



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

December 6, 2022

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Councilor Chamber - 2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- b) November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- c) November 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Tree Committee:
Raymond Ajemian - Planning Board Appointment - 2022 to 2023
Shirley Krasinski - BIA Appointment - 2022 to 2025
Nicole Holmes - Open Space Appointment - 2022 to 2024

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) 1/7/23 Special Town Election Snow Emergency Procedure Update
- b) Fire Station Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY23-021: Town Council's Annual At A Glance Calendar
At their 11/17/22 meeting, Strategic Planning voted 2-0 to recommend.

- b) **Order O-FY23-031 Prior Fiscal Year Bill**
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 11/22/22 meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- c) **Order O-FY23-032: Veteran Tax Benefits**
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 11/22/22 meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- d) **Order O-FY23-033: Acceptance of Elderly Services Grant**
Budget & Finance meeting on 12/6 prior to the Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- e) **Order O-FY23-034: Transfer Order - Employee PY Retro Longevity**
Budget & Finance meeting on 12/6 prior to the Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 4-1 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- f) **Order O-FY23-035: Bridgewater Public Library Staff Assn (BPLSA) Bargaining Contract Ratification**
Budget & Finance meeting on 12/6 prior to the Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 4-0-1 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- g) **Order O-FY23-036: Transfer Order - Contractual Settlement BPLSA**
Budget & Finance meeting on 12/6 prior to the Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 4-0-1 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- h) **Order O-FY23-037: Transfer Order - Water Enterprise Fund**
Budget & Finance meeting on 12/6 prior to the Town Council meeting. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/30/22 meeting.
- i) **Ordinance D-FY23-002: Zoning Ordinance - Amend Section 11 Definitions**
At a joint public hearing held on 11/2/22, the Community Economic and Development Committee voted 2-0 and the Planning Board voted 3-0 to recommend. This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website. This measure may be finally considered this evening..
- j) **Petition P-2023-012: Special Town Election Warrant - January 7, 2023**
This Order was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore it may be finally considered this evening.
- k) **Resolution R-FY23-002 Naming of the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Clubhouse**
This Order was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore it may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Order O-FY23-038: Appropriation for Eminent Domain Order of Taking for Summer Street Property**
- b) **Resolution R-FY23-004: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2023**

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



**Town of
Bridgewater
Town Council**

October 11, 2022

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Fred Chase called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Council chambers.

PRESENT

Fred Chase, Dennis Gallagher, Dr. Kevin Perry, Bill Wood and Matt Rushton. Assistant Town Manager Kimberly Williams and Town Attorney Jason Rawlings were also present.

ABSENT

Erik Moore, Peter Colombotos, Francis Sousa and Shawn George.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) September 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Since Councilor Rushton was absent from the September 27, 2022 meeting, there was not a quorum to vote on these meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be added to the October 25, 2022 meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Chase held a moment of silent prayer for all of the veterans.

PROCLAMATIONS – None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Ed Ivaldi, Boxwood Lane – Discussed Let the Voters Decide Order as he was not available at the last meeting.
Carlton Hunt, Austin Street – Vice Chair of CPC and noted that there is a CPC Public Hearing on 10/26 at 6:30 p.m. Information can be found on the Town website.
Marilee Hunt, Austin Street – President of BIA, decorations will be put up in Central Square, sent an email to the Town asking for Town funds.

APPOINTMENTS – None

HEARINGS

- a) Petition P-2023-009: Transfer of Lodging House License
*This hearing has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website and abutter letters sent.
This measure may be considered this evening upon conclusion of the hearing.*

Councilor Chase opened the Public Hearing at 7:12pm.

Councilor Chase asked if there were any questions from the public.

Steven Powers, South Street – Asked what is the purpose of the lodging. Councilor Chase noted that it is general lodging up to 18 people.

Councilor Chase asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak in favor – no one spoke.

Councilor Chase asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak in opposition – no one spoke.

Council Chase asked if any of the Councilors had any questions.

Councilor Rushton asked if anything has changed. Petitioner noted that she purchased property in April, it serves veterans and they have been renovating the house for the past 6 months.

Councilor Chase closed the Public Hearing at 7:18pm.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Petition P-2023-009, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

B. PRESENTATIONS

a) Easterseals MA - The Bridge Center Introduction

Paul Medieros, President and CEO of Easterseals gave a brief presentation of the re-opening of the Bridge Center. Easterseals is partnering with them to re-open the center for use to support the needs of people with disabilities and veterans and their families.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager was absent so there was no Town Managers Report. Assistant Town Manager Williams noted that she sent out a report last week to the Councilors and would be sending out another report at the end of the week.

D. DISCUSSIONS - None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee – Councilor Gallagher noted that the Budget and Finance Committee met prior to the Town Council meeting and they voted 2-0 to recommend all of the Legislation for Action that is on tonight's agenda.

F. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Order O-FY23-009 Acceptance of Gift Funding

Budget and Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 10/11/22 meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-009, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0.

b) Order O-FY23-010: Acceptance of Gift COA

Budget and Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 10/11/22 meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Petition P-2023-009, which was duly seconded.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0.

c) Order O-FY23-011 Acceptance of AFG Grant

Budget and Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 10/11/22 meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-011, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0.

d) Order O-FY23-014: General Fund Free Cash Allocation to Trust Funds

Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 10/11/22 Town Council Meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-014, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

e) Order O-FY23-015: Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Equipment Transfers

Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 10/11/22 Town Council Meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-015, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

f) Order O-FY23-016: Acceptance of Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 10/11/22 Town Council Meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-016, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

g) Order O-FY23-017: Acceptance of Elder Services Grant

Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 10/11/22 Town Council Meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-017, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

h) Order O-FY23-018: Acceptance of Elder Services Gift

Budget and Finance are meeting prior to the 10/11/22 Town Council Meeting. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 10/5/22 meeting.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-011, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

G. OLD BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

a) Ordinance D-FY23-005: General Ordinance - Amend Article II. Sec. 14. Citizens Comments

Councilor Chase noted that he is sponsoring this ordinance because on 2 occasions non-residents wished to speak and he feels the council should know who the person is and what they would like to discuss.

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY23-005 to Rules and Procedures, which was duly seconded.

Councilor Wood noted that business or property owners who do not live here should be able to speak.

Councilor Chase noted that this ordinance is not an intention to restrict.

Councilor Gallagher noted that the 24 hours should be looked at. Some people do not know they wish to speak until a few hours before the meeting.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

b) Order O-FY23-023: Acceptance of MEMA Grant

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-023 to Budget and Finance and Finance committee, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

c) Order O-FY23-0024: Transfer Order - Prior Fiscal Year Bill

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-024 to Budget and Finance and Finance committee, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

d) Order O-FY23-025: Transfer Order - Contractual Buyouts

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-025 to Budget and Finance and Finance committee, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

e) Petition P-2023-010: 2022 State Election Warrant

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to keep Petition P-2023-010 in Council, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Perry – No comments

Councilor Gallagher – Was not able to attend Fire for Effect event but was told it was a great success, next one will be 10/22 and there are even more vendors. CPC will be conducting a public hearing on 10/26. A huge shoutout to the Fire

Department for seeking the grants that they received.

Councilor Wood – Noted that there was no audience and Zoom added a lot of people. Will be hosting a budget process workshop to residents.

Councilor Rushton – Thanked all the Town employees. Council on Aging was struggling but with the new directors it is changing. Would like the Town Managers report posted for public viewing.

Councilor Chase – Value the residents input. Thanked Lilian Dupre for her handmade thank you card.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Wood made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded.

Voice Vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Absent; George – Absent; Moore – Absent; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Meeting minutes are being submitted in draft form by Debbie Ward.



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

November 15, 2022

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Fred Chase called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Fred Chase, Dr. Kevin Perry, Bill Wood, Erik Moore, Francis Sousa, Shawn George and Matt Rushton. Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

ABSENT

Peter Colombotos and Dennis Gallagher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Because of councilor absences, the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes could not be voted on. These meeting minutes will be on the November 22, 2022 Council agenda.

b) October 25, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A moment of silence was held for Veteran Charles Brunaccini and Retired Parks and Recreation Superintendent Charlie Simmonds.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Scott Pitta, 118 Pine Street: In favor of Order O-FY23-032 veterans benefits. Would help veterans and would cost little to the town.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2023-011: Change of Officer - Circle K Massachusetts dba Circle K Store 7517

Council President Chase noted that this was a change of officer request at the corporate level and not at the store level.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Petition P-2023-011, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fire Station Project

Town Manager Dutton noted that there was nothing new to report but will keep this item on the agenda going forward.

- b) Update on Town River Landing and Stiles & Hart

Town Manager Dutton noted that Stiles is a 75 acre park and the town is awaiting a grant from the National Parks service, which is pending an order of conditions from Conservation Commission.

Town Manager Dutton noted that Town River Landing (located behind BTV) is not designated a park. A veterans group has taken it on as a volunteer project and the town will provide as much assistance as possible.

Councilor Moore asked about the debris in the water issues and Town Manager Dutton noted that it was a separate issue and proper training is needed for someone to remove that debris. There is a Parks meeting in December and he will discuss with them.

- c) Update on Mobil Station

Town Manager Dutton noted that the first reading of the order of taking was done a while ago. A first reading will be done for the December meeting which will include the complete park design and public design process.

- d) Update on OSL Management Agreement with Projected Revenues to the Town

Town Manager Dutton noted that the management agreement went out to bid, the Town selected Indigo Golf. Year to date revenue is \$320,000, more than covers the towns expenses.

Councilor George asked if revenues coming in goes into an Enterprise Fund Account earmarked for OSL, if that Enterprise Fund was over could it be used on other items. Town Manager Dutton noted that yes, over the new few years it will be looked at with the possibility of monies going into the General Fund.

Councilor Perry asked if the Town was happy with Indigo Golf and Town Manager Dutton replied that he was very pleased, no issues.

- e) Middle School Parking Lot

Town Manager Dutton noted that the Town leases to the school; district maintains and we fund capital expenses. Paving projects should be on the District Capital Plan. They put in priority order and then come to us.

Councilor Wood noted that if an elderly person goes there they cannot see the pot holes. Needs a fix, maybe Town should step up.

Councilor Moore noted that he agrees with Council Wood but also wanted to know if paving is approved, can the district use that money for something else. Town Manager Dutton noted that we need to make clear that what is voted on is used for what was voted.

Council Perry asked where the priority was with this and if there were any short term fixes. Town Manager Dutton noted that he will discuss with Paul DeCosta.

Councilor Wood asked if repairs could be made since the Town is the Leaseholder. Attorney Rawlins noted that he would have to look at the lease.

DISCUSSIONS

a) Capital Improvement Program

1) Upcoming Debt Exclusion - Roads and Infrastructure

Town Manager Dutton noted that critical roads were identified and developing long-term capital plan, what the Town needs for the next 5 years. Town Manager Dutton also noted that before going to the voters, alternative funding will be looked into. He also noted that Flagg, South, Vernon and Cross are 4 roads being looked at and the total for all 4 is approximately \$44M.

Councilor Sousa asked about sidewalks, there are spots where trees are coming out of them. Town Manager Dutton noted that the \$44M included sidewalks and bike lanes on some roads.

2) Upcoming Debt Exclusion - Bristol Plymouth

Town Manager Dutton noted that on the ballot question asking if Bristol Plymouth should be rebuilt, all said yes, so now we need to pay. 35 year bond - \$1.M per year based upon student population. Will be going out and asking for debt exclusion on the April Ballot.

Councilor George noted that if the Town does not approve the debt exclusion budget cuts would need to be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Wood noted that Budget and Finance met prior to the Council meeting and all Legislation for Action was recommended for action with a 2-0 vote.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Order O-FY23-019: Establish Town Goals

Councilor Moore gave a brief update on the Order. Councilor George noted that the town needs an alternative way to technology to notify the residents, not everyone has access to the internet.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-019, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

b) Order O-FY23-026 Transfer Order - Town House Roof Project

Town Manager Dutton noted that this transfer order was CPC funding for old Town Hall roof.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-026, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

c) Order O-FY23-028 Acceptance of Gift - BSU \$55,000

Town Manager Dutton noted that this was an annual gift from BSU.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-028, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

d) Order O-FY23-029 General Fund Transfer Order

Town Manager Dutton noted that this transfer is to offset shortages in the operating budget. Mid-year transfer.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-029, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

e) Order O-FY23-030 Transfer Order - Sewer Enterprise Fund

Town Manager Dutton noted that this transfer was to fund a shortfall.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-030, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

f) Ordinance D-FY23-002: Zoning Ordinance - Amend Section 11 Definitions

Council President Chase noted that this Ordinance was referred to CEDC and Planning and the CEDC voted 2-0 to recommend.

Councilor George made a motion to refer O-FY23-029 to advertising, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0-0.

g) Ordinance D-FY23-005 General Ordinance - Amend Article II. Sec. 14. Citizens Comments

Council President Chase noted that the Rules and Procedures committee met and voted 2-0 to return the Ordinance to Council and asked for a motion to amend what was presented at first reading.

Councilor Wood made a motion to amend Ordinance D-FY23-002 as Councilor Chase has indicated, which was duly seconded.

Councilor Chase noted that the amendment would be: 1) Under 1. Change “twenty four” to “six” and change “(24)” to “(6)”. 2) Also Under 1, add “via email (addressed to: Towncouncilclerk@bridgewaterma.org)” prior to, “which shall include”. 3) Under d) add “If applicable, a non-resident may include a” as the beginning of the first.

sentence. 4) Under 2. Change “twelve” to “six” and “(12)” to “(6)” after “Within” and change “six” to “two” and “(6)” to “(2)” after “no case less than”.

Councilor Perry made a motion to amend Ordinance D-FY23-002 by adding as the last paragraph:

“Business Owners and Real Property Owners

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner of record of a business, real property or leasehold interest in real property located within the Town who is a non-resident of the Town shall be permitted to address the Town Council.” This amendment was duly seconded.

A Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows on the first amendment made by Councilor Wood: Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - No; Chase – No; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – No; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 4-3-0.

A Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows on the second amendment made by Councilor Perry: Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0

Councilor George made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY23-002 to advertising, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - No; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 6-1

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY23-031 Prior Fiscal Year Bill

Town Manager Dutton noted this was an invoice for an unemployment claim that was decided on in 2022.

Councilor George made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-031 to Budget & Finance and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0.

b) Order O-FY23-032: Veteran Tax Benefits

Councilor Moore noted that this would help veterans and would not be a significant cost to the town.

Councilor George made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-031 to Budget & Finance and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Recused; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 6-0 (Councilor Sousa recused himself).

c) Resolution R-FY23-002 Naming of the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Clubhouse

Councilor Moore noted that he was bringing this forward because Charlie Simonds was a huge impact on Bridgewater.

Councilor George made a motion to retain Resolution R-FY23-002 at the Council level until the next Council meeting, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0.

d) Resolution R-FY23-003: FY2024 Budget Resolution

Councilor Wood noted that this is done annually, strategy that is followed for budget planning.

Councilor George made a motion to refer Resolution R-FY23-003 to Budget & Financing and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Perry: Commend all those involved with the Veteran Day Ceremony. Christmas on the Common will be held on Sunday, December 4th.

Councilor Sousa: No comment.

Councilor George: Hope all those commenting about the Christmas on the Common show up and help.

Councilor Moore: Had the opportunity to present to the 8th grade class regarding government. Also noted that there are many residents that are so giving to the town that there should be something to honor them, like bricks in a park.

Councilor Wood: Noted that Summer Street Café closed and two Mexican restaurants opened. Need to decide what we want the downtown to be.

Councilor Rushton: No comment.

Councilor Chase: Veterans Day was inspiring as well as the event held at the Senior Cener.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor George made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Yea; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Absent; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Yea. The motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Meeting Minutes being submitted in draft form by Town Council Clerk Debra Ward.



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council
November 22, 2022
7:00PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Fred Chase called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Fred Chase, Dr. Kevin Perry, Bill Wood, Erik Moore, Francis Sousa and Dennis Gallagher. Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

ABSENT

Peter Colombotos, Shawn George and Matt Rushton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Because of councilor absences, the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes could not be voted on. These meeting minutes will be on the December 6, 2022 Council agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A moment of silence was held for the Veterans.

PROCLAMATIONS – None

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Marilee Hunt: updated the Council on the Special Election candidates. Board of Registrars will be holding 2 debates (12/5 and 12/7).

APPOINTMENTS – None

HEARINGS

a) Order O-FY23-027: FY2023 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor

Councilor Chase opened the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.

Chief Assessor, Shelley McCauley gave a brief update on the tax rate classification. A tax rate of 1 is being recommended and I would be the same for all tax classes. The average residential value of a house is \$521,524 which would mean a \$143 increase from last year. House values have increased 12.9% since FY22.

Councilor Chase asked if there were any questions from the public – No one spoke.

Councilor Chase asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak in favor – No one spoke.

Councilor Chase asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak in opposition – No one spoke.

Councilor Chase asked if any of the Councilors had any questions.

- 1) Councilor Wood noted that Raynham is 76% residential and 23% commercial and adopted a split rate. Is there any benefit for Bridgewater to change? Ms. McCauley noted that businesses would pay more. Town Manager Dutton noted that one factor about Bridgewater to highlight is that there is a single tax rate. If tax rate were to go up for businesses it may deter businesses from coming to Town.

Councilor Chase closed the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-027, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fire Station Update – Town Manager Dutton noted that there were no new updates.

DISCUSSIONS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY23-033: Acceptance of Elderly Services Grant

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-033 to Budget & Finance and Fincom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

- b) Order O-FY23-034: Transfer Order – Employee PY Retro Longevity

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-034 to Budget & Finance and Fincom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

- c) Order O-FY23-035: Bridgewater Public Library Staff Assn (BPLSA) Bargaining Contract Ratification

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-035 to Budget & Finance and Fincom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

- d) Order O-FY23-036: Transfer Order – Contractual Settlement BPLSA

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-036 to Budget & Finance and Fincom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

e) Order O-FY23-037: Transfer Order – Water Enterprise Fund

Councilor Wood made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-037 to Budget & Finance and Fincom, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

f) Ordinance D-FY23-006: Proposed Bridgewater Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Adult Retirement Community in Planned Development District

Councilor Gallagher noted that he put forth this ordinance for a developer for an amendment to the zoning and would like to postpone first reading until first meeting in January because the CED Director is leaving and the CEDC committee for the council will be changing.

Councilor Perry asked if second meeting in January would be better.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to postpone the first reading of Ordinance D-Fy23-006 until the second meeting in January, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

g) Petition P-2023-012: Special Town Election Warrant – January 7, 2023

Councilor Wood made a motion to retain Petition P-2023-012 at council level, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wood: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded residents to read the question that will be on the 1/7/23 ballot.

Councilor Gallagher: Congratulated the candidates and noted that there are 8 seats available and one vacancy. Also noted that he does not support the ballot question.

Councilor Moore: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Sousa: Noted that he agrees with Councilor Gallagher and that a company came and took care of the tree problem around the common.

Councilor Perry: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, informed the residents about decorating the common this upcoming weekend and noted that the BR football team was facing Brockton at Fenway Park on Wednesday night.

Councilor Chase: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Perry made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded.

Voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:

Perry – Yea; Sousa – Yea; George – Absent; Moore - Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher –Yea; Colombotos – Absent; Wood – Yea; Rushton – Absent. The motion passed 6 -0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Meeting minutes being submitted in draft form by Town Council Clerk Debbie Ward.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilor Moore
Date Introduced: 9/27/2022
First Reading: 9/27/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-021: Town Council's Annual At A Glance Calendar

ORDERED: The Town Council assembled vote that the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater shall adopt and keep current the attached annual milestone calendar for Fiscal Year 2023.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Strategic Planning	• 11/17/22: voted 2-0 to recommend.

Attachments: 1. FY23-Strategic-Planning-Calendar-V1.3

FY23 – Town Council Strategic Planning Calendar v1.3

July 2022						
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April 2023						
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May 2023						
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June 2023						
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Milestones

11/25/22 Finalize FY24 TC/TM Goals
12/15/22 Public Input Meeting 1
01/24/23 Subcommittee Assignments
01/19/23 FY24 Strategic Plan Draft
01/24/23 Joint FY24 Budget Meeting

02/07/23 Annual Committee Updates*
02/23/23 Joint State of the Town Address
03/09/23 Public Input Meeting 2
05/02/23 FY24 Town Budget Hearing
05/02/23 Reorganization of the Council

05/16/23 Subcommittee Reassignments
05/19/23 Updated FY 24 Strategic Plan
06/02/23 Annual Zoning Suggestions Due
06/30/23 TM Annual Review Due
06/30/23 Annual Committee Training Due

Federal Holidays
 Town Council Meeting
 Town Manager Status
 Election Day
 # Milestone Date

* Annual updates to Town Council: Town Clerk, Energy Committee, Community Preservation Committee, and Library Board of Trustees



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/15/2022
First Reading: 11/15/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-031 Prior Fiscal Year Bill

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate from Other One Time Stabilization Fund for a Prior Fiscal Year bill of \$9,083.

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
OTHER ONE TIME STABILIZATION	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 9,083.00
Total:			\$ 9,083.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GF UNEMPLOYMENT	09135170-517005	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 9,083.00
Total			\$ 9,083.00

Explanation:

Prior Fiscal Year Bill from FY2022 for Unforeseen Unemployment chargeback of a disputed claim for a former employee. All attempts for appeal of this claim has been exhausted.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	11/22/22: Voted 2-0 to recommend.

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• FinCom	• 11/30/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend.
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilor Moore and Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: 11/15/2022
First Reading: 11/15/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-032: Veteran Tax Benefits

Whereas, M.G.L. c. 59 §5 clauses 22 through 22F provide various abatements of real estate taxes for veterans, disabled veterans, and spouses of veterans killed in action.

Whereas, residents who would otherwise receive real estate tax abatement available under M.G.L. c. 59 § 5 are disqualified if the resident becomes disabled to the extent they become subject to a conservatorship, guardianship, or other fiduciary; or the property is placed in certain types of trust. See Mass. DOR Local Finance Opinion LFO-2022-2. See also Kirby v. Board of Assessors of Medford, 350 Mass. 386 (1966).

Whereas, M.G.L. c 59, § 5 Clause 22G is a local option statute that permits real estate that is the domicile of applicants for exemption under Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E and 22F to be eligible for such exemptions if the property is owned by a trustee, conservator or other fiduciary for the applicant's benefit. The veteran can receive an exemption if they meet all other eligibility requirements but does not need to possess a legal interest in the property.

Therefore, it is Ordered by the Town Council that the Town of Bridgewater hereby accepts and adopts the local option of M.G.L. c. 59 § 5 Clause 22G.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-033: Acceptance of Elderly Services Grant

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

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 grant from MassDevelopment Agency for \$243,480. 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 Taxi & Livery Partnership Program Grant Funding Agreement-, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation

Please see the attached Award Letter to the COA Director, Emily Williams.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	12/6/22: Meeting prior to the Town Council meeting.

