



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

APPROVED – 01/12/21 (3-0 Vote)

Meeting Date: 11/23/20

Committee Chair Gallagher announced; this meeting is being held Virtual via the ZOOM application. All votes will be taken by Roll Call.

Committee Member Present:

Dennis Gallagher, Member

Shawn George, Member

Matthew Rushton, Member

Absent: *No members were absent.*

Others in attendance:

Michael Dutton, Town Manager

Called to order: 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes:

- October 19, 2020

Motion: Councilor Matthew Rushton made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilor Shawn George.

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

George – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Rushton – YEA. The motion passed 3-0.

Legislation Referred:

- O-FY21-024: Waive Annual Licensing Fees - 2021

The Finance Director gave a brief description what this grant is for.

Motion: Councilor George made a motion to recommend approval which was duly seconded.

Discussion: This order would waive all annual licensing renewals for businesses in Bridgewater. This would be a one time waiver to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town Manager indicated that if approved it would equate to about \$80K - \$100K in lost revenue but feels that the Town Budget could manage this one- time waiver. Councilor Gallagher discussed possibly including annual inspection fees. This would become more complicated due to state guidelines. The consensus was to leave the order as is.

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

George – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Gallagher – YEA. The motion passed 3-0

- O-FY21-025: FY2021 Classification Tax Allocation-Adoption of Residential Factor

Motion: Councilor George made a motion to recommend approval which was duly seconded.

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

George – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Gallagher – YEA. The motion passed 3-0

- R-FY21-003: FY2022 Budget Resolution

No action taken. This will remain on the agenda as the FY2022 budget process begins.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn was made by Shawn George, second by Matthew Rushton to adjourn the meeting.

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

George – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Gallagher - YEA. The motion passed 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.