BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
7:30 PM
BTV Studios
80 Spring Street, Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
   a) September 22, 2015

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS
   a) Petition #P-2015-020: New Common Victualler License - TFS Newco LLC dba Tedeschi Food Shops #37424

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION
   a) Order #O-2015-028: Acceptance of a Gift – Bridgewater State University
      This measure was not referred to any committees. 14 days has elapsed per section XVIII of the Council Rules and Procedures, therefore, may be finally considered this evening.
   b) Resolution #R-2015-005: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption
      This measure was not referred to any committees. 14 days has elapsed per section XVIII of the Council Rules and Procedures, therefore, may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS
   a) Ordinance #D-2013-015: Personal Property Tax Assessment
      At their meeting held 9/1/15, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval with amendment. The Finance Committee voted 6-0-1 to recommend approval as amended. This measure requires advertising pending any accepted amendments, therefore may not be finally voted this evening. This measure was postponed from the meeting of 9/22/15.

N. NEW BUSINESS
   a) Resolution #R-2015-006: 2016 Town Council Meeting Dates *(Councilor Wood)*
   b) Resolution #R-2015-007: FY2017 Budget Resolution *(Councilor Wood)*
   c) Transfer #T-2015-020: Prior Year Invoices – *(Town Manager)*
   d) Transfer #T-2015-021: Departmental Transfer – Community & Economic Development *(Town Manager)*

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Petition: P-2015-020

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: October 6, 2015

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

THE GRANTING OF A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

WHEREAS, TFS NewCo LLC dba Tedeschi Food Shops #37424, has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a new license to operate a food establishment at 785 Bedford Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Langton will serve as the establishment's manager of record; and

WHEREAS, TFS NewCo LLC proposes to operate its business during the following hours:

Monday - Sunday	**6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

WHEREAS, TFS NewCo LLC has complied with the bylaws and requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department's Food Service Specifications governing the serving of food to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector with consensus from the Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of TFS NewCo LLC doing business as Tedeschi Food Shops #37424, be granted a license to operate a food establishment within the Town of Bridgewater.

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Order: O-2015-028

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	September 22, 2015
First Reading:	September 22, 2015
Second Reading:	October 6, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-2015-028

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

ORDERED: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, §53A that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept a gift of $100,000 from Bridgewater State University and authorize the Town Manager to expend the funds in accordance with the restricted purpose of the gift.

Explanation:
As a result of the strong and productive partnership between the Town and the University, Bridgewater State University donated funds in support of the Town's fire, police and highway departments.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• No Committee Referrals	•

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

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-005

Introduced By:	Town Manager (at the request of the Fire Chief)
Date Introduced:	September 22, 2015
First Reading:	September 22, 2015
Second Reading:	October 6, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Effective Date:	

Resolution #R-2015-005

ADOPTION OF FEMA HAZARD MITIGATIO PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater, with the assistance from the Old Colony Planning Council, has gathered information and prepared the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the action in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater(insert the name of the governing body) has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council that the Town of Bridgewater adopts the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this _6th_ day of _October, 2015 at the meeting of the Town Council.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• No Committee Referrals	

VOICE VOTE

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Ordinance: D-2013-015

Proposed Amendment

Introduced By:	Councilor John Norris
Date Introduced:	October 15, 2013
First Reading:	October 15, 2013
Second Reading:	October 6, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-2013-015

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS the Town of Bridgewater had an auditor assess the financial status of The Town and made specific recommendations on assessing and collecting taxes on personal property of less than $5,000 in value. Also seeing that a large percent of our personal property tax income generates very little revenue but a large volume of work.

IT IS OREDERED that The Town ~~no longer assess nor levy a~~shall exempt from personal property tax all personal property ~~tax on personal property~~with a total value~~d~~s ~~at~~of $5,000.00 or less.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Referred to Budget & Finance Committee	• 9/1/15: Vote recommend approval with amendment (2-0).
• Referred to Finance Committee. • This measure requires advertising, therefore may not be finally voted this evening.	• 9/14/15: Vote approve (6-0-1)

NOT FOR ACTION: REQUIRES ADVERTISING

Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-006

Introduced By:	Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced:	October 6, 2015
First Reading:	October 6, 2015
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Effective Date:	

Resolution #R-2015-006

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES - 2016

WHEREAS: The Bridgewater Town Council Rules and Procedures, Section III Meetings states, "The Town Council will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the months of June, July and August, the Council will meet monthly on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday"; and

WHEREAS: Adoption of this Resolution, establishes regular meeting dates which are an exception to the aforementioned rule; and

RESOLVED: The following dates are established as regular meetings for the calendar year 2016 and regular meetings will be held either in the Memorial Building, 25 South Street, Bridgewater, MA or at BTV Studios, 80 Spring Street, Bridgewater MA, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

January 5, 2016	June 21, 2016*
January 19, 2016	July 12, 2016*
February 2, 2016	August 2, 2016
February 23, 2016*	September 6, 2016
March 8, 2016*	September 20, 2016
March 22, 2016*	October 4, 2016
April 5, 2016	October 18, 2016
April 26, 2016*	November 1, 2016
May 10, 2016*	November 15, 2016
May 24, 2016*	December 6, 2016
June 7, 2016	December 20, 2016

*Exceptions to Section III of the Council Rules and Procedures are noted with an asterisk.

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, October 6, 2015

Transfer: T-2015-021

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	October 6, 2015
First Reading:	October 6, 2015
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Transfer #T-2015-021

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER – COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ORDERED, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer $15,954.63 to the Community & Economic Development department Full-time Wages account from the Town Manager's Full-time Wages account.

Explanation: The FY16 budget, as voted, appropriates monies in the salaries line item within the Town Manager's budget. A department staff member will be transferred to the Community & Economic Development Office as of October 5, 2015. Accordingly, the requested transfer will pay a portion of the salary commitment for the duration of FY16.

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY