



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Kevin Perry called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:30 pm, on December 8, 2015 at BTV Studios, 80 Spring Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Peter Colombotos (arriving at 7:50 p.m.), William Wood, Aisha Losche, Kevin Perry, John Norris, Dennis Gallagher and Timothy Fitzgibbons. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Mark Gildea were also present.

ABSENT:

- Councilor Sandra Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- November 22 2015 (Meeting of the General Public)

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

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons requested his and Councilor Losche's names be removed from the minutes as they were both absent on November 22nd.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

- November 22, 2015 (Regular Meeting)

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

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons made the same request as above.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- President Perry offered condolences to the family of John P. McGinn and held a moment of silence in his honor.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Norris to take agenda item "F" (Hearings) out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

HEARINGS

- **7:35 p.m.,** Order #O-2015-031: FY16 Classification Tax Allocation – Adoption of a Residential Factor
Shelley McCaulley, from the Assessor's office came forward and explained the information regarding the Tax Classification; breaking down the different classes and the definition of a Tax Levy, noting if a tax rate of "1" is adopted, it is adopted for all classes.

President Perry opened the hearing at 7:37 p.m.

President Perry invited any questions from the public – None came forward.

President Perry asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - None came forward.

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

President Perry entertained any questions from councilors:

- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked Ms. McCaulley if, with roughly 85% of our property being residential, to try to change the tax factor from "1" across the board doesn't do much to shift burden away from single family homes, correct. Ms. McCaulley responded that is correct.

President Perry closed the hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood noted the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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



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Wright – ABSENT; Colombotos – NOT PRESENT; Wood – YEA; Losche – YEA; Perry – YEA; Norris – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 6-0.

Town Accountant, Anthony Sulmonte came forward and offered congratulations to Shelley McCaulley for her recent certification accomplishment.

Regular Order of business resumed.

PROCLAMATIONS -

- Mollie and Stacey Coyne, Kathy and Shawn Flaherty and Kathy Hinds

**7:50 p.m., Councilor Colombotos entered the meeting.*

Police Chief Delmonte read a letter recognizing Mollie and Stacey Coyne for their selfless efforts for donations to the K-9 Program. Officer Kingsley also acknowledged the generous donations. Mrs. Coyne thanked the community for their support.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

- Ray Ajemian, Aldrich Road: Mr. Ajemian is here to support the Plastic Bag Ordinance. Mr. Ajemian supports the ordinance for many reasons and spoke about the importance of legislation beginning at the local level. Mr. Ajemian reminded all that Mr. Baumgarten started the local initiative to stop smoking in public.
- Bernice Morrissey, Lakeside Drive: On behalf of the Green Committee. Ms. Morrissey spoke on behalf of the Plastic Bag Ordinance encouraging support for it.
- Ryan Prophett: Mr. Prophett is speaking against Ordinance D-2015-010 and in favor of D-2015-012. Mr. Prophett stated if ordinance 010 is passed it will allow the funeral home to put in a third parking lot. That parking lot will be right across the street. Mr. Prophett attended the Planning Board hearing – there was a lot of talk around public safety.
- Keith Buhl, 10 Fieldcrest Drive: Mr. Buhl stated the BBA did a great job Sunday with Christmas on the Common. Mr. Buhl just left an addiction forum, which is a very real problem and he hopes the Town gets involved. Mr. Buhl spoke about the school committee meeting relative to the school roof. He encouraged the Town Council to be proactive in meeting with the committee and not wait for them to submit a proposal. Lastly, Mr. Buhl spoke about the abandoned property ordinance.

APPOINTMENTS –

- Board of Health – Benjamin S Poinier

Mr. Dutton spoke on behalf of Benjamin Poinier, stating he seems to have an exceptional background.

Councilor Wood noted there was no paperwork to review and requested the matter be postponed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to postpone to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

- Town Councilor-At-Large

President Perry reviewed the process stating he will have each candidate speak briefly about their candidacy.

Then we'll have Town Council Questions, then offer any public input, then we will ask for motions to appoint.

At Councilor Fitzgibbon's request, Attorney Gildea confirmed a passing vote would be a majority of those present.