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• FinCom	• 11/30/22: Voted 5-0 to recommend.
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Attachments: 1. Order O-F23-033 Award Letter

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Main: 617-330-2000
Fax: 617-330-2001

massdevelopment.com

October 28, 2022

Miss Emily Williams
Bridgewater Council on Aging
10 Wally Krueger Way
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Miss Williams:

Thank you for applying to the Taxi & Livery Partnership Program (the "Program") administered by MassDevelopment. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been approved for up to \$243,480 from the Program subject to MassDevelopment's receipt of a signed Grant Agreement, including the completed exhibits described below and found in the enclosures.

Attached to this email is an electronic copy of the Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") that will govern disbursement of the funds. Please sign the Agreement (electronic signatures are acceptable), provide wire instructions on **Exhibit B** of the Agreement (attached), and email a copy of the signed Agreement with **Exhibit B** and confirming your purpose/description for the grant funds set forth in **Exhibit A**, to Corlis Melchoir at cmelchoir@massdevelopment.com. MassDevelopment will return one fully executed Agreement to you via email.

Charles D. Baker
Governor

Karyn E. Polito
Lieutenant Governor

Mike Kennealy
Chairman

Dan Rivera
President and CEO

Funding will be disbursed to the Grantee only upon full execution of the Agreement and MassDevelopment's review and approval of all items **including Exhibits A and B**. **MassDevelopment shall use its best efforts to pay Grantee within thirty (30) days of full execution of the Agreement.** MassDevelopment shall either wire payment pursuant to the wire instructions provided in **Exhibit B** of the Agreement, or in the absence of wire transfer instructions, shall mail a check to the address listed for Grantee.

Grant agreements require grantees to report to MassDevelopment the results achieved versus the anticipated results outlined in the application within 12 months of the disbursement of the grant amount.

Congratulations on your award. Please feel free to contact Ms. Melchoir at the email address above with any questions about this award.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Calnan

Sean C. Calnan
Senior Vice President, Community Investment

Enclosures



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-034: Transfer Order - Employee PY Retro Longevity

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate from Other One Time Stabilization Fund for a PY Retro Pay Longevity of \$8,481

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
OTHER ONE TIME STABILIZATION	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 8,481.00
Total:			\$ 8,481.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SALARIES & WAGES	01355001-510001	PRIOR YEAR RETRO	\$ 6,273.00
SALARIES & WAGES	01355001-510000	FULL TIME WAGES	\$ 2,208.00
Total			\$ 8,481.00

Explanation

Prior Fiscal Year Retro of \$6,273 and CY Budget FY23 of \$2,208 for Longevity Pay in accordance to Town Policy, Employee Manual Section 318, Longevity Awards to employee.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	12/6/22: Meeting prior to the Town Council meeting

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• FinCom	• 11/30/22: Voted 4-1 to recommend.
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-035: Bridgewater Public Library Staff Assn (BPLSA) Bargaining Contract Ratification

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

ORDERED, in accordance with section 4-2 (15) of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the negotiated agreement covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with the Bridgewater Public Library Staff Association.

Explanation

The Town Manager negotiated an agreement with the Bridgewater Public Library Staff Association. An affirmative vote of the Council will approve the contract as presented. A concurrent transfer request will fund the appropriation thereof.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	12/6/22: Meeting prior to the Town Council meeting.
FinCom	11/30/22: Voted 4-0-1 to recommend

Attachments: 1. MOU with BPLSA - Contract period 07.01.21 to 06.30.2024
 2. Signed MOA

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

Town of Bridgewater

and

Bridgewater Public Library Staff Association, MLSA, AFT-MA

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and between the Town of Bridgewater (hereinafter the Town) and the Bridgewater Public Library Staff Association (hereinafter the Association).

WHEREAS, the Town and the Association are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Association have, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 150E, negotiated the terms for a successor agreement to be effective July 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Negotiating Subcommittee of the Town, acting subject to the ratification of this Memorandum of Agreement by the full governing body of the Town, and the Negotiating Subcommittee of the Association, acting subject to the ratification of this Agreement by the membership of the Association, agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of employment set forth in the collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 shall remain in full force and effect for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, except as modified below.
2. All references to dates in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be changed to reflect the terms of the successor Agreement unless otherwise provided for in this document.
3. **ARTICLE 3 - Discrimination and Coercion**

Amend to read as follows:

3.0 There shall be no discrimination by the representatives of the Town against any employee covered by the terms of this Agreement because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, criminal record (inquiries only), handicap (disability), mental illness, retaliation, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, active military personnel, and genetics and that such employee shall receive the full protection of the Agreement.

4. **ARTICLE 4 - Grievance Procedure**

Amend to read as follows:

4.4. Step 3 If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Step 2, or if no decision has been rendered, he/she may file the grievance in writing with the Town's Human Resources Officer within ten (10) working days after the decision of the Library Director is due.

Within seven (7) working days after the written grievance has been so filed, the Town's Human Resources Officer will meet with the grievant for the purpose of resolving the grievance. A decision will be rendered by a by the Human Resource Officer within five (5) working days after he/she met with the grievant.

5. ARTICLE 9 - Holidays

Amend to read as follows:

9.0 All full-time and permanent part-time employees, as defined in Article 7.0, working twenty (20) or more hours covered by this Contract who are regularly employed, shall receive regular compensation for the number of hours scheduled to work for the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr Day
President's Day
Patriot's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving's Day
Christmas Day
Juneteenth

6. ARTICLE 9 - Holidays

Amend to read as follows:

9.3 In the event the Town declares a special holiday, discretionary day, or "Skeleton day" for Library employees covered by this contract shall be required to work if the Library Director so determines, but the employees thus required to work shall receive their regular pay for that day, and, in addition, either compensatory time off in the amount of the number of hours worked, or additional pay at straight time for the number of hours worked.

7. ARTICLE 10 – Vacations

Amend to read as follows:

10.0 Every Full-time and permanent part-time employee, as defined in Article 7 .0, who has been employed for twelve months, except hereinafter provided, shall be granted a vacation of three (3) weeks in a calendar year. In scheduling vacations, preference should be given to employees on the basis of years of employment in the department whenever possible. Such vacations shall be granted by the Library Director at such times as is in his/her opinion will cause the least interference with the performance of the regular work of the library. Vacation shall be

used in the year it is credited and shall not accrue from year to year except vacation may be carried over to the next calendar year with the approval of the Town.

8. ARTICLE 12 - Maternity/Paternity Leave

Amend to read as follows:

12.0 Parental leave. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 105D, an employee who has successfully completed three (3) months of employment shall be entitled to eight (8) weeks of parental leave for the purpose of birth of a child or for the placement of a child under the age of eighteen (18), or under the age of twenty-three (23) if the child is mentally or physically disabled, for adoption with the employee who is adopting or intending to adopt the child; provided, however, that any two (2) employees of the same employer shall only be entitled to eight (8) weeks of parental leave in aggregate for the birth or adoption of the same child.

12.1 The employee shall give at least two (2) weeks' notice to the Library Director of his/her/their anticipated date of departure and intention to return. The employee shall be restored to his/her/their previous, or a similar, position with the same status, pay, length of service credit and seniority, wherever applicable, as of the date of the leave. An employee on parental leave for the adoption of a child shall be entitled to the same benefits offered by the employer to an employee on parental leave for the birth of a child. Parental leave may be extended beyond eight (8) weeks if the teacher elects to use his/her/their accrued sick time, subject to the Library Director's approval.

12.2 Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any unit member may exercise his or her rights to take Family and Medical Leave or Military Family Leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) if he or she has worked 1250 hours in the last twelve (12) months, in accordance with the FMLA. The FMLA entitles eligible employees to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons.

12.3 Eligible employees may take up to 12 workweeks of leave in a year for one or more of the following reasons:

- the birth of a son or daughter or placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care;
- to care for a spouse, son, daughter, or parent who has a serious health condition;
- for a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the essential functions of his or her job;
- for any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status.

12.4 An eligible employee may also take up to 26 workweeks of leave during a single 12 month period to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness, when the employee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the service member.

12.5 **Small Necessities Leave Act (SNLA).** Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 149 Section 52 D, employees are entitled to twenty four (24) hours of unpaid leave during any twelve (12) month period, in addition to any leave available under the FMLA to:

- participate in school activities directly related to the educational advancement of a son or daughter of the employee, such as parent-teacher conferences or interviewing for a new school;
- accompany the son or daughter (qualified dependent) of the employee to routine medical or dental appointments, such as check-ups or vaccinations; and
- accompany an elderly relative of the employee to routine medical or dental appointments or appointments for other professional services related to the elder's care, such as interviewing at nursing or group homes.

Employees may elect to substitute any accrued vacation, personal, medical, or sick leave for any of the above 3 items. Employees must provide a written request for leave at least seven (7) days in advance or if the need for leave is not foreseeable, as soon as practicable.

9. **ARTICLE 19 – Educational Leave and Tuition**

Amend to read as follows:

19.0 The Town offers a tuition waiver for classes taken at Bridgewater State University to all eligible employees upon completion of the probationary period. To maintain eligibility employees must remain on the active payroll and be performing their job satisfactorily through completion of each course. Regular full-time and regular part-time employees are eligible for the tuition waiver.

Individual courses or courses that are part of a degree, licensing, or certification program must be related to the employee's current job duties or a foreseeable future position in the Town in order to be eligible for waiver. The Town has the sole discretion to determine whether a course relates to an employee's current job duties or a foreseeable future position.

Tuition waivers for an employee are limited to four (4) credit hours per semester, and must be approved by the applicable department head, Town Manager and Bridgewater State University prior to enrollment in the class.

While education is expected to enhance employees' performance and professional abilities, the Town does not guarantee that participation in formal education will entitle the employee to an automatic advancement, a different job assignment, or pay increases.

10. ARTICLE 20 - Working Area Conditions

Amend to read as follows:

20.3 When the temperature in a work area reaches 80°F or drops to less than 62° F for a period of at least two (2) hours, affected employees shall be relocated to another area in the library where said conditions don't exist. If there are no such areas employees will be allowed to leave without loss of pay or leave time and will continue their assigned work remotely.

11. ARTICLE 21 – Leaves of Absence

Amend to read as follows:

21.0 Employees may be granted a leave of absence without pay as approved by and at the sole discretion of the Town Manager. The Library Director and Human Resources Director must submit their recommendations to the Town Manager relative to an employee's request.

12. ARTICLE 23 - Longevity

Amend to read as follows:

23.1 As a reward for cumulative years of service in the employ of the Town, a full-time employee shall receive a permanent longevity payment according to the following guidelines:

After 15 years of continuous service	\$600.00
After 20 years of continuous service	\$1,000.00
After 25 years of continuous service	\$1,300.00
After 30 years of continuous service	\$1,600.00
After 35 years of continuous service	\$1,900.00

A longevity payment shall be made to all part-time employees regularly working 20 or more hours according to the following guidelines:

After 15 years of continuous service	\$100.00
After 20 years of continuous service	\$200.00
After 25 years of continuous service	\$300.00
After 30 years of continuous service	\$400.00
After 35 years of continuous service	\$500.00

23.2 In no case shall a full-time employee receiver total increment beyond \$1,900.00 for such longevity service.

13. ARTICLE 24 – Wages

Amend to read as follows:

24.0 Wages shall be increased as follows and shall be established as set forth in Appendix (salary scale prepared by the Finance Department, and attached hereto).

Effective July 1, 2021:

1-Jul-21	Assistant Director Grade 12	Office Manager Grade 10	SR Librarian Grade 11	Librarian Grade 10	Asst Librarian Grade 9	Library Asst Grade 7	Page Grade 3
Step 1	36.67	29.22	32.73	29.22	26.56	21.18	
Step 2	37.58	29.95	33.55	29.95	27.23	21.71	
Step 3	38.52	30.70	34.39	30.70	27.91	22.25	
Step 4	39.48	31.47	35.25	31.47	28.61	22.81	
Step 5	40.47	32.25	36.13	32.25	29.32	23.38	
Step 6	41.48	33.06	37.03	33.06	30.05	23.96	
Step 7	42.52	33.89	37.96	33.89	30.81	24.56	
Step 8	43.58	34.73	38.91	34.73	31.58	25.18	
Step 9	44.67	35.60	39.88	35.60	32.37	25.81	
Step 10	45.79	36.49	40.88	36.49	33.17	26.45	
Step 11	46.93	37.40	41.90	37.40	34.00	27.11	
Step 12	48.10	38.34	42.95	38.34	34.85	27.79	

Bailey:	Grade 10 Step 6	\$33.06
Calouro:	Grade 9 Step 3	\$27.91
Edlund:	Grade 7 Step 4	\$22.81
Gerald:	Grade 12 Step 3	\$38.52
McCoy:	Grade 7 Step 8	\$25.18
Plouffe:	Grade 9 Step 6	\$30.05
Sekerke:	Grade 10 Step 5	\$32.25
Stefani:	Grade 10 Step 7	\$33.89

- \$500.00 one-time payment to each employee

Effective July 1, 2022:

1-Jul-22	Assistant Director Grade 12	Office Manager Grade 10	SR Librarian Grade 11	Librarian Grade 10	Asst Librarian Grade 9	Library Asst Grade 7	Page Grade 3
Step 1	37.04	29.51	33.06	29.51	26.83	21.39	
Step 2	37.96	30.25	33.88	30.25	27.50	21.93	
Step 3	38.91	31.01	34.73	31.01	28.19	22.47	
Step 4	39.87	31.78	35.60	31.78	28.89	23.04	
Step 5	40.87	32.57	36.49	32.57	29.61	23.61	
Step 6	41.89	33.39	37.40	33.39	30.35	24.20	
Step 7	42.95	34.23	38.34	34.23	31.11	24.81	
Step 8	44.02	35.08	39.30	35.08	31.89	25.43	
Step 9	45.12	35.96	40.28	35.96	32.69	26.07	
Step 10	46.25	36.85	41.29	36.85	33.51	26.71	
Step 11	47.40	37.77	42.32	37.77	34.34	27.38	
Step 12	48.58	38.72	43.38	38.72	35.20	28.07	

Bailey:	Grade 10 Step 7	\$34.23
Calouro:	Grade 9 Step 4	\$28.89
Edlund:	Grade 9 Step 1	\$26.83
Gerald:	Grade 12 Step 4	\$39.87
McCoy:	Grade 7 Step 9	\$26.07
Plouffe:	Grade 9 Step 7	\$31.11
Sekerke:	Grade 10 Step 6	\$33.39
Stefani:	Grade 10 Step 8	\$35.08

Effective July 1, 2023:

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Step 1	37.41	29.81	33.39	29.81	27.10	21.61	
Step 2	38.34	30.55	34.22	30.55	27.78	22.15	
Step 3	39.29	31.32	35.08	31.32	28.47	22.70	
Step 4	40.27	32.10	35.96	32.10	29.18	23.27	
Step 5	41.28	32.90	36.85	32.90	29.91	23.85	
Step 6	42.31	33.72	37.78	33.72	30.66	24.44	
Step 7	43.37	34.57	38.72	34.57	31.42	25.05	
Step 8	44.46	35.43	39.69	35.43	32.21	25.69	
Step 9	45.57	36.32	40.68	36.32	33.02	26.33	
Step 10	46.71	37.22	41.70	37.22	33.84	26.98	
Step 11	47.87	38.15	42.74	38.15	34.69	27.65	
Step 12	49.07	39.11	43.81	39.11	35.55	28.35	

Bailey:	Grade 10 Step 8	\$35.43
Calouro:	Grade 9 Step 5	\$29.91
Edlund:	Grade 9 Step 2	\$27.78
Gerald:	Grade 12 Step 5	\$41.28
McCoy:	Grade 7 Step 10	\$26.98
Plouffe:	Grade 9 Step 7	\$32.21
Sekerke:	Grade 10 Step 7	\$34.57
Stefani:	Grade 10 Step 9	\$36.32

14. ARTICLE 28 – Layoffs

Amend to read as follows:

For a period of two (2) years following lay-off, former employees shall be rehired to any positions to be filled by the public library for which they are deemed to be qualified. A former employee so notified that an opening exists shall have seven (7) working days from receipt of certified notice to notify the Town of Bridgewater of his/her acceptance and said former employee must return to work within four (4) calendar weeks of his/her acceptance.

15. ARTICLE 29 - Volunteer Program

Amend to read as follows:

29.0 The volunteer program will continue in accordance with past practice. No volunteer shall be allowed to perform bargaining unit work nor replace former funded position. A joint labor management committee will approve future job descriptions for volunteers.

16. Create a new ARTICLE 30 - Health & Safety

To read as follows:

30.0 A Health & Safety Committee comprised of two (2) individuals representing the Association and two (2) individuals representing the Town/Library will be established to discuss health and safety issues in the workplace. The committee shall make recommendations to the respective parties to resolve the issue. Perceived unsafe conditions shall be reported to the Committee.

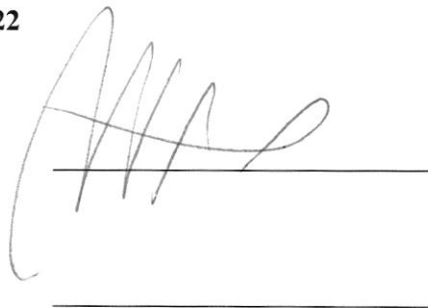
17. ARTICLE 31 – Duration

Amend to read as follows:

Duration of the Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2021, and shall continue until June 30, 2024, and shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter, unless either party services upon the other written notice of the desire to modify or terminate this Agreement. If such notice is served, negotiations shall commence between the parties in February of 2024.

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Staff Association



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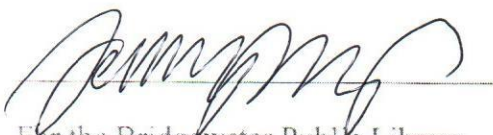
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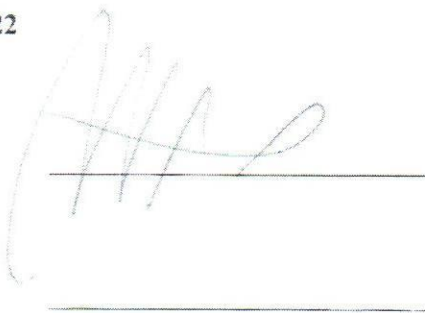
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For the Bridgewater Public Library
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For the Town of Bridgewater



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-036: Transfer Order - Contractual Settlement BPLSA

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule Use of Funds:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 23,114.00
		\$ 23,114.00
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06105001-510001	PRIOR YEAR RETRO	\$ 17,614.00
06105001-510000	FULL TIME SALARIES	\$ 5,500.00
		\$ 23,114.00

Explanation:

Settlement of Bridgewater Public Library Staff Association Contract

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	12/6/22: Meeting prior to Town Council meeting

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• FinCom	• 11/30/22: Voted 4-0-1 to approve
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-037: Transfer Order - Water Enterprise Fund

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts assembled vote to transfer from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum of \$135,000 to be used for Water Hydraulic & Feasibility Study

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WATER FUND	6200-359000	RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>135,000.00</u>
UNDESIGNATED			
Total:			\$ 135,000.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WATER CAPITAL FUND	62105-XXXXX	WATER HYDRAULIC FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$ <u>135,000.00</u>
Total			\$ 135,000.00

Explanation:

To fund the first step in a comprehensive study of the town's water distribution system, water quality, and expected tie-in of additional well sites.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Budget & Finance	• 12/6/22: Meeting prior to Town Council meeting
• 11/30/22:	• Voted 5-0 to recommend

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilor Moore
Date Introduced: 9/27/2022
First Reading: 9/27/2022
Second Reading: 11/15/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 12/6/2022
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY23-002: Zoning Ordinance - Amend Section 11 Definitions

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Town ordinances, and

WHEREAS, with the lack of affordable housing, multi-generation living is becoming more popular as a way of allowing parents and their children to live together where the need and desire exist, and

WHEREAS, allowing for the building or expansion of in-law living area helps promote rehabilitation of housing, increases property values, and increases the supply of affordable housing for a wider range of physical abilities, stages in life and income levels, and

WHEREAS, the average size of new apartment in the United States of America is 941 square feet as of 2018, and

WHEREAS, a multi-generational in-law living area should adequately address the space needs of multiple parents or children, it is therefore

ORDERED that pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws, as follows:
Amend Section 11 Definitions as follows:

“Expanded Living Space (In-law living area): Shall be limited to one bedroom of no more than 200 square feet or two bedrooms of no more than 150 square feet each. Total living area for expanded living space including bath, kitchen, living room, bedroom shall not exceed ~~600~~ 800 square feet of living area. Unrestricted passage must be maintained on each floor level between units.”

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Planning Board	• 11/2/22: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• CEDC	• 11/2/22: Voted 2-0 to recommend

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:
Date Introduced: 11/22/2022
First Reading: 11/22/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Petition P-2023-012: Special Town Election Warrant - January 7, 2023

ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2023 Special Town Election Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk.

Explanation: It is required that the Town Council accepts and approves the attached Warrant as a matter of record.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)
<i>This Order was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore it may be finally considered this evening.</i>

Attachments: 1. Special Town Election Warrant2023



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

Plymouth, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Bridgewater, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special Town Election to vote at:

Precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 9
Bridgewater Middle School
166 Mount Prospect Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the candidates for the following Offices and the following Question:

TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE Term to Expire April 2024
TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO.....Term to Expire April 2023
TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE.....Term to Expire April 2025
(2) TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE.....Term to Expire April 2025
TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGETerm to Expire April 2024
(2) TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE.....Term to Expire April 2023

QUESTION:

"Should the Town of Bridgewater adopt the following Amendment to its Town Ordinances, adding to Chapter 160, Article VII Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments:

"Section 2: Exception

A medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 that has been continuously engaged in the cultivation, manufacture or sale of marijuana or marijuana products to marijuana establishments engaged in the same type of activity under Massachusetts General Laws shall be permitted to convert to a "Marijuana Retailer" as defined under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 1.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section (2)(iii) there shall be no more than two (2) possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers.

"Marijuana retailer" is defined as an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

Explanation:

1. This will allow the voters of Bridgewater a direct decision in a binding Ordinance change;
2. This Ordinance will allow the conversion of the two existing medical marijuana facilities to marijuana retailers;
3. Marijuana retailers can directly sell, deliver or otherwise transfer marijuana or marijuana products to consumers; and
4. This Ordinance limits the number of possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers to two (2).

Yes ____ No ____

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands, the Bridgewater Town Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library

Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

_____, 2022.

Constable

(month and day)

Warrant must be posted at least *fourteen days prior* to the **January 7, 2023** Election)



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilors Rushton and Moore
Date Introduced: 11/15/2022
First Reading: 11/15/2022
Second Reading: 12/6/2022
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY23-002 Naming of the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Clubhouse

WHEREAS; Charles L. (Charlie) Simonds, longtime Superintendent of Bridgewater's Park and Recreation Department and beloved colleague to hundreds of fellow employees, died peacefully on October 26, 2022 in Myrtle Beach with his wife and six children by his side.

WHEREAS; Charlie was born in Boston but grew up in Bridgewater where he and his wife raised six children.

WHEREAS; From an early age, he showed athletic prowess, and with his height of over 6' 7", he accomplished great feats on the basketball court.

WHEREAS; He was a 1973 graduate of Cardinal Spellman High School and a 1977 graduate of Stonehill College where he was a 1000-point scorer.

WHEREAS; Charlie was inducted into both the Cardinal Spellman and Stonehill College Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS; Charlie earned a degree in business from Stonehill College.

WHEREAS; The strong values he instilled as a coach to hundreds of others' children shaped generations of Bridgewater residents.

WHEREAS; As a coach he was always stern, fair, and patient. But always reminded children and their parents that sports are meant to be fun.

WHEREAS; Charlie could always be found lending a helping hand to his family, friends, or even strangers. Charlie enjoyed helping others and never took credit for successes, but always volunteered to fix problems.

WHEREAS; Charlie's career with the Town of Bridgewater was extensive. He retired earlier this year as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation after spending 26 years serving the Bridgewater community. From

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preparing the top-notch baseball, softball, and football fields at Legion Field, to building the Olde Scotland Links clubhouse, to building the pickleball courts, to building Music Alley, to building softball fields, to building basketball courts, he was known for his unwavering dedication, commitment, leadership, and hard work.

WHEREAS; Charlie was a doer, accomplishing more in his lifetime than could ever be listed. But his greatest contribution and his greatest pride was his family.

WHEREAS; Charlie’s many friends and colleagues honored him upon his retirement by affixing his name to the Olde Scotland Links Clubhouse, an act the Town Council now desires to make permanent.

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council recognizes that Charlie Simonds was a committed and dedicated professional who directly and positively impacted the lives of generations of Bridgewater residents;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED; that with the unanimous support of the Bridgewater Town Council, the clubhouse at the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course hereinafter shall be known as the Charles L. Simonds Clubhouse at Olde Scotland Links.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)
This Order was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore it may be finally considered this evening.

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 12/6/2022
First Reading: 12/6/2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-038: Appropriation for Eminent Domain Order of Taking for Summer Street Property

Ordered, that by the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

To fund the eminent domain taking of the Parcel known as 46 Summer Street (Map 34, Lot 218), the Bridgewater Town Council appropriates \$313,900 from Community Preservation Funds – Open Space Reserve Account 324100.

Explanation: This order adds to existing appropriation to fund the eminent domain taking of 46 Summer Street, Bridgewater (the old Mobil Station) for Municipal Purposes, namely, to create parkland and open space for the benefit of all Bridgewater residents.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: 1. Rec to TM - 46 Summer Street
 2. 2022-10-31 Mobil Station Application Amended II FINAL



Town of Bridgewater, MA

Community Preservation Committee

66 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324

December 1, 2022

Mr. Michael Dutton, Town Manager
Town of Bridgewater
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: 46 Summer Street Property (Mobil Station)

Dear Mr. Dutton:

In response to your amended application for the Taking of the 46 Summer Street Property (dated October 31, 2022) the following motion was made and seconded by Carlton Hunt and Maureen Minasian at the CPC's November 30th meeting. The motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay.

Move to recommend the Bridgewater Town Council appropriate \$313,900 from CPC Open Space Reserve Account 324100 towards the acquisition of property at 46 Summer Street (Map 34, Lot 218). The remaining acquisition costs (est. @ \$245,000) will be funded from the Town of Bridgewater Capital Reserve account 292.16 as appropriated under Town Council Order 0-FY22-038.

Please see that this information is placed on the Town Council agenda and is forwarded to the Council members as backup to the order.

I would appreciate if you would let me know when the Council acts on the order so we can prepare the award letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Guasconi".

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

CC: Dawn Menard
Debra Ward
Josh McGraw
Fred Chase
Anthony Sulmonte
Laurie Guerrini



Amended October 31, 2022

Project Application

Community Preservation Committee

Cover Sheet

An electronic copy of this application and all supporting materials should be submitted to the CPC Chair at cpc@bridgewaterma.org and the CPC's administrative assistant (McGraw, Joshua <JMCRAW@bridgewaterma.org>). Applications should be submitted **no later than 4:00PM at least two weeks prior to the CPC's meeting (the CPC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month).**

Complete applications received by this date will be reviewed at the next CPC meeting and considered for recommendation to the Town Council. Applications received after this will be reviewed at the following month's meeting, unless you receive an exception from the CPC chair for cases related to real estate purchase opportunities.¹ Projects may have timelines extending to a maximum of five years.

Projects will be favored by the CPC where:

- The project addresses at least one goal of the current CPC 5-yr. plan <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/DocumentCenter/View/2928/Community-Preservation-Committee-Plan?bidId=>
- the applicant has site control of the proposed project parcel or involvement of the site owner.
- there is demonstrated community support for the project from elected officials, abutters, user groups, civic associations, and community organizations.
- applicants can demonstrate their capacity to implement their project and have a plan for ongoing maintenance and stewardship. projects occur on public space or private space with public access.

• Applicant Signature:  Date Submitted: October 31, 2022

¹ For cases related to real estate purchase opportunities, the CPC may consider emergency requests for funding outside of their regular meeting schedule. If you think you might be eligible for emergency consideration, please contact the CPC Chair. The CPC Chair has the authority to accept exceptions or extensions. They will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis and is under no obligation to grant any requested extensions or exceptions.



Amended October 31, 2022

Project Application

Community Preservation Committee

Complete Application Check List

Please submit the application in this order:

- ☐ Project Application Cover Page (signed)
- ☐ Project Narrative and Timeline
- ☐ Budget Narrative and cost breakdown
- ☐ Required Project Attachments including:
 - ☐ Documentation of who has site control on the property (if other than the applicant)
 - ☐ Photographs of project site (at least three (3))
 - ☐ Map of project site showing nearest major roads or intersections
 - ☐ Letters of support from relevant Town departments, officials, and boards/commissions
 - ☐ Letters of commitment (from any organizations or individuals providing funding to the project)
- ☐ Other attachments as applicable and available to your project.

Note: Applicants may be required to submit additional supporting materials and documentation, as requested by the CPC, to aid the committee in their decision-making process.



Amended October 31, 2022

Project Application

Community Preservation Committee

REVISED AND AMENDED APPLICATION – 10/31/2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name: Eminent Domain Taking – Summer Street (Mobil Station)
Project Location (address and neighborhood): 46 Summer Street, Map 34, Lot 218
Legal Property Owner of Record: P. Dilip DeSilva
CPA Program Area (check all that apply):
☒ Open Space ☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Community Housing ☒ Recreation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Short Project Description: This project involves the eminent domain taking of 46 Summer Street. The abandoned Mobil Station at this location has been a blight since its use was discontinued over 10 years ago. Today it is overgrown and decaying. The Town Council has heard first reading of an eminent domain taking for the purpose of adding to publicly accessible downtown open space connected to Flora Little Park, and for possible recreational use such as outdoor chess/checkers stations and table tennis. Depending upon its condition, the Town is contemplating reusing the existing building for covered space dedicated to eating area, public bathrooms, and low-key recreational and performance space.

Estimated Start Date: 01 / 15 / 23 **Estimated Completion Date:** 05 / 31 / 23

Amount Requested: \$ 313,900 **Total Project Cost:** \$ 558,900

PROJECT CONTACT

Contact Person: Michael Dutton
Telephone: 508-697-0919 **Email:** TownManager@bridgewaterma.org

Project Sponsor/Organization (check one below):

☒ Town Committee or Department ☐ Public Charity/Non-Profit ☐ Private

Have you or this organization applied for or received CPA funding before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what project and when? Multiple projects, including Town House, Memorial Building, Academy Building, Stiles and Hart property purchase, athletic field improvements/construction, etc.

ASSURANCE

I, Michael Dutton, hereby certify under the penalties of perjury the
(Print the name of the fiduciary agent)

following application information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I am legally able to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Bridgewater with the Town of Bridgewater for Community Preservation Funds.

Signature 
Title: Town Manager

Date October 29, 2022



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Project Narrative

Use as much space as needed and refer to the CPC's Project Application Guidance for requirements

1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, TASKS, & ANTICIPATED OUTCOME:** This project involves the eminent domain taking of 46 Summer Street. The abandoned Mobil Station at this location has been a blight since its use was discontinued over 10 years ago. Today it is overgrown and decaying. The Town Council has heard first reading of an eminent domain taking for the purpose of adding to publicly accessible downtown open space connected to Flora Little Park, and for possible recreational use such as outdoor chess/checkers stations and table tennis. Depending upon its assessed condition, the Town is contemplating reusing the existing building for covered space dedicated to eating area, public bathrooms, and low-key recreational and performance space.

The request for CPA funds is based on the following assumptions, actions, and determinations:

- a. The Town Council appropriated funds from the Capital Stabilization Account on March 15, 2022 in the amount of \$245,000 for the purpose of paying expenses associated with this taking. Out of the appropriated money, \$58,900 has either been expended or will be expended for the preliminary work towards this purpose, including the environmental assessment, survey, and design. This will leave a balance of \$186,100 to allocate directly for the taking.
 - b. The appraised value of the property is \$488,100. This represents the professional appraiser's opinion that the Highest and Best Use of the property is as a **vacant lot**. The appraiser's valuation As-Is Land and Building would be \$295,000. The Town's obligation is to pay based on the highest and best use as determined by the independent appraiser. The appraisal shows that the building has a negative value of (\$193,000).
2. **CPC GOALS AND PRIORITIES:** From the Community Preservation Plan FY2020-FY2024, Open Space and Passive Recreation:
GOAL 4: Create, preserve, and acquire neighborhood-level open spaces for pocket parks, community gardens, and other outdoor gathering spaces... Although small in size, green spaces on private property make up large parts of the urban land base and provide important roles for habitat and ecosystem services. The CPC will



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prioritize neighborhood-oriented projects which explore opportunities to improve vacant or underutilized spaces, such as lots or greenspaces shared by an apartment complexes and community gardens, through greening infrastructure. Open space should help tie areas of Bridgewater together, provide buffers against incompatible uses, enable growth of local food sources, and add value to surrounding properties.

From the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

GOAL 2: Create and preserve a town wide, regionally linked trails and parks system that connects neighborhoods with various open space and recreation amenities.

3. **COMMUNITY NEEDS:** The Bridgewater Town Council has identified the taking of this property as a priority goal in order to establish additional passive and recreational in-Town property. The abandoned property presents a blight in the downtown area and to the entrance to Bridgewater State University. Located among Residential D, 40R overlay, and Central Business District zoning areas, the taking and the associated improvements will provide additional parkland and recreational space to the Town's higher density housing and commercial areas. The taking and associated improvements will provide walking and biking destinations.

4. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** List of Letters of Support

Name (committee, department, official, organization, etc.)	Date Requested	Date Submitted
Michael Dutton, Town Manager		10/29/2022
Town Council		10/29/2022
Bridgewater Improvement Association		10/29/2022

5. **IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINE:** If and once the appropriation is complete and the Order of Taking is voted, it is anticipated that the eminent domain taking would be completed within two months, or as soon as legally feasible.



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6. **ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITY:** The Town is an institutional applicant for Community Preservation Funds with extensive familiarity with municipal process, funding, procurement, and grant funding.
7. **MAINTENANCE:** The eminent domain taking itself will not create additional maintenance costs. However, as the property transforms into a public park and recreation area, ongoing upkeep and maintenance will be required. This will include cleaning, maintenance of green space, trash pickup, and infrequent capital improvements. Pending sufficient budget funding, the Town will be responsible for these expenses but has been in discussions with other entities about sharing the ongoing burden of maintenance.
8. **MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS:** The eminent domain taking of the property is a separate project. Future funding requests to create active and passive recreational improvements to the property are anticipated.
9. See Attachments Checklist for additional required materials, if applicable and available.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE SUBMITTED:

October 29, 2022



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Project Application Attachments (see Application Guidance)

1. **SITE CONTROL:** The Town is requesting funds to complete an eminent domain taking. Once complete, the Town will have ownership and site control.
2. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Due to the legal constraints placed on the Town due to the eminent domain process, the Town has not solicited community support. However, verbal commitments of support have come from two civic organizations or governmental entities.
3. **VISUAL MATERIALS:** Maps and photographs are attached to this application.
4. **MAPS:** Maps and photographs are attached to this application.
5. **FUNDING SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**
 - a. Historic Preservation Proposals
 - b. Open Space Proposals
 - c. Recreation Proposals
 - d. Community Housing Proposals
 - e. Proposals Involving Real Property
 - f. Proposals Involving Design and Construction

Check out the CPC's webpage for more information:

<https://www.bridgewaterma.org/1353/Community-Preservation-Committee>

If you have questions, please contact the Community Preservation Committee Chair at cpc@bridgewaterma.org and Community and Economic Development Department (CED) Director DeBoisbriand, Jennifer at JBURKE@bridgewaterma.org or call at 508-697-0950.



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Project Budget Narrative

PROJECT COST:

Project Budget Overview

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
\$558,900	\$313,900	Capital Appropriation	56.1%

LEVERAGING FUNDING:

Sources of Funding Overview

Source <i>(private, federal, state, or local government)</i>	Amount	Status <i>(received, pending, will apply)</i>
Local Capital Appropriation	\$ 245,000	Received
Less Expenses already committed	\$ 58,900	
Balance of Available Funds	\$ 186,100	
	\$	
	\$	

ANTICIPATED PROJECT EXPENSES: The updated professional appraisal is attached. It will be updated based upon the projected timing of the eminent domain taking.

PROJECT COST ASSUMPTIONS: The cost assumptions are based upon an appraisal conducted by a qualified appraisal firm.

ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE: This project involves the acquisition of real property by the Town.

BONDING AGAINST CPA FUNDS: Bonding is possible but not likely based upon the projected cost of the project. If bonding is contemplated, we will forward possible bonding scenarios to the Community Preservation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Town Council for review.



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Project Budget Attachment

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
\$ 558,900	\$ 313,900	\$ 186,100	56.1 %

INCOME – OTHER SOURCES OF PROJECT FUNDING

Source (private, federal, state, or local government)	Amount	Status (received, pending, will apply)
Balance of Local Capital Appropriation	\$ 186,100	Received
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

SUMMARY OF PROJECT EXPENSES²

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Personnel	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Design and Contracts	\$ 58,900	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$ 500,000	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 558,900	\$	\$

² Equipment is generally defined as an item with a useful life expectancy of more than one year. Supplies are defined as an item with a useful life of less than one year. Construction means all types of work done on a particular property or building including erecting, altering or remodeling.



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DETAILED PROJECT EXPENSES

Personnel

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Project Manager</i>			
Ex. Inspectional Services	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Equipment³

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Furniture</i>			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Supplies⁴

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex:</i>	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Design and Contracts

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Legal/Taking Expense	\$	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Env. Assessment/Testing	\$	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250
Site Plan	\$	\$ 11,650	\$ 11,650
Preliminary Design	\$	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$	\$ 58,900	\$ 58,900

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⁴ Supplies are defined as an item with a useful life of less than one year.



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Building and Construction⁵

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Picnic Pavilion</i>			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Other

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Land Acquisition</i>			
Land Acquisition and Closing Costs	\$ 313,900	\$ 186,100	\$ 500,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 313,900	\$ 186,100	\$ 500,000

Task based task (scope) costs identifying funding source

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Accessible Entrance</i>			
<i>Ex: Accessible Elevator</i>			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Attach Letters of support and other key documents.

⁵ Construction means all types of work done on a particular property or building including erecting, altering or remodeling.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilor Chase
Date Introduced: 12/6/2022
First Reading: 12/6/2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY23-004: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2023

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 2023 and regular meetings will be held in the Academy Building, Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater MA, to the greatest extent possible, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED: Due to COVID-19 restrictions relative to building capacity and social distancing requirements, remote participation for Councilors will be offered while allowable under the revised Open Meeting Law and meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023	Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	September 5, 2023
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	September 19, 2023
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	October 10, 2023
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	October 24, 2023
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	November 7, 2023
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	November 21, 2023
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	December 5, 2023
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	December 19, 2023

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None