



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

7:30 PM

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80 Spring Street, Bridgewater MA

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) October 20, 2015

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Carolyn Reis – Design Review Committee
- b) Lisa McKay – Animal Control Officer (Annual Reappointment)

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Meeting of the General Public Agenda (November 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m.)

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order #O-2015-030: Filling of a Council Vacancy
This measure was not referred to any committee. Per Council Rules & Procedures section XVIII, 14 days has elapsed, therefore may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance #D-2015-011: Amend Ordinance #D-2015-001: Enforcement Ordinance – Canine Control
- b) Order #O-2015-031: FY16 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of a Residential Factor (Town Manager at the request of the Assessor)
- c) Transfer #T-2015-022: Housing Coordinator Funds (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, November 3, 2015

Council Order: O-2015-030

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced: October 20, 2015
First Reading: October 20, 2015
Second Reading: November 3, 2015
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-2015-030

APPOINTMENT TO A VACANT COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE SEAT

ORDERED: In accordance with Section 2-5 of the Towns Charter - Filling of Vacancies, Section (c) "The Town Council Shall fill the vacant Councilor at Large seat with the Remaining Councilors", the Town Council shall seek applications from interested voters from the town and make an appointment to that vacant seat

Explanation:

A Councilor-at-Large seat has been vacant since August 2015. The intent of this order is to fill the vacant Councilor at large seat until the term expires in April 2016

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- No referrals - Per Council Rules & Procedures section XVIII, 14 days has elapsed, therefore this measure may be finally voted this evening.	

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



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Order #O-2015-031

Introduced By: Town Manager *(at the request of the Assessor's Office)*
Date Introduced: November 3, 2015
First Reading: November 3, 2015
Second Reading:
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order# O-2015-031:

FY 2016 Classification Tax Allocation-Adoption of Residential Factor

ORDERED that, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 56, the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt a residential factor of 1 for fiscal year 2016.

Explanation: The town council shall annually first determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in section two A of chapter fifty-nine and personal property for the next fiscal year. In determining such percentages, the town council, shall first adopt a residential factor. Said factor shall be an amount not less than the minimum residential factor determined by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with the provisions of section one A of chapter fifty-eight and shall be used by the board of assessors to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

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Transfer: T-2015-022

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 3, 2015
First Reading: November 3, 2015
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Transfer: #T-2015-022

TRANSFER REQUEST: HOUSING COORDINATOR FUNDS

WHEREAS:

The Community Preservation Committee, with a quorum of members present, rendered its unanimous recommendation to the Town Council to fund the proposal for a Housing Coordinator. The request and the recommendation was \$26,000.00.

WHEREAS:

The Town Council subsequently approved the funding of transfer request #T-2015-004 on March 17, 2015, with a quorum of members present and voting, to fund the request.

WHEREAS:

In keeping with the stated intent of the proposal, the Town Manager determined that it was most appropriate that a position be created in the department of and supervised by the Community and Economic Development Director. As such, a staff member has been assigned the part-time duties and responsibilities associated with the position defined as Housing Coordinator.

WHEREAS:

The Town Manager has duly notified the Community Preservation Committee that the duties and responsibilities of the Housing Coordinator have been appropriately assigned.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby:

ORDERED, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer from the CPA expense account designated as *Housing Coordinator* to Community & Economic Development department *Full-time Wages* account the sum of \$26,000.00 to pay for salary of the staff person so assigned the related duties or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Duties of the Housing Coordinator have been assigned to a staff member working under the direction of the Community and Economic Development Director. This action will pay the salary of the staff member for services rendered for the remainder of the fiscal year.