Michael O'Connor:

Mr. Michael O'Connor, 60 Vera Drive: Mr. O'Connor stated he is a citizen of Bridgewater, graduated from Cardinal Spellman and is an ambitious student. He is passionate about downtown redevelopment, brining new business to town and new families. Mr. O'Connor has been through school systems in good times and in bad and is an active community member.



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Councilor Questions:

- Councilor Norris asked if Mr. O'Connor plans to pull papers to run, regardless of tonight's outcome. Mr. O'Connor responded he has not decided yet.
- Councilor Gallagher asked what strengths he brings and what he'd like to see improved relative to downtown redevelopment. Mr. O'Connor responded he has an internship in a commercial real estate company and Real Estate is his passion. He sees a lot of opportunity in downtown, but also sees a lot of struggling businesses. Mr. O'Connor suggested some type of tax incentive or break could be a consideration.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked what he sees as the most important issue facing the town. Mr. O'Connor responded, downtown redevelopment.
- Councilor Wood asked how Mr. O'Connor would characterize age with experience. Mr. O'Connor responded he believes youth movement has become serious in the last year or so and referenced the new Mayor in New Bedford. He has a different perspective having played on the town's fields over the last 10 years.

Edward Haley

7 Goodwin Ave: Mr. Haley has been a citizen for 20-something years. Mr. Haley did not wish to make a speech, rather invited questions from the Councilors.

Councilor Questions:

- Councilor Wood noted; we're at the end of the year and asked; what can you do in five meetings. Mr. Haley responded he feels he can work well with the Councilors and noted he believes there are nine remaining meetings overall.
- Councilor Norris asked if Mr. Haley intends on running for the position and pulling papers. Mr. Haley responded; up until now, he has never thought of it, but would give it great thought and thinks there's a place for him.
- Councilor Gallagher asked what areas Mr. Haley would like to be more involved in. Mr. Haley responded; citizen engagement. He explained; Mr. Gallagher running unopposed and Ms. Losche running a sticker campaign are not good signs of citizen involvement. It shows a lack of engagement.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked what Mr. Haley sees as the biggest issues facing the town in the 12-18 months. Mr. Haley responded; money is always an issue. He also feels parking and traffic are issues needing to be addressed. Councilor Fitzgibbons asked Mr. Haley to talk about service on charter committee. Mr. Haley thinks (the form of government) is working well, but he was hoping to show citizens they could have more of a focused voice.

Ethan Ellis

106 Prospect Street: Mr. Ellis grew up in Bridgewater. His family has been here for many generations and he works for his family's business. Mr. Ellis has never been in politics, but decided to run to be an advocate for the people. He feels he's very trusted. Mr. Ellis does not believe this position holds any power, but is meant to be an advocate for the people.

- Councilor Norris asked if Mr. Ellis plans to pull papers for this position. Mr. Ellis responded eventually.
- Councilor Gallagher asked what Mr. Ellis' thoughts were on the school infrastructure. Mr. Ellis believes the building can be restored and does not see the need to rebuild the whole building. Mr. Gallagher asked what another area of the town Mr. Ellis might like to get involved in. Mr. Ellis responded; we have major commercial real estate on Elm Street. He feels there are a lot of companies that could come out of Boston to Bridgewater. He would like to see something done with the sewer treatment facility.



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- Councilor Fitzgibbons asked what Mr. Ellis sees as the biggest challenge over 12-18 months. Mr. Ellis responded; the rebuilding the school is a huge challenge as is the Oak Street Bridge. He also noted there are a lot of streets needing repairs.

President Perry then asked any members of the public to come forward: None came forward.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to appoint Michael O'Connor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion: President Perry briefly clarified the nomination process. Councilor Norris restated his position that there are only 6/7 weeks until we pull papers and none of the candidates seem particularly interested in pulling papers. No citizens are here and it's a citizen elected position. Mr. Norris will be voting no. Councilor Wood stated he really appreciate everyone coming out. He believes the town should be making the selection, but we agreed on a procedure, so Mr. Wood is willing to move forward. Mr. Gallagher noted he has nothing against either of the other two candidates, but believes Mike O'Connor has shown a lot of interest. Finally President Perry thanked all three candidates and stated his opinion that this is an at large position and he feels strongly it should be filled by the citizens, therefore he will be voting against the nomination due to the proximity of the time to pull papers.

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

Fitzgibbons – NAY; Gallagher – YEA; Norris – NAY; Perry – NAY; Losche – YEA; Wood – YEA; Colombotos – NAY; Wright - ABSENT. The motion failed 3-4.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to appoint Ethan Ellis. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons noted he would like to see the same voting process for each candidate.

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

Wright – ABSENT; Colombotos – NAY; Wood – NAY; Losche – NAY; Perry – NAY; Norris – NAY; Gallagher – YEA; Fitzgibbons - NAY. The motion failed 1-6.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to appoint Edward Haley. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion: Councilor Wood expressed his frustration with the process and outcome. Councilor Gallagher noted he is also very disappointed. Councilor Fitzgibbons disagreed noting the Council set a process, came forward, listened to everyone speak, thought about what was best for the town and made our best call. Councilor Wood noted that some of the comments made have possibly made it sound like the at-large councilor has more power than a district councilor; which is not true. Councilor Losche stated she is glad we went through this process and stated there is a place for everyone on some type of committee.

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

Fitzgibbons – NAY; Gallagher – YEA; Norris – NAY; Perry – NAY; Losche – NAY; Wood – NAY; Colombotos – YEA; Wright - ABSENT. The motion failed 2-5.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Norris to table the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS



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- Petition #P-2015-024 - Transfer of Common Victualler license from Honey Dew Donuts to CHM Donuts Inc. dba Honey Dew, 1485 Pleasant Street
Mr. Dutton explained this is a new license for a new owner.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
- Petition #P-2015-025 - Change of Manager for the Alcohol license - Vets Club
Mr. Dutton explained this is a simple change of manger for this establishment.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons and Councilor Gallagher noted they both needed to abstain as members of the VFW.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0-2.
- Petition #P-2015-026 - New Common Victualler License - Relocation of Bridgewater Bagel
Mr. Dutton explained Bridgewater Bagel will be moving to Spring Street.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
Discussion: Councilor Wood asked about the hours.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
- Petition #P-2015-027 - Common Victualler License - VFW Post 2125, Orange Street
Mr. Dutton explained this is a Common Vic license for the VFW location on Orange Street. They've begun to cook food which triggers a need for a Common Victualler's license.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
- Petition #P-2015-028 - Annual Renewal – Taxis
Mr. Dutton explained this is simply part of the annual renewals.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Norris.
Discussion: Councilor Norris asked about inspectional services not signing off yet. Mr. Dutton responded his office will hold license until Inspectional Services has signed off. Councilor Fitzgibbons reminded the Town Manager that there are a lot of elderly people who rely on Bill's Taxi.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
- Petition #P-2015-029 - Annual Renewal - Antique Dealers
Mr. Dutton explained there is 1 antique dealer doing business in town.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons noted Inspectional Services hasn't got this done yet, but this needs to be available for him to do business
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.
- Petition #P-2015-030 - Annual Renewal - Lodging Houses
Mr. Dutton noted these have been inspected and there are a couple of minor remedies required in one. He then went though the different addresses.
**9:03 p.m., Councilor Wood explained he needed to recuse himself from property #7 due to a possible perceived conflict of interest and left the room.*
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to approve property #7. The motion was seconded by Councilor Norris.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0-1.
**9:06 p.m. Councilor Wood returned to the meeting.*



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Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Norris to approve items #1-6. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons asked if it ever comes up that other dwellings operate as a lodging house and how it's addressed. Mr. Dutton responded if there are 5 or more unrelated people living in one house it would be a violation of the zoning and would necessitate a lodging house license.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

- Petition #P-2015-036 - Transfer of Common Victualler license from TFS Newco LLC to 7-Eleven

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS

- Skips Liquors - Update (*Taken out of order*)

Yogi Patel came forward and explained the history noting he received approval from Planning Board, now he has to meet with Conservation Commission which will happen maybe at the end of December or January. Then they have to go back to Planning Board. The Conservation Commission Secretary told him if there are not a lot of items on agenda, they'll drop the meeting for the holiday. Mr. Patel has hired Rob Pellegrini to advise.

Councilor Fitzgibbons thanked Mr. Patel for coming in and giving an update. He asked the Town Manager to come up with a streamlined process for businesses. Mr. Patel stated if Conservation meeting is happening in January it would make no sense for him to come back before that meeting happens.

Return to regular agenda order.

PRESENTATIONS -

- Clint Richmond, Lead petitioner, Brookline Plastic Bag Ban & Mass. Sierra Club, Plastics Campaign
Mr. Richmond spoke about the Plastic Bag Reduction Plan. He lives in Brookline. Plastic shopping bags have only been around since 1980. Since they don't biodegrade, they started to collect in landfills and other areas. Nantucket was the first community to adopt such a plan. Mr. Richmond hopes this will lead to some success at the state level. Most of the bags come from supermarkets, but also from other stores. Mr. Richmond discussed alternatives: paper bags, reusable plastic bags, and showed bags for dog waste.

Council Questions:

- Councilor Wood asked about the exclusion in the ordinance relative to the thickness of the bag. Mr. Richmond responded its 2.5ml but there are no communities that he knows of that are 2.5 mil. He is not trying to encourage thicker bags, but to return to paper and reusable bags. Councilor Wood also asked about the bags that cover dry cleaning, etc. Mr. Richards responded all ordinances are covering shopping bags, except Williamstown.
- Councilor Norris asked if Mr. Richmond has got any positive/negative feedback from businesses. Mr. Richmond responded he has had both.
- Councilor Colombotos stated some people might be concerned this might put business at a disadvantage. Mr. Richards responded he has seen no evidence of this. People really want to support their local businesses. Councilor Colombotos further noted he knows some communities have adopted to charge for plastic bags. Mr. Richards responded, yes, but there are none in MA. It's a weaker kind of law. Mr. Colombotos stated Bridgewater isn't Brookline. He likes the idea of a plastic bag ban, but not sure the citizens are ready to support it. He asked Mr. Richmond what he would say to a resident who is resistant. Mr. Richmond responded; there are many non-Brookline type communities who have this ordinance. He would say this is growing trend, and makes the community more sustainable.
- Councilor Perry asked if communities who have adopted such ordinances see any negative impact on businesses coming to town. Did the groups work with the local businesses and was it a costly task for the



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business owners? He finally asked if Mr. Richmond knows if there's any discussion at the state level? Mr. Richmond responded, state legislation is very complicated. Have you seen many communities waiting to see state action before they take action? Mr. Richmond responded he sometimes hears people wish it would happen at the state level, but they realize it needs to be done at the local level.

Finally, Councilor Colombotos noted this ordinance is before CEDC. He will get to this soon after the first of the year.

*9:38 p.m., Councilor Fitzgibbons left room, returning at 9:44 p.m.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Items of note included: Regarding the Carver's Dam transfer – it is critical to get the engineer's report. Mr. Dutton has issued the RFP for Golf Course solar canopy. He will be asking the Town Council to move rapidly if we get a lease as the law expires December 2016.

*9:41 p.m., Councilor Wood left meeting returning at 9:43 p.m.

There was a flood in the Library basement. This has allowed the Library Director to look at the basement configuration. Mr. Dutton stated his emphasis on budget priorities as: building maintenance budgets, web and social media presence. He has solicited informal bids from web vendors who work with municipalities and the Highway Department. Mr. Dutton has had fruitful conversations with the DOT regarding the Oak Street Bridge. Realizing we will likely not get earmarked funds; they've been amenable to opening bridge to one lane traffic and weight restrictions. There was a fire in one of the ambulances. Looks like the ambulance will be a total loss. It was the oldest vehicle in the fleet. Regarding the Pilgrim Power Plant, Mr. Dutton believes they're still closing. OCPC contracted with UMASS Amherst to study the effects. Mr. Dutton spoke about the School Building Committee meeting; stating it was a good, high level view of all the issues associated with the school. The cost could range from \$10MM to \$90MM depending on what is done with the school. There's a school committee meeting Thursday and on the 16th. They're planning to have a recommendation to the School Committee on the 16th.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Norris asked if the Academy Building is on budget and on time. Mr. Dutton responded, "Yes", noting there were a few change orders, but nothing unexpected.

Councilor Wood stated; regarding the school, he would like to see the numbers of what needs to be done over the next few years.

Councilor Fitzgibbons suggested the School Committee should be careful about endorsing any one plan without getting feedback.

Councilor Colombotos requested the report. Mr. Dutton responded he has not been given the report yet. Mr. Fitzgibbons suggested it should be available on both the school and town's website.

Councilor Colombotos asked if it would make sense to have the Building Inspector attend next meeting? Councilor Colombotos asked if the ACO has a new vehicle yet. Mr. Dutton responded it's in the process of getting fitted with lights.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget & Finance: Councilor Wood updated all that the committee voted 3-0 to recommend passage of both items under Legislation for Action.
- Rules & Procedures: Councilor Losche updated all that they will be presenting the Administrative Code at the next meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Norris to relieve Ordinance D-2014-016 from Community & Economic Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Discussion: Councilor Norris explained this Ordinance has been around a while. After a brief discussion, it was agreed a committee report would be available by the second meeting in January.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Norris to make a friendly amendment to relieve Ordinance D-2014-016 from the Community & Economic Development Committee if a report is not presented by the 2nd meeting in January.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion to amend passed 7-0.



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A voice vote was taken and the main motion passed 7-0.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- Transfer #T-2015-022: Housing Coordinator Funds
Mr. Dutton provided a brief explanation of the transfer
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Norris.
Discussion: None
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Wright – ABSENT; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Losche – YEA; Perry – YEA; Norris – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Fitzgibbons – YEA. The motion passed 7-0.
- Transfer #T-2015-024: Library Contract Funding
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: None
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Fitzgibbons – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Norris – YEA; Perry – YEA; Losche – YEA; Wood – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wright – ABSENT. The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ordinance #D-2015-010: Zoning Amendment – Off Street Parking
Point of Order: Councilor Wood asked if Mr. Prophett (Citizens Open Forum) a resident? Mr. Wood has told Mark Chapman he cannot speak since he is not a resident and it's in violation of the Council Rules. It was then confirmed that Mr. Prophett is not a resident of Bridgewater.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to allow Mr. Chapman to speak. The motion was seconded by Councilor Norris.
Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons asked if this perpetuates the notion that this is spot zoning.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to amend the motion to allow any business owner affected to speak. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion to amend passed unanimously.
A voice vote was taken and the motion on the main motion passed unanimously.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to postpone to next meeting to hear anyone else. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken and the motion to postpone passed unanimously.

Mr. Mark Chapman: Mr. Chapman stated it has been mentioned that this ordinance may be considered spot zoning. He owns a funeral home in town and it is a safety concern. As leaders it's up to you to enforce safety. If you go forward, it would allow people who typically park on route 18, to have a safer option. Mr. Chapman further noted the Police Chief and Fire Chief are in favor of it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance #D-2015-012: Zoning Amendment – Remove Section 5-6 from Zoning Bylaws
Councilor Colombotos read the current bylaw in its entirety (included in meeting materials) and explained this allows a non-confirming use.
Councilor Fitzgibbons asked if this needs a joint hearing. Attorney Gildea confirmed it does.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer to Planning and CEDC. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.
Discussion: Councilor Norris asked what the special permit process is. Attorney Gildea explained the special permit process is dictated by state law.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None



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COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Fitzgibbons: Nothing
- Councilor Gallagher: The school committee is planning to vote on a solution to the school roof on the 16th. The Mitchell school needs to be repaired if we want to reopen it. Encouraged all to go Thursday night.
- Councilor Norris: Thanked the people who came in tonight for the open seat. He noted the Black Hat Brewery is open.
- Councilor Losche: Christmas on the Common was great and thanked BBA for putting it on. Mrs. Losche thanked everyone who came out for the Councilor At Large seat and encouraged all to consider joining a committee.
- Councilor Wood: Nothing
- Councilor Colombotos: Encouraged all to attend the school committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thursday. Apologized for delinquency in moving along the Plastic Bag Ordinance.
- Councilor Wright: Absent
- Councilor Perry: Thanked candidates who came out tonight and encouraged them to get involved in committees. Congratulated BBA on Christmas on the Common. Congratulations to the Badgers D5 team for their Superbowl win. Dr. Perry extended condolences to the family of Catherine Daniel who was a very important teacher here in Bridgewater. Finally he encouraged all to attend school committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *No Executive Session was held.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Norris. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: Ann Holmberg

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, January 5, 2016 to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted, by a voice vote (6-0-1) (Councilor Norris absent, 1 councilor vacancy, Councilor Wright abstained).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk