



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Council Chamber, Room 203

Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) June 27, 2017

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

a) Annual Reappointments

1. William Callahan - Affordable Housing Trust
2. Patrick Driscoll - Affordable Housing Trust
3. Scott Rubin - Board of Assessors
4. Milton Morris - Board of Assessors
5. John Sharland - Board of Health
6. Michael Flaherty - Parks & Recreation
7. Melissa Desjardins - Community Preservation Committee
8. Harold Estabrook, III - Conant Trust
9. Harry Bailey - Conservation Commission
10. Marilyn MacDonald - Conservation Commission
11. Tina Leo-Bianco - Conservation Commission
12. Nora Tarr - Cultural Council
13. Matt Putnam - Cultural Council
14. William Smith - Historic District Commission
15. Nicholas Palmieri - Historic District Commission
16. Gina Guasconi - Parks and Rec Commission
17. James Campbell - Parks and Rec Commission
18. Thomas Arrighi - Parks and Rec Commission
19. Daniel Buron - Parks and Rec Commission
20. Darryl Vaci - Water-Sewer Board
21. Luigi Primavera - Veterans' Council
22. Charles Chisholm - Veterans' Council
23. Louis Almond - Veterans' Council
24. Pauline Grenier - Veterans' Council
25. Anthony Aveni - Zoning Board of Appeals

F. HEARINGS - None

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Skips Liquors Update
- b) Community & Economic Development/Housing Production Plan Update – Andrew DeLonno
- c) Senior Center – Town Manager
- d) Department of Public Works (DPW) – Town Manager

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION –

a) Order O-2017-040: Creation of an Informational Postcard

This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore may be finally considered this evening.

b) Order O-2017-041: Tree Removal – Downtown

This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS - None

N. NEW BUSINESS

a) D-FY18-001 – Establish a Stabilization Fund (*Councilor Fitzgibbons*)

b) O-FY18-001 – Acceptance of a Gift – Bridgewater State University (*Town Manager*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-040

Proposed Amendments

Introduced By: Councilors William Wood and Aisha Losche
Date Introduced: June 27, 2017
First Reading: June 27, 2017
Second Reading: July 11, 2017
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2017-040

CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN INFORMATIONAL POSTCARD

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater is a Town Manager/Town Council form of government; and

WHEREAS, Open communication is critical to good governance; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater formally sent informational postcards to all residence;

THEREFORE, Be it Ordered:

The Town of Bridgewater will send an informational postcard to all residential addresses that shall include:

- ~~Date~~
- Town Web Site Address
- Town Manager's name, email address, and phone number
- Town Council Clerk's name, email address, and phone number
- Town Council District 1 through 7's name and email address
- At Large Town Councilor's name and email address.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• <i>This measure was not referred to any committee</i>	

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

Proposed Amendment –
addition of Town Website Address

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Contact Information

Emergency: 911
Phone: 508-697-0919

Town Website: www.bridgewaterma.org

Town Manager: Michael Dutton Email: TownManager@bridgewaterma.org

Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Town Council Clerk : Ann Holmberg, aholmberg@bridgewaterma.org

District Councilors:

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| 1) Aisha Losche | alosche@bridgewaterma.org |
| 2) Tim Fitzgibbons | tfitzgibbons@bridgewaterma.org (President) |
| 3) Shawn George | sgeorge@bridgewaterma.org |
| 4) Kevin Perry | kperry@bridgewaterma.org |
| 5) Peter Colombotos | pcolombotos@bridgewaterma.org |
| 6) Bill Wood | wwood@bridgewaterma.org |
| 7) Frank Sousa | fsousa@bridgewaterma.org |

At Large Councilors:

Dennis Gallagher	dgallagher@bridgewaterma.org
Ted Haley	ehaley@bridgewaterma.org (Vice President)

Bridgewater Police Department Business Phone: 508-697-6118

Bridgewater Fire Department Business Phone: 508-697-0900

Town Clerk Phone: 508-697-0921



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-041

Introduced By: Councilors William Wood and Francis Sousa
Date Introduced: June 27, 2017
First Reading: June 27, 2017
Second Reading: July 11, 2017
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2017-041

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF DEAD TREES IN DOWNTOWN AREA

WHEREAS, Bridgewater has been recognized previously as a Tree City USA community; and

WHEREAS, Several trees on Broad Street and Stetson Street are dead; and

WHEREAS, The removal of the dead trees would improve the appearance of the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, The replacement of the dead trees with new saplings would promote our Tree City

THEREFORE, Be It Ordered:

The Town Manager shall have the dead trees on Broad and Stetson Streets removed by September 15th, 2017, and replaced with live trees within 12 months of their removal.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• This measure was not referred to any committee	



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-001

Introduced By: Councilor Fitzgibbons

Date Introduced: July 11, 2017

First Reading: July 11, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-001

ESTABLISH A STABILIZATION FUND

WHEREAS, structurally sound financial practices, includes the prudent use of onetime revenue(s), as a pillar of the town's long-term fiscal strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, onetime revenue is appropriately used as a funding source for onetime and/or unforeseen expenditures that are noncapital related;

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that the Town Council have a dedicated fund from which to appropriate resources for such purposes;

Now, therefore, in accordance with the authority so vested in it by the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §5B, the Town of Bridgewater establish a Stabilization Fund for "Onetime/Unforeseen Expenditures" with the purpose of accepting funds from revenue sources that are deemed one-time or mitigation revenue, to be appropriated from, as required, to fund one-time and/or unforeseen expenditures, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation:

One Time/Unforeseen Expenditures – to strengthen the structurally sound financial practices that the town has been building upon/recently implementing it is prudent that we establish a process which uses one time revenue sources to fund items; such as snow & ice deficits, contract settlements, and the town's non-capital related project initiatives.

Said amounts should be appropriated from this fund, and carried over from year to year, in the general fund, for the special purpose for which they are intended. These appropriations will not be comingled with the appropriations made for the annual operating budget. All funds remaining, not required for the special purpose, would be transferred back into this stabilization fund, to be used for a future appropriation.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Order: O-FY18-001

Introduced By: Town Manager (*at the request of the Finance Director*)
Date Introduced: July 11, 2017
First Reading: July 11, 2017
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY18-001

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT – BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

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 financial gift from Bridgewater State University to be expended by the Roadways Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department;

Now, 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 gift of \$55,000.00 from Bridgewater State University to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Bridgewater State University has donated monies to be distributed equally between the Fire, Police, and Roadways Departments. These funds may be expended without further appropriation. Acceptance of this gift will allow the town to expend the funds for their stated purpose as part of the University's Municipal Aid initiative with the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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