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Budget & Finance Committee
Meeting Agenda

Committee Members:

*William Wood, Chair
District 6 Councilor*

*Dennis Gallagher, Member
At-Large Councilor*

*Edward (Ted) Haley
At-Large Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Room 201B
Bridgewater, MA

Date & Monday, August 7, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of minutes
- C. Measures Referred
 - a) Order O-2017-038: CPC Transfer - Capital Project – Legion Field Lights
 - b) Order O-FY18-001: Acceptance of a Gift – Bridgewater State University
 - c) Ordinance D-FY18-001: Establish a Stabilization Fund
- D. Public Comment
- E. Adjourn



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-038

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: June 27, 2017
First Reading: June 27, 2017
Second Reading: August 8, 2017
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Order O-2017-038

CPC TRANSFER – CAPITAL PROJECT – LEGION FIELD LIGHTS

WHEREAS: A proposal to install new lighting and improve old lighting on the Hayes & Lazaro field located at the Legion Field Complex has been submitted and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

ORDERED, pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council vote to appropriate as required by Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44B, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$231,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund (Undesignated Fund Balance) to the General Capital Fund; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or relative thereto to complete this project.

Explanation: The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking funding from the Community Preservation Committee to support new and improved lights on the Hayes & Lazaro major league fields located at the Legion Field Complex. The current lights were added in 1992, allowing extended play into the evening. Over the past 25 years, these fields have provided countless hours of enjoyment for over 600 Bridgewater's youth and their families. CPA funding will allow Parks & Recreation to upgrade this lighting. The benefits of a new energy efficient lighting system including improved performance and safety while reducing energy and operating costs. Musco is a leader in sports lighting solutions utilizing Metal Halide (HLD) light sources to significantly lower energy consumption and reduced operating/maintenance costs, while reducing the environmental impact of spill light and glare. Musco's proven system design incorporates lighting, structural and electrical components to provide guaranteed performance and trouble-free installation. The outdoor light structure system would provide a complete lighting system from foundation to pole top to deliver unparalleled light control and reduced energy consumption. Fewer poles will be required.

This project is supported in the 2014-2018 CPC Plan, the 2016 Open Space Plan, and the 2015 Recreation Needs Assessment.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance Committee • Finance Committee	• Meet 8/7/17 – will provide disposition upon receipt • 7/10/17: Vote approve (4-0-1)

ROLL CALL VOTE



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Order: O-FY18-001

Introduced By: Town Manager (*at the request of the Finance Director*)
Date Introduced: July 11, 2017
First Reading: July 11, 2017
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY18-001

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT – BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

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

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a financial gift from Bridgewater State University to be expended by the Roadways Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department;

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A 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 \$55,000.00 from Bridgewater State University to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Bridgewater State University has donated monies to be distributed equally between the Fire, Police, and Roadways Departments. These funds may be expended without further appropriation. Acceptance of this gift will allow the town to expend the funds for their stated purpose as part of the University's Municipal Aid initiative with the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-001

Introduced By: Councilor Fitzgibbons

Date Introduced: July 11, 2017

First Reading: July 11, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-001

ESTABLISH A STABILIZATION FUND

WHEREAS, structurally sound financial practices, includes the prudent use of onetime revenue(s), as a pillar of the town's long-term fiscal strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, onetime revenue is appropriately used as a funding source for onetime and/or unforeseen expenditures that are noncapital related;

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that the Town Council have a dedicated fund from which to appropriate resources for such purposes;

Now, therefore, in accordance with the authority so vested in it by the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §5B, the Town of Bridgewater establish a Stabilization Fund for "Onetime/Unforeseen Expenditures" with the purpose of accepting funds from revenue sources that are deemed one-time or mitigation revenue, to be appropriated from, as required, to fund one-time and/or unforeseen expenditures, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation:

One Time/Unforeseen Expenditures – to strengthen the structurally sound financial practices that the town has been building upon/recently implementing it is prudent that we establish a process which uses one time revenue sources to fund items; such as snow & ice deficits, contract settlements, and the town's non-capital related project initiatives.

Said amounts should be appropriated from this fund, and carried over from year to year, in the general fund, for the special purpose for which they are intended. These appropriations will not be comingled with the appropriations made for the annual operating budget. All funds remaining, not required for the special purpose, would be transferred back into this stabilization fund, to be used for a future appropriation.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY