



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Dennis Gallagher called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:33 pm, on September 3, 2019 in the Academy Building Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Francis Sousa, Fred Chase, William Wood, Shawn George, Dennis Gallagher, Matthew Rushton, Aisha Losche (arriving at 7:35 p.m.), Peter Colombotos (arriving at 7:41 p.m.) and Timothy Fitzgibbons. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 6, 2019

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

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0-1 (Councilor Sousa abstained, Councilors Losche and Colombotos not present).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- President Gallagher read a Press Release on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee regarding the update of the Community & Preservation Committee plan.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Gallagher read a proclamation Declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

- Marilee Kenney Hunt, 80 Austin Street: Ms. Hunt complimented the School Building Committee process. In addition to increasing property values, Ms. Hunt stated several reasons why the school building project should be supported.
- Bill Warren, Starr Road: Mr. Warren spoke about the (High Street) bridge project, asking if there was going to be any work to the bridge and if his building will be impacted.
- Peter Riordan, Brewster Drive: Mr. Riordan spoke at length about the school building project, stating he feels the project will only generate additional work. The building won't be finished until 2022. Mr. Riordan does not feel the building will meet the needs of the children and does not see this as an answer to the future problems.

APPOINTMENTS

- Elder Affairs Director

Mr. Dutton spoke on behalf of Emily Williams, briefly outlining Ms. Williams' experience and qualifications.

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

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 8-1 (Councilor Rushton in the dissent)

- Dr. Carlton Hunt – Energy Committee

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

Discussion: None

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



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- Robert Bolger – Disabilities Commission

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rushton.

Discussion: None

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

HEARINGS -

- **7:33 p.m.:** Petition P-2019-018: Joint Pole Location National Grid/Verizon - Keith PI Pole 1-31
As no representative was present, President Gallagher asked Mr. Dutton if he wished to speak. Mr. Dutton noted; it seems to be a simple pole location.
President Gallagher opened the hearing at 7:52 p.m.
President Gallagher invited any questions from the public – None came forward.
President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor – None came forward.
President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.
President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:
 - Councilor Wood asked if abutters had been notified. It was pointed out the copy of the notifications were included in the materials.President Gallagher closed the hearing at 7:54 p.m.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Losche. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
Discussion: None
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Sousa – YEA; Chase – YEA; Wood – YEA; George – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Losche – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 9-0.
- **7:35 p.m.:** Petition P-2019-019: New On-Premise Restaurant Wine and Malt Beverages License - Lucy Bella Daisy, Inc., 8 Romney Road
Attorney Pellegrini came forward representing the petitioner.
President Gallagher opened the hearing at 7:55 p.m.
President Gallagher invited any questions from the public – None came forward.
President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor – None came forward.
President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.
President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:
 - Councilor Chase asked what entertainment they would be offering. Attorney Pellegrini explained it would be the entertainment that already exists (i.e., batting cages, mini golf).
 - Councilor Fitzgibbons asked if it would be a separate parking lot from where the alcohol will be? Attorney Pellegrini responded; absolutely, that is the case. Consumption would be limited to inside the building and outside to the left at the picnic tables.
 - Councilor Colombotos asked Mr. Dutton what site plan review was done as he is worried about control due to the large area. Mr. Dutton responded; as part of licensing there is not a lot of site plan review. The ABCC regulations require a barrier. Attorney Pellegrini added; the ABCC has a rigorous process and does visit the site. It's only going to be sold inside, but once served can walk outside.President Gallagher closed the hearing at 8:01 p.m.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 9-0.



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- **7:40 p.m.:** Order O-FY20-014: Transfer Order - High Street Dam & Bridge Preliminary Work
President Gallagher opened the hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Motion: A motion to continue the hearing to September 17th was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

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

- **7:45 p.m.:** Order O-FY20-017: Loan Order - Mitchell Elementary School Project
President Gallagher read the committee dispositions and process.

Mr. Dutton stated; the loan order needs two amendments: the amount down to \$80,600,000 (which covers demolition and reconstruction) and the eligible reimbursement percentage to 59.28%. The spending will be contingent upon a ballot election possibly to be held on 10/19 to debt exclude the cost. The \$80,600,000 is offset by almost \$34MM in State Aid. Mr. Dutton then spoke about the process briefly. The former school was Pre-K through Grade 3 and the new school would be Pre-K through Grade 2, which will move Grade 3 to the Williams. President Gallagher opened the hearing at 8:03 p.m.

