- Town Attorney Mark Gildea

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

- Robert Bettencourt
- William Hatch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 2, 2017 (Special Town Council Meeting)

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 6-0.

- May 9, 2017

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Sousa. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Fitzgibbons pointed out that the updated Council Committee assignments are at each Councilor's desk and noted the Plymouth County Advisory Board seats require a vote of the Council.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to nominate Councilor Dennis Gallagher for Plymouth County Advisory Board Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to nominate Councilor Haley for Plymouth County Advisory Board Alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

- President Fitzgibbons read a reminder from the Town Clerk that that absentee voting is available.
- There will be a Housing Production Plan Update meeting 6/1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM –

- James Candito, Stetson Street: Mr. Candito followed up from his requests at previous meetings. As of today, he has seen no action on completion of issues. He is asking for written response to the following issues: 1. Repaving issue, School Street is being repaved, but he doesn't see it on the list to be paved. Mr. Candito noted it may be helpful to have a speed table. 2. No parking signs during the day on Stetson. 3) Elimination of truck traffic. 4) Elimination of residential dumpsters on Stetson Street.



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- Rebecca Cordeiro, Deerfield Drive: Regarding the Town Clerk appointed versus elected. Ms. Cordeiro's opinion is it remain an elected position. The Town Clerk should report to the citizens and not beholden to the Town Council or Town Manager.
- Marilee Hunt, Austin Street: Agreed with Mr. Cordeiro. Ms. Hunt requested the committee appointments be read aloud. Regarding the presentation on Complete Streets, but there is no public input, she requested the having the presentation again so there can be public input.
- President Fitzgibbons read the Council Committee appointments for the public.

APPOINTMENTS

- Disabilities Commission – Bethany Rocha
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Sousa. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.
Discussion: None

* 7:41 p.m., Councilor Colombotos entered the meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

- Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael Mainvielle
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Sousa. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
Discussion: Councilor Colombotos thanked both citizens for volunteering.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

HEARINGS - None

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- **7:35 p.m., PUBLIC HEARING** - Petition P-2017-014: Transfer of Alcohol License and Attendant Licenses - DNC Entertainment, Inc., DBA The G.O.A.T, from Maureen Hess, DBA Our Place, 14 Summer Street
President Fitzgibbons opened the hearing at 7:42 p.m.
Danielle Corradino, owner of DNC Entertainment came forward and explained they are focusing more on food than alcohol and dancing.
President Fitzgibbons invited any questions from the public – None came forward.
President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - None came forward.
President Fitzgibbons asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.
President Fitzgibbons entertained any questions from councilors:
 - Councilor Gallagher asked about Ms. Corradino's experience. She spoke about her experience in food business. Councilor Gallagher then conformed the request for hours. Ms. Corradino explained they asked for the maximum hours, but doesn't see them open every day until 1:00 a.m.
 - Councilor Wood noted the application on mentions hours on weekdays and Sundays. Is the intent to be open Saturday? Ms. Corradino responded; we intend to be open Saturdays.President Fitzgibbons closed the hearing at 7:48 p.m.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Sousa. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.
- Petition P-2017-012: Common Victualler's License – Mai Cuisine Inc., Sushi at Roche Brother's
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.
Vv: 8-0 pass
- Petition P-2017-016: Three (3) One Day Alcohol/Entertainment Licenses – The Portuguese Club
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Sousa. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haley.
Discussion: Councilor Sousa spoke about the event.



A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATIONS

- Complete Streets and Pedestrian Safety Prioritization – Howard, Stein, Hudson

Mr. Dutton explained; we have asked the firm to come back and give a brief presentation as there was some concern about the advertising of the previously held session.

Lou Rabito from Howard Stein, Hudson came forward and presented the Bridgewater Complete Streets Prioritization Plan and Pedestrian Safety Assessment.

Mr. Rabito spoke briefly about the history of the funding program which was released 2/2/16. There was \$12.5MM available from Casino Funds. Today there are 121 municipalities who have adopted Complete Streets policies. Mr. Rabito explained they are in Tier 2 with the Town, which involves gathering input from community and Town officials. Mr. Rabito showed a potential Pedestrian Utility map, pointing out the map shows where there can be areas for improvement. He spoke to maps showing level of comfort and level of comfort with impact of traffic and bicycle level of comfort. Mr. Rabito spoke about pedestrian and bicycle crashes, showing sites where crashes occurred. They also looked at persons with disabilities, noting it's a requirement of the program. Mr. Rabito explained the Wikimapping tool to collect input on specific areas. The link is:

<http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/bridgewater.html> and showed comments and areas of concern already collected via the link. Mr. Rabito highlighted the key points as: projects do not need to be constructed in order of priority, but may only receive Tier 3 funding if they're on the list. Must be fully designed or require little/no design to be funded. The funds cannot be used for design. Funds cannot be used on state owned roads for FY18, though there may be a permitting process to allow in the future. After showing sample projects from other towns, he spoke about pedestrian safety stating the goal is to evaluate pedestrian safety and infrastructure in Central Square. Challenges were noted as: there is no bicycle infrastructure. They looked at traffic circulation and intersections, signals and crosswalks. Looked at yield controlled intersection (South). The yield to pedestrian sign is too small. Next steps include: wrapping up data collection and analysis. Continued stakeholder input and project identification/prioritization.

Councilor Questions:

At Councilor Colombotos' request, Mr. Rabito elaborated on the map showing areas of discomfort noting those were dead end streets; which are disconnected. When you're nearer to campus, those areas were high on the comfort level. He also confirmed that during the last round of funding, there were 40 applicants.

Councilor Gallagher spoke about sidewalks, stating his opinion that we have a lot of sidewalks, but need repairs - particularly from Main Street, the center to High Street. He has observed disabled people who have to ride their scooters in the street because the sidewalks aren't in good condition for that.

At Councilor Haley's request, Mr. Rabito explained a "road diet as when there are two lanes in each direction and you take away one lane in each direction and put a left turn lane in the middle. Mr. Rabito also listed several smaller towns that did projects. .

Councilor Wood asked if Mr. Rabito's team looked at the downtown revitalization reports and plans. Mr. Rabito responded, they had and there were some ideas that they are looking to carry though. They're checking on the viability.

**8:32 p.m., Councilor Perry entered the meeting.*

Mr. Wood asked if there was access to any funding to help alleviate some of the campus foot traffic. Mr. Rabito confirmed they are looking to speak with BSU to see how the students are moving around.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Items of note included: an update on Skips Liquors, the owners engineer and Town Engineer met this week to look at some of the issues. The contractor is on board, so we will be progressing. Mr. Dutton spoke about the Website Ad Hoc Committee, which is a cross section of staff and citizens. Analytics reports show, most people get their information in 2 clicks or less. There is a lot of information on the Town's website for the Mitchell school. Mr. Dutton reminded all that the Housing Production Plan update will take place June 10th. He then gave a brief update on the Carver's Pond Dam and noted he has met with architects to begin designing improvements to the Memorial



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Building. The 20-year lease on the Great Hill Cell Tower is coming to an end in mid-2018. Mr. Dutton will be looking to get the RFP out as soon as possible. Looking into very favorable lease initiatives for leasing three electric vehicles as fleet vehicles. The structure of lease rates is lower than reimbursing the inspectors and other employees who are using their own vehicles. The WWI Monument refurbishment of the plaques has been completed. Phase II; turning of the monument and remounting will be subject to a second application to the CPC. The project has diverged enough from the original application to justify another review. Finally, Mr. Dutton congratulated Steve Amara for being certified as a Municipal Accountant.

Council Questions:

- Councilor Gallagher asked for an update on replacing the Town Attorney. Mr. Dutton responded, Attorney Gildea couldn't be there tonight and apologized. However, he is here until sometime after mid-June. Mr. Dutton is looking to appoint a replacement and will come to Town Council for approval. At Councilor Gallagher's request, Mr. Dutton spoke about the Senior Center renovation items and status. The contractor has been more communicative about the completion of the items. The correct sink has been ordered and will be installed. He believes we are well on our way to being finished with it.
- Councilor Perry asked about information on the Mitchell School; he hasn't seen information about the vote and is concerned for older residents who may not be online. Mr. Dutton has spoken with the Superintendent and would like to get something in print. He agrees there is a lot of misinformation.
- Councilor Colombotos suggested getting some printed materials to the Senior Center and Library. He then asked about the Recreational Needs Assessment. Mr. Dutton anticipates having something on the 6/6 agenda or a meeting after. Finally, at Councilor Colombotos' request, Mr. Dutton spoke about the plans for the Fire Station, stating the Fire Chief has taken a closer look and is more open to the possibility of doing some improvements to Fire Station 2. Maybe something with administrative offices and maybe building something toward the western side of town.

DISCUSSIONS - None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget & Finance: Councilor Wood stated Budget & Finance Committee met this evening, however Finance Committee couldn't meet last night.
- Rules & Procedures: Councilor Losche thanked the public who came to the Rules & Procedures committee meeting last night. The received more feedback and understanding of what citizens want to see. The council should see it after our committee meeting 6/12. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please send along.
- Community & Economic Development Committee: The committee agreed to hold the Rescinding of Demo Delay Ordinance in committee after talking about it and meeting with Mr. Solari.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- Ordinance D-2017-005: Amend Administrative Code – Historic Commission Membership
President Fitzgibbons explained the ordinance and read it for the record.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Gallagher. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.
Discussion: Councilor Wood pointed out this is where the Town Council can amend the Administrative Code. A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Losche – YEA; Wood – YEA; Perry – YEA; Haley – YEA; Fitzgibbons – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; George – YEA. The motion passed 9-0.
- Order O-2017-012: Declaring Town Owned Buildings Available for Sale/Lease)
President Fitzgibbons read the legislation for the record.
Motion: A motion to was made by Councilor Colombotos. The motion was seconded by Councilor Perry.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Colombotos to amend as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Perry.
Discussion: Councilor Perry explained there was a discussion between Planning Board and CEDC. A brief discussion followed as Councilors Colombotos, Gallagher and Wood expressed their support of the amendments.



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

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

George – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Fitzgibbons – YEA; Haley – YEA; Perry – YEA; Wood – YEA; Losche - YEA. The motion to approve, as amended, passed 9-0.

- Order O-2017-023: Add Bridgewater Town Hall to Register of Historic Places
President Fitzgibbons read the Order for the record.

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

Discussion: Councilor Colombotos commented that he saw this as an effective tool to have Town Hall on the registry, noting it makes tax credits available.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Losche – YEA; Wood – YEA; Perry – YEA; Haley – YEA; Fitzgibbons – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; George - YEA. The motion passed 9-0.

President Fitzgibbons advised items d – k need to be postponed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to postpone items d-k. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haley.

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

- Order O-2017-025: Rescind – Senior Center Trust
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-026: Rescind and Reduce – Sewer Reline Appropriation
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-028: General Fund Year End Transfer Adjustments
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-029: Community Preservation Transfer: Year End Transfer Adjustments
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-030: Water & Sewer Transfer Adjustments
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-033: General Fund Transfer Contractual Bargaining Adjustments (CBA)
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-034: General Fund CBA Retroactive Settlement Transfer
Postponed per motion above.
- Order O-2017-035: Employee SLBB Liability Transfers
Postponed per motion above.

OLD BUSINESS

- Order O-2017-024: Loan Order – Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for High Street Water Treatment Facility
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to send to advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to amend the amount to \$6,760,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: Councilor Wood stated Budget & Finance approved in committee by unanimous consent.

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

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

- Order O-2017-031: Water & Sewer Transfer of Undesignated Fund Balance

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Haley to send to advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: Councilor Wood noted by unanimous consent, the Budget & Finance Committee supports the measure.

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



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- Order O-2017-032: General Fund Transfer of Undesignated Fund Balance
President Fitzgibbons summarized the order for the record.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to send to advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haley.
Discussion: Councilor Wood noted; by unanimous consent, the Budget & Finance Committee support the measure. He explained, the move for Golf Course amount is considered a loan. The Town Manager will do a note for that. The bond is paid off in July 2017, which is FY18, but the money will eventually come back to general fund. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Order O-2017-024: Capital Plan Items (*Town Manager*)
Mr. Dutton explained; there will be a more robust proposal coming after this meeting. These are items that are critical to do in FY17.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: Councilor Colombotos asked spreading the cost of the vacuum truck over 2 years? Mr. Dutton responded it was spread out over 5 years.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.
- Order O-2017-027: CPA Annual Budget
Mr. Dutton explained; this measure has to be voted by the CPC before the Town Council can take action; however, due to timing it needs to be on for first reading now.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood 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 9-0.
- Order O-2017-036: Acceptance of a Gift – Bridgewater Police Association for WWI Memorial Fund
Mr. Dutton explained; the Police Association has made a generous gift to the WWI Memorial.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Gallagher to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Diane Roza, 209 South Drive: Ms. Roza is a member of the Elder Affairs Commission. She asked why the Finance Committee involved in Senior Center Renovation. They would like to have the project completed by the contractor and are concerned about the number of items that haven't been completed and want to ensure funds aren't released.
- Peter Caratelli, 85 Deerfield Drive: Mr. Caratelli spoke about the Senior Center renovation project noting it was supposed to be a six-week project and is still going on. He wanted to invoke the non-performance rule and termination rule.
- Dr. Carlton Hunt, 80 Austin Street: Dr. Hunt spoke about the status of the Open Space and Recreation Plan noting it is a little further along. On May 1st, he received email from the consultant that submitted report. He believes the report was going to be posted on the website. He hopes it's on agenda for next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Losche: Thanked all who came to the feasibility study informational session. There's another one 6/8 at the High School. They are very informative. Mrs. Losche encouraged people to review charter and give feedback.
- Councilor Wood: Spoke about Student Government Day. He is hopeful the students learned something. Regarding the Feasibility Study; Mr. Wood has spoken to several people who aren't on social media. As leaders of the community, we should isolate 5 talking points and reach out to those citizens.



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- Councilor Perry: Apologized for being late. His son was in a concert and it was a wonderful production. Recognized the music directors who put together a great production. Regarding the Feasibility Study; he advised, if you don't know what you're voting for, seek out the information.
- Councilor Haley: Reminded all that the next information session is June 8th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Haley echoed previous comments on the Feasibility Study.
- Councilor Sousa: Regarding Complete Streets, Mr. Sousa is glad to see we're moving in the right direction, though he doesn't think we should wait 8-10 months to address some of the trees. Mr. Sousa spoke briefly about his visit to Fire Station #2.
- Councilor Gallagher: Thanked everyone who came out Sunday to participate in town cleanup. Councilors Sousa and Gallagher teamed up and in less than an hour filled up one whole bag. Mr. Gallagher also recognized the work that the Rules and Procedures Committee is doing. He attended meeting last night and hopes more people come out and speak about maintaining an Elected Town Clerk. Regarding the Feasibility Study on 6/8 there will be another information session. Mr. Gallagher stated that Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District, with approval from the Fire Department has given approval for a pre-election tour on 6/6.
- Councilor Colombotos: Agrees with previous Councilor comments, noting the Feasibility Study is critical. He also echoed the comments of Mr. Sousa.
- Councilor George: Reiterated Mr. Wood's comments about Student Government Day. The students were great and very engaged. He met with the Town Manager's office and they gave him some procedural help. Regarding the Feasibility Study, he knows people are restricted in the information they can get. He encouraged people to call the Superintendent's office or Town Manager's office. He thanked the Elder Affairs for their comments.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons: Mr. Fitzgibbons clarified what the School Insurance Money covers, noting it can be used to fix the problem that happened; which is a hole in the roof. The insurance money isn't going to pay for two other parts of the roofs that were affected. Yes, it's unfortunate that the building was built structurally flawed. Part of the Feasibility Study includes a OPM (Owners Project Manager) to oversee. It's not just a study. It's a lot more; including hiring professionals to advise on getting the best you can.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *No Executive Session was held.*

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 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, June 6, 2017, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted, by a voice vote (7-0) (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk