



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

7:30 PM

BTV Studios

80 Spring Street, Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) July 7, 2015

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Allan Knight

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Conservation Commission – Robert Mello
- b) Conservation Commission – Matthew Stoddard
- c) Community Preservation Committee – Melissa Desjardins
- d) Finance Committee – Nicholas Mollo
- e) Finance Committee – Nathan Schofield
- f) Town Accountant – Anthony Sulmonte, Jr.

F. HEARINGS –

- a) 7:35 p.m., Petition #P-2015-016: New Pole Location – Oak Street Pole 7S

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition #P-2015-017: Pole Relocation – Main Street #6

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Roselli, Clark & Associates – *FY2014 Audit Presentation*

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Skips Liquor Update

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order #O-2015-009: Parking Ad Hoc Committee
At their meeting held 7/14, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval with amendment.
- b) Order #O-2015-022: Acceptance of a Gift – Ron Emma's
At their meeting held 7/14/15, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval
- c) Order #O-2015-023: Acceptance of a Gift – Bridgewater Savings Bank
At their meeting held 7/14/15, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Transfer #T-2015-018: Transfer Appropriation – Police Department 911 Dispatch Renovation Project
(Town Manager)

- O. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- P. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Council Petition: P-2015-016

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: August 4, 2015

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Petition: P-2015-016

Relative to:

PETITION TO INSTALL POLE LOCATION – Oak Street, Pole 7S

The following is excerpted from the petition submitted by the proponent:

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. and MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

Place ONE (1) New Pole

This petition proposes to place new Pole 7S on Oak Street.

This pole is required to provide support to the pole line on the westerly side of Oak Street thus allowing for the removal of a dead tree.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires and cables, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked- VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No **MA2015-47** Dated **06/16/2015**.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree that space shall be reserved and maintained for the limited purpose of attaching one-way low voltage fire and police signaling wires owned by the municipality or governmental entity for public safety purposes only.

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

By Daryl Crossman
Manager - Rights of Way

Dated this 19 day of JUN, 2015.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

By _____
Manager - Rights of Way

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2015.

WHEREAS, the petitioner has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the recommendation of the Highway Superintendant which has oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled approve the petition be granted as requested.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Council Petition: P-2016-017

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: August 4, 2015

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Petition: P-2015-017

Relative to:

PETITION TO RELOCATE POLE LOCATION – Main Street, Pole #6

The following is excerpted from the petition submitted by the proponent:

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. and MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

Relocate ONE (1) Pole

This petition proposes to place new Pole 6 on Main Street.

The relocation of this pole will accommodate guying requirements associated with NGRID reconductoring.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires and cables, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked-VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No **MA2015-48** Dated **06/16/2015**.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree that space shall be reserved and maintained for the limited purpose of attaching one-way low voltage fire and police signaling wires owned by the municipality or governmental entity for public safety purposes only.

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

By *Dan Cusma*
Manager - Rights of Way

Dated this 19 day of JUN, 2015.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

By _____
Manager - Rights of Way

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2015.

WHEREAS, the petitioner has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the recommendation of the Highway Superintendant which has oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled approve the petition be granted as requested.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Council Order: O-2015-009

Introduced By:	Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced	April 28, 2015
First Reading:	April 28, 2015
Second Reading:	August 4, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Order O-2015-009

CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY PARKING ISSUES

Whereas, parking in the Business District and surrounding neighborhoods is used by residents, students, and business customers; and

Whereas, parking is not generally shared between businesses; and

Whereas, parking privileges are sometimes misused or abused; and

Whereas, local citizens have an expert viewpoint on the issues with parking in the downtown area;

Ordered that;

An ad-hoc committee to advise the Town Council shall be formed with a membership of 5 town residents to be appointed for a term not to exceed one year.

The mission of the committee is to identify the parking issues in the center of town and suggest possible solutions. No formal report is required, but the committee should appear before the council every 3 months to provide an overview of the issues under discussion.

The issues presented by the committee will assist the Council when determining actions to undertake for the downtown revitalization plan.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Referred to Rules & Procedures.	7/14/15: Vote 309 recommend approval with amendments.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Council Order: O-2015-022

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: July 7, 2015
First Reading: July 7, 2015
Second Reading: August 4, 2015
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2015-022

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A 1/2, states as follows:

"A city council, with the mayor's approval if the charter so provides, or a board of selectmen or town council may, in its sole discretion and authority, accept gifts of tangible personal property on behalf of the city or town from the federal government, a charitable foundation, private corporation, individual, or from the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and may, in its sole discretion and authority, use said gifts, without specific appropriation thereof, for the purpose of such a gift or, if no restrictions are attached to the gift, for such other purposes as it deems advisable;" and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received the gift of a \$163.00 from Ron Emma's(Restaurant).

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A ½ 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 \$163.00 from Ron Emma (Restaurant) and to expend the gift of in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

A fundraiser was held at Ron Emma's (Restaurant) and a portion of the proceeds were donated by the group for to expenses related to the Animal Control department.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Referred to Budget & Finance committee.	• 7/14/15: Vote 2-0 recommend approval.

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



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Council Order: O-2015-023

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: July 7, 2015
First Reading: July 7, 2015
Second Reading: August 4, 2015
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2015-023

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A 1/2, states as follows:

“A city council, with the mayor’s approval if the charter so provides, or a board of selectmen or town council may, in its sole discretion and authority, accept gifts of tangible personal property on behalf of the city or town from the federal government, a charitable foundation, private corporation, individual, or from the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and may, in its sole discretion and authority, use said gifts, without specific appropriation thereof, for the purpose of such a gift or, if no restrictions are attached to the gift, for such other purposes as it deems advisable;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received the gift of a \$2,500.00 from Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation.

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A ½ 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 \$2,500.00 from Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation and to expend the gift of in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation donated monies to support the purchase of computer related furniture and chairs for the Senior Center.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Referred to Budget & Finance Committee	• 7/14/15: Recommend approval.

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Transfer: #T-2015-018

Introduced By: Town Manager

Date Introduced: August 4, 2015

First Reading: August 4, 2015

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Transfer: T-2015-018

APPROPRIATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT 911 DISPATCH RENOVATION PROJECT

ORDERED, in accordance with section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$ 70,000 from Prison Mitigation Fund for the funding of Police Department building renovation to accommodate the Next Generation 911 upgrade; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

Explanation: A portion (\$25,000) of the building renovation project was funded through the FY15 capital plan. This \$70,000 represents the final amount needed to complete the project. In order to reduce the amount needed from Free Cash, the Council voted a reduced amount and tentatively planned to use an additional amount from the Prison Mitigation Fund once FY16 started.