President Gallagher invited any questions from the public –

- Gerald Chipman, Comfort Street: Mr. Chipman served on the committee. He spoke to some of the concerns raised previously during citizens comments. He stated; through the committee's work, this became the most cost-effective option, however, he requests the Council look at this carefully. There are people who can't afford this. Mr. Chipman believes we'll need a new High School at some point and is asking that the Council look at a renovation.
- Doug Lemmo, Brewster Drive: Mr. Lemmo has been to meetings and been on the website. He thinks the "need to have" and "want to have" lines have been blurred, citing the auditorium as an example. Mr. Lemmo doesn't think it needs to be so grandiose. He asked if there will be a comprehensive list for people to read? He also asked if anyone looked at the old High School?

President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor

- Scott Walker, Park Ave: Mr. Walker was also on the MSBC. He pointed out all the information is on the website. The committee did a poll which included what people seemed to care about; which was; expandability and security. If we could have done a renovation for far less money, it would have been considered. Mr. Walker stated the website is www.bridgewaterschoolproject.com. He wants people to visit the website, which will answer many questions.

President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition – None came forward.

President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:

- Councilor Wood asked; if the loan order has to be changed in the future, is it just a vote of the Council to change the loan order? Mr. Dutton responded; that is correct. At Councilor Wood's request; Mr. Dutton explained the reimbursement rate.
- Councilor Sousa asked if the Williams School had the capacity to keep the third grade there. Mr. Dutton responded; that was reviewed by the committee and the district went through. The projected school populations are one of the first areas that the MSBA and Town and district delve into.
- Councilor George asked if Mr. Dutton was working on a "plan B". Mr. Dutton responded "yes" and briefly explained. Councilor George then briefly recapped that earlier in the process a feasibility study was done to determine the viability of locations. He further noted the Council is not voting to approve the project. It can only be voted to put it before the voters.



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- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked Attorney Rawlins if we have to do the loan order to send to MSBA and we have to schedule a vote, correct? Attorney Rawlins responded; that was correct. Councilor Fitzgibbons stated; whether citizens are for or against it, we can't go through another five years like this.
- Councilor Colombotos noted the cost savings in renovation is not enough to warrant supporting it. Good schools serve as a driver for economic development.
- Councilor Wood stated he will end up supporting the loan order and the warrant because it's the right thing to do. However, looking back, he wishes we had established a second committee to do an analysis on renovation.

President Gallagher closed the hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Motion: A motion to amend was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons as indicated by the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

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

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

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

- **7:50 p.m.:** Order O-FY19-076: Laying Out and Accepting a Private Way - Rolling Pines Drive

President Gallagher read the committee dispositions.

President Gallagher opened the hearing at 8:48 p.m.

President Gallagher invited the petitioner forward to present.

Don Brown, Brown Builders came forward. Mr. Brown feels this subdivision has been the most difficult process dealing with officials. He cited all the subdivisions he has done in town over the years. Mr. Brown believes the as-built is in-tact and the bond is in place. He has been plowing the road for three years on his own and is hoping the Council will adopt the road as they have always done in the past.

President Gallagher invited any questions from the public –

- Shawn Skarbrow: Stated he is not sure what the “no” vote was for in the subcommittee. He has a concern about drainage basin; it's overgrown and that will be an issue for Town. He also stated the crown doesn't seem to meet the pitch.

President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor – None came forward.

President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.

President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:

- Councilor Chase commented; he is a member of the Community & Economic Development Committee. Regarding the vote not to recommend approval. The Committee received comments from the Town Engineer on a couple of points relative to the retaining wall and grading. Councilor Chase looked at each one of the storm drains on the road and each seemed pristine and in good order. He will be in favor of approving the road. He also reviewed the Planning Board notes and didn't see any real concerns.
- Councilor Rushton noted he is perplexed with the process but is happy with the Planning Board's recommendation.
- Mr. Dutton stated over the last five or six years, have become a lot more particular on what roads we accept. Once the town accepts the road, the tax payers are on the hook for maintenance. Ultimately, it's a council decision, but he agrees there is room to get more people on the same page.
- Councilor Colombotos asked if postponing is something that should be considered.



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- Councilor George would be comfortable adding the condition, then approving.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked; if we vote a condition, do we need to re-advertise? Attorney Rawlins responded; he didn't think so.

President Gallagher closed the hearing at 9:11 p.m.

Motion: A motion to find that the laying out is required by common convenience and necessity was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

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

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chase.

Motion: A motion to amend by adding "Said acceptance conditioned upon \$5,000 of current road bond being retained for a period of three (3) years to assure road repair and maintenance stand up at the Town's discretion." was made by Councilor Colombotos. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

Discussion: The motion was verified by the Town Attorney.

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

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

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

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- Petition P-2019-020: Change of Manager – Bridgewater Citizen's Club
This measure was not taken up at the request of the Town Manager.
- Petition P-2019-021: Two (2) One-Day Entertainment Licenses – Black Hat Brew Works

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

Motion: A motion to take agenda item J: Discussions out of order was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

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

DISCUSSIONS (*Taken out of order*)

- The Farm" Petting Zoo - Daniel Pallotta, Plymouth County Commission Chair
Dan Pallotta, came forward and spoke about the Resolution supporting the Plymouth County Sherriff's "The Farm" Petting Zoo. Mr. Pallotta explained; they have been trying to get him to sign a lease and have been unable to. The farm doesn't have a lease or insurance. The Sherriff will be evicted from the farm if he doesn't sign a lease. Mr. Pallotta explained the issues are over land, not money. He offered to answer any questions but asked the Town Council to stay out of the matter. He then asked if the measure will be voted on this evening. President Gallagher responded; it will be presented to colleagues for a vote. He stated his opinion that he doesn't see the need for eviction and thinks the issues can e resolved without disrupting the operation. Mr. Pallotta responded; the Sherriff believes he owns the land, but the taxpayers of Plymouth County do.
- Rainbow's End – Next Steps/Ground Testing
Councilor Chase announced he and President Gallagher will be hosting an informational event Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. President Gallagher asked if the soil testing was being done and if the final pile of debris removed? He then briefly spoke to the intent of Thursday's informational session; which is to hear what people would like to see done with the land, but noted, we need to know what the ownership is. Mr. Dutton stated there is no updated on the disposal. The testing is scheduled, but probably won't be done for at least another week.



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Motion: A motion to take agenda item L: Legislation for Action out of order was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.

Discussion: Councilor Wood asked if there is anything in the Town Manager's report that will affect item L? Mr. Dutton did not believe so.

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (*Taken out of order.*)

- Ordinance D-FY20-001: General Ordinance - Stormwater Ordinance

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion:

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

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

- O-FY20-011 Contract Ratification - United Steel Workers

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons asked Mr. Dutton if this falls within our revenue model? Mr. Dutton responded; yes. Councilor Wood pointed out the materials in packet and forecasting information provided by Finance Director.

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

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

- O-FY20-012 Contract Ratification - Firefighters Association

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

Discussion: None

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

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

- O-FY20-013 Contract Ratification - Bridgewater Administrative Association

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

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

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

- O-FY20-015 Acceptance of a Gift - Bridgewater State University

It was noted that the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this item.

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: Councilor Wood thanked BSU once again for the gift.

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

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

- O-FY20-016 Acceptance of a Gift - Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board

It was noted that the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 in favor of this measure.

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

Discussion: None



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

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

- O-FY20-018 2019 Special Election Warrant - October 19, 2019

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

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

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

- R-FY20-001 Supporting Plymouth County Sherriff's Department "The Farm" Petting Zoo and Horticultural Center

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood stated; before he heard the pervious comments, he was in favor. However, now it sounds like it's been long standing discussion over the use, insurance and liability. Mr. Wood is not comfortable voting on this tonight. Councilor Losche stated she applauds the intention doesn't think the Town should be taking a position and she will not be supporting. This issue will work itself out with or without us. President Gallagher thinks this does affect our citizens who use this farm and thinks many things can be resolved without evection. Councilor Fitzgibbons asked what happens when a resident of our town has an accident on property and there is no insurance.

**9:38 p.m.: Councilor Rushton recused himself and exited the room.*

Motion: A motion to table the measure was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chase.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-3 (Councilors Losche, Fitzgibbons and George in the dissent, Councilor Rushton Recused).

**9:43 p.m. Councilor Rushton returned to the meeting.*

Return to regular order of business: Town Manager's Report

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Items of note included:

- McElwain School Update
Mr. Dutton provided a brief update on that status of the McElwain project. At Councilor George's request, Mr. Dutton spoke about the projected timeline for completion. He estimates 14-16 months after closing, so maybe December 2021.
- Mitchell School
Mr. Dutton does have contingency plan in the event of a "no" vote. It will require an appropriation. He would move forward with MSBA accelerated repair program for roof repair/replacement. Councilor George asked if that requires the Town to do an RFP process? Mr. Dutton responded; yes, but the procurement processes in place with much better controls. There would be an OPM and a building committee who would oversee the overall construction. Councilor Wood asked how can we quickly get to a number we can have confidence in? Mr. Dutton responded; there would be a ballpark figure probably before end of calendar year. But a true figure can't be provided until the architect assesses.
- Update on discolored water



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Mr. Dutton explained there is a high iron count which causes the discoloration. The new plant will solve this problem. Then Mr. Dutton provided a brief update on the new plant, permitting, plan review and funding noting the engineer will be at the next Town Council meeting. Councilor Wood asked; who should citizens call if they have concerns? Mr. Dutton advised they call the Water Department.

- Update on Parkland Steward Position and Styles & Hart

Mr. Dutton advised; we are a couple of weeks away from hiring the Environmental Planner, the Parkland Steward will be posted as soon as that person is hired. Mr. Dutton then provided a brief update on Styles and Hart, stating there was a site visit from state. It has great potential. The next step is to apply during next funding round for improvements to parking areas and trail head/trail improvements.

- Update on Broad Street

Mr. Dutton stated his office has heard from the developer who owns several properties on Broad Street. He will be working closely with Community & Economic Development Director. Councilor George asked if the Town can compel him to clean the property up? Mr. Dutton responded he does not believe there is a whole lot of recourse within the ordinances. Attorney Rawlins added; perhaps this is a Board of Health issue. There is a somewhat limited recourse. Councilor George requested the BOH agent be asked to inspect.

- Update on Parking Meter Enforcement

Mr. Dutton advised; as parking hearings officer, we he can confirm are definitely enforcing the parking.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Public Safety: Committee Chair Rushton explained; they had a productive meeting on 8/27 and discussed a number of issues and listed several. The committee also spoke about EEE.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Order O-FY20-019: Laying Out and Accepting a Private Way - Colonial Drive

**10:18 p.m.: Attorney Rawlins and Councilor Rushton recused themselves and left the room.*

Motion: A motion that the Town intends to lay out the way. was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 8-0-1.

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

Discussion: President Gallagher pointed out the Council is required to hold a hearing, so it's up to the Council if it's referred to the Community & Economic Development Committee.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 8-0-1.

**10:20 p.m. Attorney Rawlins and Councilor Rushton returned to the meeting.*

- Order O-FY20-020: Transfer Order - Water Enterprise Transfers - Capital Special Purpose

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

Discussion: None

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

- Order O-FY20-021: Loan Order - Rescind and Revote - Order O-FY18-021: Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for High Street Water Treatment Facility

Mr. Dutton explained; this rescinds the original amount and the next order amends the amount.

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

Discussion: None

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

- Order O-FY20-022: Loan Order - High Street Water Treatment Facility



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

Discussion: None

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

- Resolution R-FY20-002: Declaring the Town of Bridgewater, MA a Pollinator-Friendly Community
Councilor Sousa explained; this measure supports organic gardeners and was requested by the Green Committee.

Motion: A motion to bring back in two weeks was made by Councilor George. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa.

Discussion: None

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

- Resolution R-FY20-003: Handicap Accessibility - Academy Building
Councilor Sousa briefly explained; there is a handicapped accessible ramp, however, the door is not handicapped accessible. Mr. Sousa noted; we are in compliance with ADA, but to better serve the community it would be better to make it disability accessible. Councilor Colombotos recalled that door was supposed to be accessible to the public. Mr. Dutton noted; he is in the process of getting a cost estimate.

Motion: A motion to bring back in two weeks was made by Councilor George. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rushton.

Discussion: None

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS – No citizens came forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Sousa: Encouraged the Council to think of citizens in everything we do.
- Councilor Chase: None
- Councilor Wood: Reminded all to be advised of hurricane preparedness.
- Councilor George: Thinks it's very prudent for the Town to have a "plan b". He has an expectation that the same amount of information will be made available for a "plan B" that was available for "Plan A". He does not want there to be a perception that a "plan b" is just a cheaper version.
- Councilor Rushton: No comments
- Councilor Losche: Thinks it's important that we all read and understand what we're voting on.
- Councilor Colombotos: Urged people to be very thoughtful and educate themselves on facts.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons: Echoed previous comments on Mitchell School. There's plenty of information on the Town's website.
- Councilor Gallagher: Encouraged all to be informed before voting on 10/19. Thursday evening, he and Councilor Chase will be hosting an informational session on Rainbow's End on where we want to go with it.

Motion: A motion to take up agenda item Q: Executive Session after 10:30 p.m. was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Wood.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion to move into Executive Session under: 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) and to adjourn from Executive Session was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Open session adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Holmberg



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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, October 1, 2019, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted by a voice vote (6-0) (Councilors Gallagher and Rushton absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk