Town of Bridgewater

Finance Committee

January 23, 2023
7:30 PM
The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.
To attend via video, click on the link below:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82307737973

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923
Meeting ID: 823 0773 7973

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) January 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

C. Public Comment

D. New Business

a) Order O-FY23-040: Certified Assessors Compensation

b) Order O-FY23-041: Acceptance of Non- Recurring Revenue to Capital

c) Order O-FY23-042: Transfer Order - CPA Old State Farm Trail Project

d) Order O-FY23-043: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Allocation

e) Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-007: Acceptance of Local Tax Option - Retail Marijuana Tax

f) Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-008: Cash Policy - Retail Marijuana Tax Reserve Fund

E. Old Business

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Finance Committee

Nathan Schofield, Chair
Eric Langone, Vice Chair
Julie Scleparis
Suzi Robinson
Christopher Blunt
MJ Spagone
Rigobert Noel
Lee Beane

Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Bridgewater Finance Committee
Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on January 4, 2023 via Zoom

Call to order: In the absence of Nathan Schofield, MJ Spagone Chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:13p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lee Beane, Julie Scleparis, Suzi Robinson, Rigobert Noel, MJ Spagone

Committee Members Not Present: Nathan Schofield**,** Eric Langone, Christopher Blunt.

Guests in Attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton, Finance Director Tony Sulmonte, BHA Board Member Stacy Driscoll and Executive Director of Taunton Housing Authority Colleen Doherty.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1) **November 30, 2022**

Suzi Robinson motioned to approve the November 30, 2022 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded. With a vote of 5 yea the motion was approved.

2) **December 14, 2022**

These meeting minutes could not be voted on due to several members being absent. Will be on the next meeting for approval.

New Business

Order O-FY23-039: Transfer Order – Bridgewater Housing Authority Window Replacement
Town Manager Dutton noted that a few councilors approached him regarding the disarray of the buildings within housing. One of the issues were the windows at Hemlock Drive and it was determined that CPC funds could be used.

Colleen Doherty gave a brief explanation, noting that the original windows are from 1970. 56 units would be replaced for the elderly and disabled residents who liver there. Capital money not enough, hoping to get matching funds from the State if they become available.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY23-039 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 1 nay (Julie Scleparis) the motion was approved.

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

Town Manager Dutton noted that this has been going on for years, reached out to owner about purchasing but asking too much money. It is now a decaying piece of property and the Town can take it for eminent domain and the municipal purpose of providing open space with a passive recreational opportunity with outdoor chess games, picnic tables, etc.

Julie Scleparis asked what would happen if this was not recommended by the Finance Committee and Town Manager Dutton noted that it would go to the Town Council with a negative recommendation and the Town Council would then decide.

Suzi Robinson asked how old the environmental study was and if any grants available. Town Manager Dutton noted that a 21E study was done, tanks were removed and clean fill brought in (approximately 10 years ago). Test well results are done every 2 years. Grant funding is not available for this phase of the project but when in improvement phase, will apply for funding.

Suzi Robinson motioned to recommend O-FY23-038 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 5 yea the motion was approved.

Adjourn

Rigobert Noel motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 8:06p.m. which was duly seconded. With a vote of 5 yea the motion was approved.

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	1/10/2023
First Reading:	1/10/2023
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-040: Certified Assessors Compensation

Ordered, that the Town Council assembled, accept the provisions of c. 59, section 21A.5 relative to compensation for certified assessors which reads as follows:

Section 21A.5. In any city or town which accepts this section, an assessor or assistant assessor, who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment evaluator or who has been awarded a certificate by the Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a certified Massachusetts assessor, shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to ten per cent of such regular compensation. An assessor who has been awarded both certificates referred to above shall receive such additional compensation for only one of such certificates. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that he has been awarded either or both of the aforesaid certificates to the mayor or the board of selectmen of such city or town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any twelve month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for twelve consecutive months. In those cities and towns which accept the provisions of section twenty-one A, this section shall not be applicable.

Explanation:
Traditionally, Bridgewater has rewarded education through increases in pay. State law encourages an increase in the Assessor's pay if the employee completes the challenging course of study and is certified by the International Association of Assessing Officers ***or*** *the Association of Massachusetts Assessors. Bridgewater's Assessor has achieved both certifications and is one of the most educated Assessors in Massachusetts. Adopting this MA General Law would reward the achievement of these certifications.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

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Attachments: None

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 1/10/2023
First Reading: 1/10/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-041: Acceptance of Non- Recurring Revenue to Capital

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §5B requires the Town Council to accept and authorize the expenditure of revenue sources that are deemed one-time revenue or take any other action relative thereto and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a payment of $120,720.55 from the Department of Corrections' FY 2023 budget earmarked for cities and towns hosting correctional facilities.

ORDERED: that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled to vote to accept payment of $120,720.55 into the Capital Stabilization Funds to appropriate for Capital needs.

Explanation:
This order accepts one time non-recurring revenues from the DOC earmarked 2023 budget to the Capital Stabilization Fund for Capital Appropriations for the Towns Capital Needs.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: 1. FY2023 DOC Prison Mitigation Payment$120720.55

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety & Security
Department of Correction
50 Maple Street, Suite 3
Milford, MA 01757
Tel: (508) 422-3300
www.mass.gov/doc

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Deputy Commissioners

December 19, 2022

Mr. Michael Dutton
Town Manager
Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Mr. Dutton:

The Department of Correction's FY 2023 operating budget contains funds earmarked for cities and towns hosting correctional facilities.

Based on the average state inmate population housed in your community from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a payment in the amount of **$120,720.55** will be processed for the City of Bridgewater. This payment will be issued via the State Treasurer's Office and sent to your local Treasurer by electronic transfer. This payment has a scheduled disbursement date of December 22, 2022.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at 508-422-3332.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brennan
Budget Director

Cc: Shawn Jenkins, Chief of Staff
Thomas J. Preston, Deputy Commissioner Administration
Matthew Dailey, Executive Director of Admin Services
Thomas Ashe, Legislative Manager of Constituency Services
Kristine Marcotte, Director, Fiscal Services

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	1/10/2023
First Reading:	1/10/2023
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-042: Transfer Order - CPA Old State Farm Trail Project

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vte to

In accordance with Section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, vote to appropriate $40,000 from CPA Undesignated Fund Balance (Account #2100-359000) to an expense account within the CPA funds 21005-530050.

Explanation:
Approved by the CPC for the surveying of the property for the Old State Farm Trail Project.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments:
1. 2022-12-16 Bridgewater Old State Farm Trail Project Application- Reduction
2. Rec to TM - Old State Farm Trails Project

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Project Application
Community Preservation Committee
Bridgewater, MA

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 <Committees@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: 12/15/2022

[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.

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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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name: Old State Farm Trail Project
Project Location (address and neighborhood): Off of Summer Street
Legal Property Owner of Record: Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CPA Program Area *(check all that apply):*

☑ Open Space ☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Community Housing ☐ Recreation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Short Project Description: The Old State Farm Trail Project is a multi-stage project that seeks to create a 1.8 mile pedestrian recreational trail on a permanent trail easement on MA Department of Corrections land starting at a trailhead parking area on the east side of Summer Street by the bridge and flowing along the Wild and Scenic Taunton River; then turning and travelling through woodlands on DOC property back to a northern trailhead off Summer Street. The initial goal is to create a natural surface trail for hikers, walkers, bicyclists, dog walkers, skiers, snowshoe users and others. Vehicle use will be prohibited on this trail. The proposed trail would be a part of the greater Nunckatessett Greenway system (see attached brochure). Completion of this 4-Phase project will cost approximately $200,000 to $250,000. This application is for monies to fund the survey required by DCAMM before the easement can be transferred to the Town.

Estimated Start Date: 01/01/2023 Estimated Completion Date: 06/30/2023 (Phase 2)

Amount Requested: $ 40,000 **Total Project Cost:** $65,000

PROJECT CONTACT

Contact Person: Michael Dutton, Town Manager, on behalf of the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, Kitty Doherty, contact
Telephone: (508) 697-0919 **Email:** Mdutton@bridgewaterma.org

Project Sponsor/Organization *(check one below)***:**

X Town Committee or Department · Public Charity/Non-Profit · Private

Have you or this organization applied for or received CPA funding before? X Yes No
If yes, what project and when? The Town is a frequent institutional applicant for CPA funds for such things as Academy Building Restoration, Memorial Building restoration, softball fields, lighting at Legion Field, etc.

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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, (on behalf of the NRTB) with the Town of Bridgewater for Community Preservation Funds.

Signature _____ **Date** 12/15/2022

Title Town Manager

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:

The entire multi-phased project is outlined in the following narrative. **The request for funding covers only Phase 2 at this stage.**

Summary: The Old State Farm Trail Project is a multi-stage project that seeks to create a 1.8 mile pedestrian recreational trail on a permanent trail easement on Department of Corrections land (*see attached two pieces of legislation authorizing the easement and the terms of transfer)* starting at a trailhead parking area on the east side of Summer Street by the bridge and flowing along the Wild and Scenic Taunton River; then turning and travelling through woodlands on DOC property back to a northern trailhead off Summer Street. The initial goal is to create a natural surface trail for hikers, walkers, bicyclists, dog walkers, skiers, snowshoe users and others. Vehicle use will be prohibited on this trail. Completion of this 5-Phase project will cost approximately $200 to $250 thousand dollars.

Phase 1 of the project was the development of a conceptual plan for the trail and obtaining amended legislation (*see attached*) to create an acceptable trail corridor and trail location with the potential for trailhead parking at both ends of the 1.8 mile trail. Working with the Town, the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, Dept. of Corrections, Public Access Board for DFW, Taunton River Stewardship Council, abutters and stakeholders, a consensus was reached on the trail route, the need for parking and the need to re-route the trail to more favorable ground. This required the assistance of the local legislative contingent to push amended legislation through the State Legislature. This enabled us to move on to Phase 2.

Phase 2 (our current phase) is to achieve the transfer of a permanent trail easement to the Town. This process and timing are controlled by DCAMM and requires the Town to provide $65,000 to pay for the survey costs, writing of the actual legal easement, and legal and recording costs associated with that. We are reaching out to the Taunton River Stewardship Council for additional funds to cover the closing costs (they have already committed $15,000 towards the survey work. We are also reaching out to two family foundations for funds to help defray the cost. Finally, we have been contacted by private donors who have expressed an interest in helping cover the cost of this phase.

The Town and NRTB are planning on submitting a grant request to MassTrails by February 1, 2023. This would be for Phase 3 and 4 – the engineering/permitting work and the beginning of construction of the trail. The Town is ineligible for this MassTrails grant program if it is not the owner of record of the permanent trail easement. It is critical that the survey work be completed or underway at the time MassTrails Advisory Board reviews the grant applications at the beginning of March. If the trail easement is not a certainty or still in question, the Town's MassTrails grant application will be much less appealing than many of the other grants and would, most likely, not be funded. But, with the confirmed Taunton River Stewardship Council donation and the CPC funds, the transfer of the easement would be assured and the Town's MassTrails grant application would be much stronger. It would stand a very good chance of competing with other grants and being funded.

Phase 3 is securing funding to pay for the permitting and engineering costs and some preliminary construction of the trail (construction of 2 10-car parking lots). This work could cost approximately $105,000 ($40K for each of the parking areas and $25K for the permitting and engineering work.

Phase 4 is completion of the trail for its entire length including all user amenities (signage (wayfinding and interpretive), benches, canoe/kayak take-out areas, outdoor classroom areas, viewing platforms). Clearing the corridor, doing any tread work that is needed, constructing stream crossings and bog-bridging needed along the trail. Adding benches and signage. This work will cost approximately $85,000

Phase 5 is the Grand Opening event that officially opens the trail to the public. Hikes, canoe/kayak rides, some interpretive presentations, etc. will be planned for that day.

2. CPC GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

Town of Bridgewater Community Preservation Plan FY2020-2024

GOAL 2: Preserve existing natural open space and passive recreation facilities—specifically enhancing safety and public access.

GOAL 3 Preserve and acquire strategic private open space properties along water resources and river corridors to improve water quality and to protect priority wildlife habitats and critical natural landscapes from development.

3. COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Bridgewater continues to make incremental efforts to provide accessible, natural, and convenient passive recreational opportunities. The proposed trail takes advantage of previously inaccessible land and water resources for exceptional passive recreational opportunities.

4. COMMUNITY SUPPORT: List of Letters of Support

Name *(committee, department, official, organization, etc.)*	Date Requested	Date Submitted
Kitty Doherty, NRTB	12/08/2022	
Michael Dutton, Town Manager	12/08/2022	
Eileen Hiney, Chair Open Space Committee	12/08/2022	
Michael Flaherty, Chair Parks and Recreation Committee	12/08/2022	

5. IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINE:

For the Phase 2 work (subject of this funding request), the timeline would start immediately upon an affirmative funding vote from the Town Council and continue through June of 2023.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITY:

The Town is an institutional applicant for Community Preservation Funds with extensive familiarity with municipal process and funding. The NRTB has been an advocate for passive recreation in Bridgewater for decades.

7. MAINTENANCE:

This project itself does not require any maintenance. The larger project would be maintained by the Bridgewater Parks and Recreation Department with assistance by a volunteer corps.

8. MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS:

This Phase 2 of the overall project would lead to the execution of an additional three phases as outlined previously in this application.

9. See Attachments Checklist for additional required materials, if applicable and available.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/15/2022

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Project Application Attachments (see Application Guidance)

1. **SITE CONTROL**
2. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**
3. **VISUAL MATERIALS:**
4. **MAPS:**
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* 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
$65,000	$40,000	$25,000	%62

LEVERAGING FUNDING:

Sources of Funding Overview

Source *(private, federal, state, or local government)*	Amount	Status *(received, pending, will apply)*
Taunton River Stewardship Council	$ 15,000	Committed
Community Preservation Funds	$ 40,000	This request
Private contributions	$ 10,000	Pending
	$	
	$ 65,000	

ANTICIPATED PROJECT EXPENSES:

Phase 2 should only include the cost of surveying and cost of recording.

PROJECT COST ASSUMPTIONS:

Costs are based on the responses to a RFQ issued by the Commonwealth through DCAMM for surveying services.

ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE:

The application involves the "cost-free" acquisition of an easement from the Commonwealth, but the funding is to cover the Town's obligation to pay for the survey work which is a precursor to secure the easement.

BONDING AGAINST CPA FUNDS:

No

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Project Budget Attachment

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
$65,000	$40,000	$25,000	62%

INCOME – OTHER SOURCES OF PROJECT FUNDING

Source *(private, federal, state, or local government)*	Amount	Status *(received, pending, will apply)*
Taunton River Stewardship Council	$15,000	Committed
Private Funding	$ 10,000	Pending
	$	
	$	
	$	

SUMMARY OF PROJECT EXPENSES[2]

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Personnel	$	$	$
Equipment	$	$	$
Supplies	$	$	$
Design and Contracts	$	$	$
Construction	$	$	$
Other	$40,000	$25,000	$65,000
TOTAL	$40,000	$25,000	$65,000

[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
Ex: Project Manager	*$5,000*	*$50,000*	*$55,000*
Ex. Inspectional Services	**$**	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

Equipment[3]

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Furnature	*$*	*$5,000*	*$50,000*
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

Supplies[4]

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex:	*$*	*$*	*$*
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

Design and Contracts

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Deed Restriction	*$10,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*
Ex: Appraisal	*$12,000*	*$0*	*$12,000*
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

[3] Equipment is generally defined as an item with a useful life expectancy of more than one year.
[4] Supplies are defined as an item with a useful life of less than one year.

Building and Construction[5]

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Picnic Pavilion	***$***	***$50,000***	***$50,000***
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

Other

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Land Acquisition	**$**1,000,000	**$**500,000	**$**1,500,000
Survey and Recording	**$**40,000	**$**25,000	**$**65,000
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
TOTAL	**$**	**$**	**$**

Task based task (scope) costs identifying funding source

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Accessible Entrance	*$100,000*	*$15,000*	*$115,000*
Ex: Accessible Elevator	$75,000	*$0*	$ 75,000
	$	$	$
	$	**$**	**$**
	$	**$**	**$**
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.

Attachments

Old State Farm Trail Project

- Letters of Support
- Old Farm Trail conceptual layout
- Nunckatesset Greenway brochure
- Acts of 2020, Chapter 177
- Acts of 2022, Chapter 172

Town Manager's Office

Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-0919

December 15, 2022

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Old State Farm Trail

Dear Chair Guasconi:

I write to support the efforts of the NRTB to create a walking trail on state property off Summer Street.

In 2019, the Department of Fire Services proposed using Department of Corrections land to develop a second fire academy to train new and existing fire fighters. As a mitigation to the Town for any adverse impacts, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs proposed to grant a public trail access along the Taunton River and through DOC property to the Town of Bridgewater.

The legislation creating the potential easement and public access required the Town to pay for a survey which identifies the easement prior to the transfer to the Town. The application in front of you is designed to partially fund this survey.

I fully support this effort of the NRTB to create a mile-plus of trail through DOC property. The trail will provide a needed passive recreational opportunity in this part of Town.

Sincerely,

Michael Dutton
Town Manager

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST of BRIDGEWATER

A local nonprofit focusing on Natural Resource Conservation,
user-friendly parklands, and connecting land & water trails

12 December 2022

RE: Town / NRTB funding request for Old State Farm Trail
Conservation Restriction Survey and deed recording

Gina Guasconi, Chair, Bridgewater Community Preservation Committee

Dear Community Preservation Committee:

With great pleasure the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB) endorses the town's application for funds to complete the Conservation Restriction survey on the Old State Farm Trail off Summer Street on Department of Corrections property.

This is a wonderful collaborative project that the nonprofit and town administration have been working on for several years, and finally, after completing clarifying legislation, the state's DCAMM has released the bid cost for the survey.

The town must immediately identify funding sources to satisfy DCAMM, and for the engineering contract to be signed. It is the Town's responsibility to pay the engineering costs in order for the trail CR survey and deed transfer from DOC to the town to take place.

NRTB is partnering with the town on the fundraising responsibility and has identified the Wild & Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council and the Sheehan Family Companies Charitable Giving Fund as co-funders with us for this survey.

Thank you very much for considering our request for these funds. The Town of Bridgewater will benefit greatly with a user-friendly land and water trail network and parkland system that protects our natural resources, draws the people to the land, and to our downtown businesses.

Sincerely,
Kitty Doherty, Project Coordinator
Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater.

Bridgewaters Real Estate

[redacted] Broad St.
P.O. Box 697
Bridgewater MA 02324
508-697-3300
508-697-7474 Fax
Bob@BridgewatersRealEstate.com
www.BridgewatersRealEstate.com

December 13, 2022

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I am writing this letter to request your support and funding for the Old State Farm Trail project as a spur of the Nuncktessett Greenway.

As a member of the Bridgewater Business Association and local REALTOR for over 40 years, I am very aware that every single enhancement to the Town's points of interest acts in an upward spiral to increase both property values and business opportunities.

Also, as a former member and treasurer of the CPC from its inception in 2006 to the spring of 2012, I have a sense of the proposals that are submitted to the Committee. This proposal by the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater – Parks & Trails – is certainly in the upper tier.

Sincerely,

Bob Vazza

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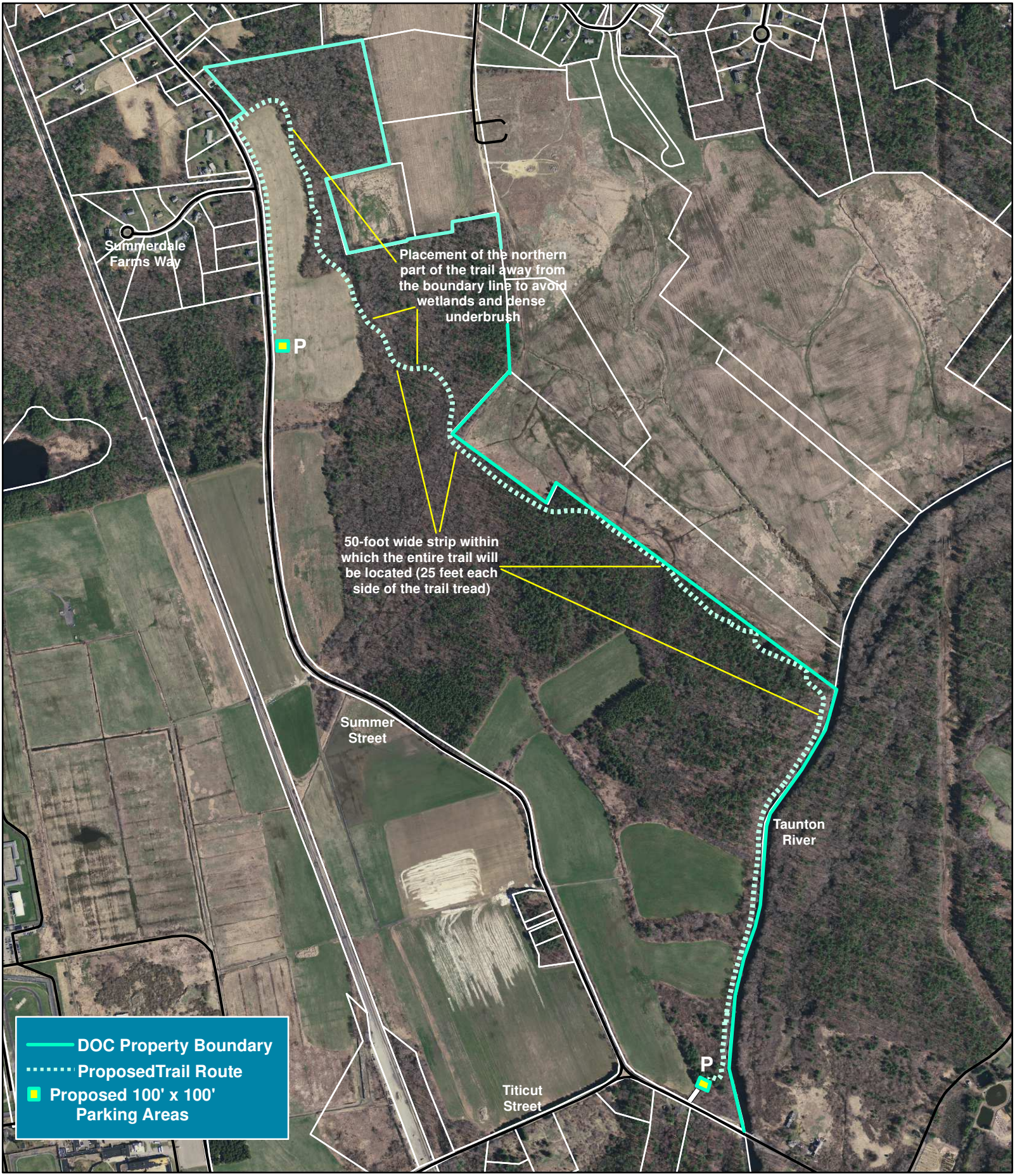

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Figure 1. Needed Changes to Proposed Old State Farm Trail

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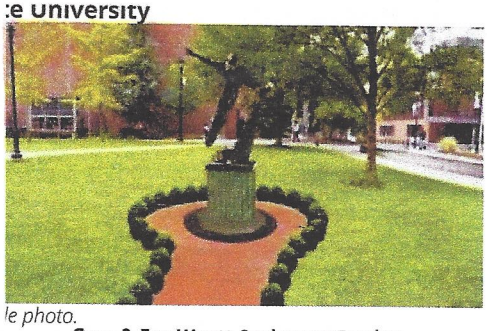

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Greg & Fay Wyatt Sculpture Garden

ın a Nunckatessett Greenway spur through ridgewater State University, the Wyatt Sculpture ıarden features the bronze works of Greg Wyatt, who ıterprets and reimagines famous Shakespearian oems into the language of dance. Twenty sculptures re presented in the historic center of campus, some ith braille plaques. A soaring Baryshnikov sculpture epicting the dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov suspended ı mid-leap leads visitors into the garden. The NG Trail ontinues past these marvelous works of art to ummer Street.

#19. Old State Farm Trail

ı 2020 legislation was again signed into law, reating a 10' Conservation Easement that stablished a new hiking trail to connect the xisting Nunckatessett Greenway Trail network ong Summer Street to the Wild & Scenic aunton River, at the Summer Street Bridge. This ld State Farm Trail (OSF Trail) will be a woodland ath bordering the protected farm fields still in ctive agriculture and new residential evelopments to the north. The Natural esources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB) is pearheading trail development; the trail will be art of the municipal trail system. Contributions ward this trail project may be made via the unckatessett Greenway website.

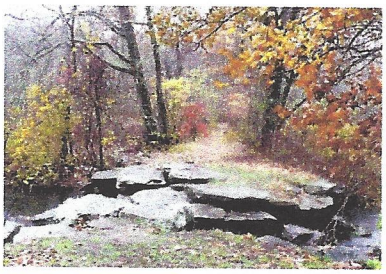
#15. Carver Pond

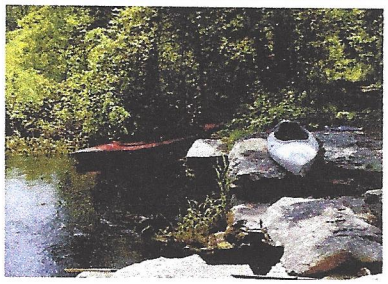
ı Bridgewater Cotton Gin (1816 to 1822) and sed for ice harvest, is located on Summer Street ewater State University. Public trails around the enic woodland with diverse plants and wildlife , osprey, fox, muskrat, turtles, and birds.This Bridgewater's water supply district, with 5 wells south side. The surrounding wetlands help to ace water which in turn contributes to good ı the aquifer below. Carver's Pond is also an oom for the university and public schools, and ing, fishing, canoeing, and ice skating.

Introducing....

NUNCKATESSETT GREENWAY

Today there is a Vision and a huge effort across the state to link hundreds of open spaces through parks & trails, natural resource areas, and important community features.





Photos courtesy of Kent Kreutler, Jack Manchester, Dan Rezendes, and Julie Amaral Diedricksen.

The Bridgewater and West Bridgewater planning documents embrace a conceptual **Vision** known as the **Nunckatessett Greenway (NG)**, with the goal of connecting town-owned conservation areas and urban centers to the nationally recognized **AMC / Bay Circuit Trail** and to the **Town River**, a focus tributary of the National Park Service's Wild & Scenic Taunton River. The Greenway is nestled between the Hockomock Swamp Area of Critical Environmental Concern and the Wild & Scenic Taunton River, it features both wilderness beauty and downtown business districts. Its recreational potential can trigger economic enhancement as healthy trails and parks equal healthy, vital communities. It fosters natural resource preservation and provides outdoor classrooms where natural and cultural history, science, art, literature and many more disciplines meet to tell a compelling story of the Old Bridgewater Area. This trail network includes multiple access locations for car-top boat put-ins, with canoeing, kayaking, hiking, cross-country skiing, picnicking, birding, photography, tenting, dog-walking, fishing, and hunting all allowable uses. While Bridgewater State University and each town manage their own parklands, the 501 (C) (3) Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB) coordinates activities between partnering groups and volunteer participants.

Town River (Nunckatessett) originates in the Hockomock Swamp. This meandering river corridor is one of the earliest areas of colonial activity, dating back to the early1600s. Before then it was home to the Pokanoket, Ponkapoag, and other Native American civilizations that existed in southern New England for thousands of years. The Town River hosts several Colonial Era industrial sites that are on the National Register of Historic Places, and flow through the centers of both West Bridgewater and Bridgewater before converging with the Matfield River to form the Wild & Scenic Taunton River which is now federally protected under the National Park Service.

Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) is a 200-mile permanent recreational trail extending through eastern Massachusetts, linking parks and open spaces around Boston. Now managed by the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), the BCT is recognized nationally. Part of its route travels along the Town River in West Bridgewater and Bridgewater. Promoting BCT stewardship is a goal found in both communities' Open Space & Recreation Plans. The Bay Circuit Alliance has partnered with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) whose 100 years of trail experience ensures sustainability and stewardship of the BCT. The common vision includes securing additional off – road sections of this trail through the Bridgewaters.

#3 Skim Milk Bridge

A dry-stone slab bridge crossing the Town River marks the route of an old road to Taunton. The exact age has not been pinpointed, but historical records indicate that it dates to around 1800 and remains in near perfect, original condition. Skim Milk Bridge is in the process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

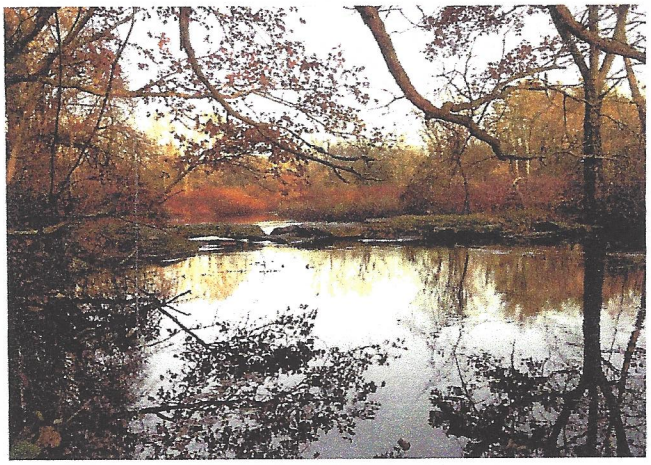
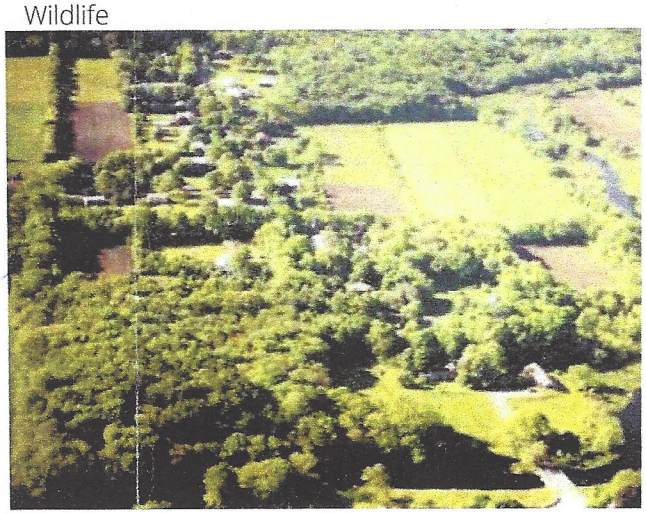
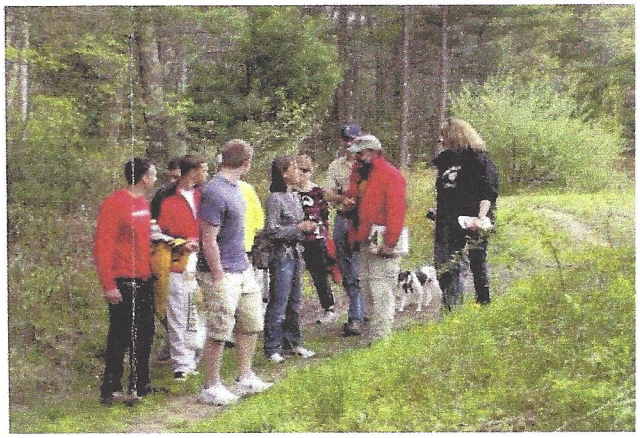


Photo courtesy of Joan Peirce MA Department Fish & Wildlife

The Hockomock Swamp is the largest remaining fresh-water swamp in Massachusetts, this wetland is a protected Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), a huge, 7 ½ billion-gallon water reservoir. It is a unique and irreplaceable wildlife habitat- a vast natural and scenic area, an oasis of peace and quiet. For thousands of years the Hockomock has remained close to primeval wilderness, a soggy, trackless woodland of white cedar, red maple, cat-tail marsh, small ponds, and meandering streams. Early civilizations depended on this swamp as an abundant source of game; they believed that if they camped each spring in an area known as 'Mollie Ground,' the good spirits of the swamp would stay with them for the rest of the year. It is rumored that Mollie Ground was a pre-colonial trading post attracting diverse peoples from Canada, New York, and from all over New England The Mass Division of Fish & Game own approximately 5000 acres of this swamp – headwaters to the Town River - providing public access to recreational areas along the Nunckatessett Greenway. The swamp is popular for hunting, hiking, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and for the observation and study of plants and animals. The fertile agricultural fields adjacent to the Hockomock's wetlands and rivers are of prime importance.



Wild & Scenic Taunton River begins at the confluence of the Town and Matfield Rivers in Bridgewater and empties into Mount Hope Bay. It is a nationally designated Wild & Scenic River with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values, is the longest undammed coastal river in New England with rare freshwater and brackish tidal marsh habitats, and is part of the state-designated ancient Wampanoag Commemorative Canoe Passage. In an advisory role to the National Park Service, the Taunton River Stewardship Council is responsible for managing the Taunton River as a Wild & Scenic River.



NRTB is a 501 (C) (3) organization established to protect the natural and cultural history, biological diversity, agriculture, and the forests, fields, and fisheries in the Bridgewater area; to also protect open space, and to share its scenic landscape in a responsible recreational format that will benefit the towns economically. Current directors include James Hayes - Bohanan, Peter Dangoia, and Peter Fuller; Kitty Doherty is the NRTB Project Coordinator. The NG land & water trail network along the Town River & Bay Circuit Trail in Bridgewater and West Bridgewater is the current focus of the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater.

The volunteer advocacy work NRTB does would not be possible without generous contributions from supporters – people who want a user-friendly parks & trail network. Our Nunckatessett Greenway website is equipped with PayPal, where you may send donations towards the Old State Farm Trail Project and the Town River Landing Pedestrian Bridge Project. Please bear with us as we update this website.

For more information, visit www.nunckatessettgreenway.org

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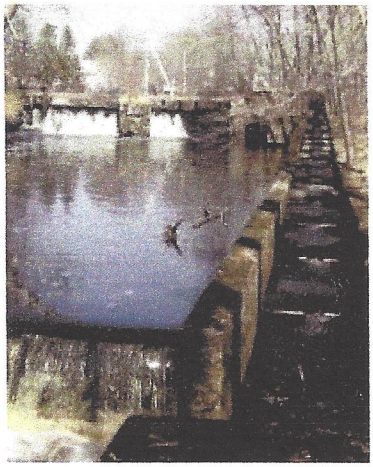

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#9. Iron Works Park

This 5-acre oasis with waterfalls and a fish ladder is connected to the Bay Circuit Trail and within walking distance to Bridgewater Center. Located on the Town River at High Street, it played a prominent role in the industrialization of our country. The main park entrance is inside the Bridgewater DPW yard,Iron Works once contained over 25 buildings and employed over 500 men. The plant was known for its ability to roll iron plate used for making boilers on locomotives. This mill was chosen to produce armor plating for the USS Monitor and later wrought iron for the USS Constitution. In 1988, the site was abandoned, and the land donated to the town of Bridgewater. Iron Works Park is on the National Register of Historical Places.

#6 Historic River Street Area

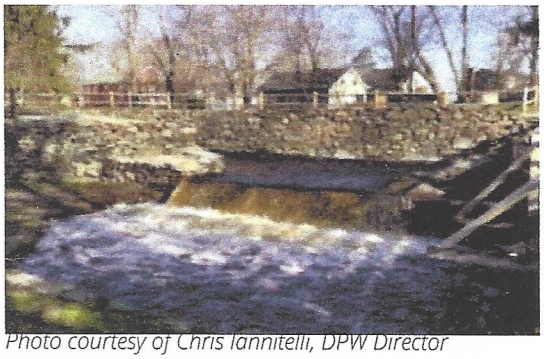
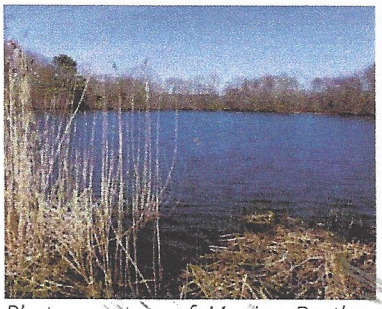
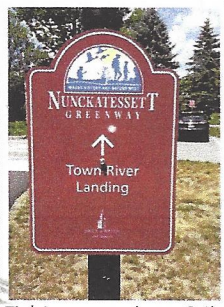


Photo courtesy of Chris Iannitelli, DPW Director

In addition to Holmes Hill where the colony's first stockade / fort was built, the Reverend Keith Parsonage which is now owned and maintained by the Old Bridgewater Historical Society, Pratt's Landing and Beaverton Woods, the Canoe Club – a favorite venue for social affairs - and the beautiful Arch Street Bridge, the River Street area in West Bridgewater boasts many historical places including **War Memorial Park**. War Memorial Park is one of the most important historic sites in West Bridgewater; it commemorates the nation's first industrial park and is the first location of Ames Shovel Company which operated on the Town River through the 19th century, producing shovels used across the nation to build railroads, canals, and to work farmland. This 5 – acre park saw intensive industrial activity as early as 1662 when the first grist mill was built; eventually 17 different mills were on site. It is where Reverend Keith gave his first sermon in1663; War Memorial Park is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and is currently under renovation with the construction of a pedestrian plaza and new sitting areas along the street.





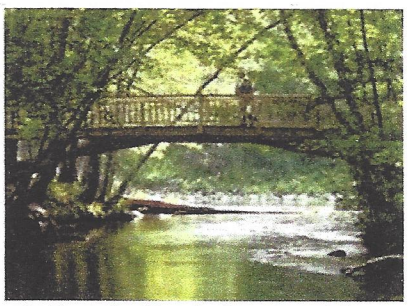


Photo courtesy of Monica Bentley Fishing pond at Stiles & Hart Parkland, Conceptual image pedestrian bridge courtesy of DCR.

#10. Town River Landing/ Stiles and Hart Parkland

Town River Landing is a 2-acre site on Spring Street now being redeveloped into a destination mini-park, the HUB to connect the Nunckatessett Greenway land & water trails, conservation parklands, and the People to downtown businesses, the uptown historic district, and to the beautifully landscaped Bridgewater State University. This user-friendly oasis of quiet beauty will offer sitting areas, picnic spots, a canoe / kayak staging area on the river, and parking as well as quick public access to the shops along Spring and Broad Streets. Constructing a pedestrian bridge to connect this site to the Stiles & Hart Parkland across the Town River is planned.

Stiles & Hart Parkland was once home to the Plymouth County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds - complete with an exhibition hall, grandstand, and ¼ mile trotting track. In 1895 it became a clay - mining industry, producing bricks until into the early 1900s. Today this 80 - acre site with a mile of riverfront in the heart of downtown Bridgewater is part of the Nunckatessett Greenway, bought by the town in 1999 as Open Space. The nonprofit Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater has hosted the AmeriCorps to blaze trails in this park and are advocating for the community to build a pedestrian bridge linking the parkland to the downtown at the Town River Landing. The Nunckatessett Greenway Trail then continues to Bridgewater State University Campus.

#12. Bridgewa

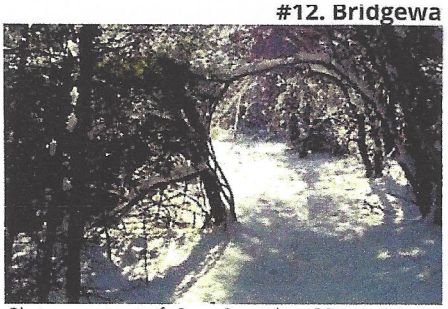


Photo courtesy of Dan Rezendes, BSU Assistant Director, BSU.

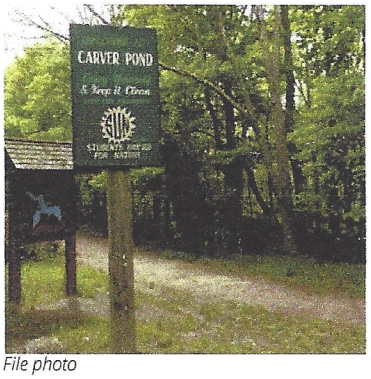
Great Hill Trails

Great Hill Trails provide passive recreation remarkable Outdoor Classroom for students, f staff and the greater community. Great Hil formerly a thriving Wampanoag community – tr area where history and nature meet. Currently, are six different loops covering 3 miles encompas variety of terrain, plant, and animal life. These tra suitable for walking, running, mountain snowshoeing and back-country skiing.

#17. Bridgewater Correctional Comp Old State Farm

During the influx of Irish immigrants in th 1840's into Boston, the city was bursting a seams with unemployed. The state decid 1852 to erect three "Alms Houses" to hel cities deal with this burden. Identical bui were erected in Bridgewater, Munson, Tewksbury, each holding over 400 resi men, women, and children. They were des to be self-run and self-supporting with a agricultural operation supplying themselve fresh meat and produce, and with sales t neighboring communities. Over the nex years the Old State Farm in Bridgewater ev into the largest prison in the state. As the farm operation was discontinued, in legislation was passed that perma protected 425 acres of the Old State Farm Article 97 of our Massachusetts Constitution.

-David Moore, Bridgewater Historical Commission



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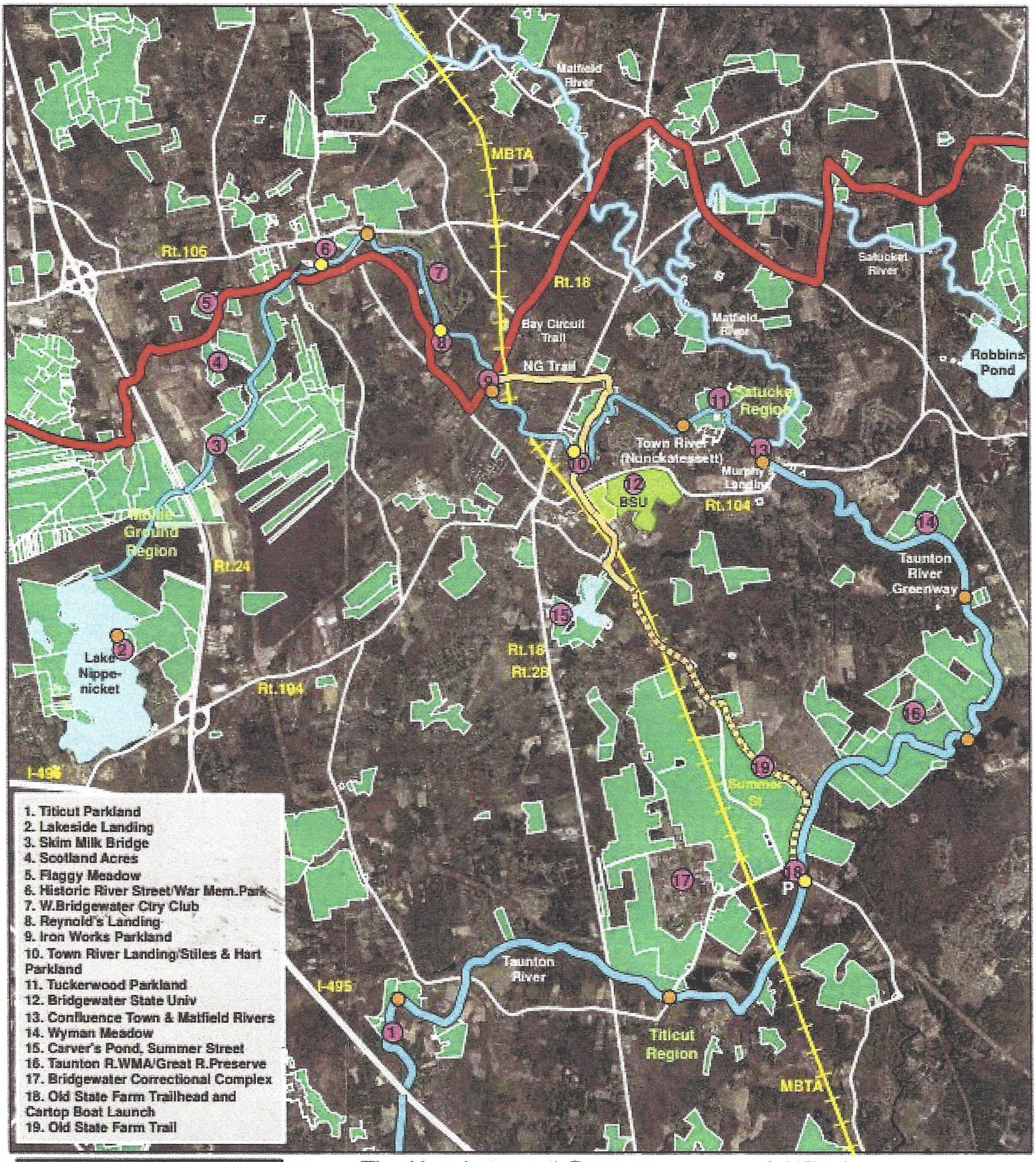

The Nunckatessett Greenway

A Network of Land & Water Trails Connecting the Town and Taunton Rivers and the BayCircuit Trail to Public Conservation Areas and Urban Centers in West Bridgewater and Bridgewater

Aerial Photo from MassGIS 2014

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Map design by Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater & Conservation Works, LLC. 2021

Acts (2020)

Chapter 177

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CARE AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to facilitate the use of state property for critical public functions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of correction and the state fire marshal, may transfer the care and control of certain parcels of land in the city known as the town of Bridgewater from the department of correction to the department of fire services for training, education and administrative purposes.

SECTION 2. The parcels of land to be transferred pursuant to section 1 contain approximately 18 acres, more or less, as shown on maps on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance. The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the state fire marshal, shall determine the exact boundaries of the parcels, which may, after consultation, require the completion of a survey to be filed in the assessors' office of the city known as the town of Bridgewater. Not less than 90 days prior to the transfer of any such parcel, the commissioner shall file a detailed description of the parcel with the house and senate committees on ways and means and shall include a certification that no such parcel was acquired or restricted under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. The department of fire services shall not be required to pay any consideration for the parcels of land to be transferred to the department of fire services pursuant to this act. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of fire services shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred pursuant to this act as determined by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the state fire marshal. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of any engineering, surveys, recording fees and deed preparation related to the conveyance of the parcels pursuant to this act.

SECTION 4. Two open fields under the care and control of the department of correction and currently used for agricultural purposes and outdoor recreation purposes shall be dedicated to agricultural purposes and outdoor recreation purposes, respectively, and protected

pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth. The 2 open fields are located to the west of a parcel now or formerly owned by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, to the south of Flagg street, to the east of a parcel of land identified as parcel 3 on the city known as the town of Bridgewater assessors' map 89 and to the north of the department of correction firing range parcel. The field to the west shall be dedicated to agricultural purposes pursuant to said Article 97 and the field to the east shall be dedicated for outdoor recreation purposes pursuant to said Article 97. The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of correction shall determine the exact boundaries of the parcels, which may, after consultation, require the completion of a survey to be filed in the assessors' office of the town.

SECTION 5. The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of correction and with the approval of the city known as the town of Bridgewater, shall transfer a 10-foot wide trail easement for nonmotorized passive recreational use to the town, at no cost to the town, to be held by the conservation commission of the city known as the town of Bridgewater pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The trail easement shall be located within 100 feet of the Taunton river and the commonwealth boundary beginning on the north side of Summer street and the west side of the Taunton river, then northerly to the commonwealth boundary and then northwesterly along this boundary to the intersection of Summer street and a parcel of land identified as parcel 1 on the town's assessors' map 90. The commissioner of capital asset

management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of correction and the town shall determine the exact boundaries of the parcels which may, after such consultation, require the completion of a survey to be filed in the assessors' office of the town. The city known as the town of Bridgewater shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred pursuant to this section as determined by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of correction. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of any engineering, surveys, recording fees and deed preparation related to the grant of the easement pursuant to this section.

Approved, September 16, 2020.

Acts (2022)

Chapter 172

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TRANSFER OF CARE AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 177 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:-

The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of correction and with the approval of the city known as the town of Bridgewater, shall transfer a 50-foot wide trail easement for nonmotorized passive recreational use to the town, at no cost to the town, to be held by its conservation commission pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The trail easement shall be located within 100 feet of the Taunton river and the commonwealth boundary or as otherwise agreed to by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, the department of correction and the town, beginning on the north side of Summer street and the west

side of the Taunton river, then northerly to the commonwealth boundary and then northwesterly along this boundary to the intersection of Summer street and a parcel of land identified as parcel 1 on the town's assessor's map 90. Such transfer shall include areas at both the northerly and southerly ends of the said 50-foot wide trail easement sufficient to construct parking areas for up to 10 vehicles, the precise locations of which shall be agreed to by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, the department of correction and the city known as the town of Bridgewater, but which shall not be within 100 feet of the Taunton river or any wetland area delineated by the department of environmental protection.

Approved, August 10, 2022.

Town of Bridgewater, MA

Community Preservation Committee

66 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324

December 29, 2022

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

Re: Recommendation to the Town Council - Old State Farm Trail Project

Dear Mr. Dutton:

In response to your amended application for the Old State Farm Trail Project dated December 15, 2022, the following motion was made and seconded by Patrick Driscoll and Harry Bailey at the CPC's December 28th meeting in regards to Phase 2 of 5 of the project. The motion passed with 5 yea, 1 nay.

> Move to recommend the Town Council appropriate $40k towards the survey of the property.

A second motion was made and seconded by Patrick Driscoll and Carlton Hunt to establish the account for the above motion. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yea.

> Move to recommend the Town Council appropriate the previous recommendation from account 359000 Undesignated Fund Balance.

Please see that this information is placed on the Town Council agenda and is forwarded to the Council members along with the amended applications as backup to the orders. *Per input at the meeting from Ms. Kitty Doherty, Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB), time is of essence for the Council to vote on these recommendations in order for the NRTB to apply for grants by the end of January for funding of the next phase of the project,*

I would appreciate if you would let me know when the Council acts on the orders so we can prepare the award letter if the vote is in favor of the recommendations and the NRTB can seek grant funding.

Sincerely,

Gina Guasconi

Gina Guasconi. Chair
Community Preservation Committee

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

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 1/10/2023
First Reading: 1/10/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-043: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Allocation

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembed 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 of Use of Funds:

Source of Funds	**Description**	**Project**	**Amount**
BRRSD -Return of Funding for Approval	Capital Stabilization	IT Planning Projects	$ 467,780.00
			$ 467,780.00

Use of Funds	**Description**	**Project**	**Amount**
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	WIS Projectors/Interactive Panels	$ 180,000.00
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	BMS Camera System Upgrade	$ 50,000.00
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	BMS Projectors/Interactive Panels	$ 120,000.00
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	HS 60.4% PA System Schedule Bells	$ 12,080.00
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	HS 60.4% Auditorium Phase 2	$ 15,100.00
IT-TECHNOLOGY	Bldgs. & Property	HS 60.4% Security Camera System	$ 90,600.00
			$ 467,780.00

Explanation:
There has been a re-allocation as voted by the School Committee for the Bridgewater portion of the School

District's Capital Plan for FY2023. There has been communication and review of the future process and presentation to the Town's financial officials.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	**Disposition(s)**

Attachments: None

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: William Wood, Councilor
Date Introduced: 1/10/2023
First Reading: 1/10/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-007: Acceptance of Local Tax Option - Retail Marijuana Tax

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater is allowed under Massachusetts General Law to tax Retail Marijuana and has not yet set a tax rate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council assembled votes to accept M.G.L, Chapter 64N, Marijuana Tax, Section 3, Local Tax Option, and sets the tax rate to be 3 percent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products.

Explanation:
This will set the tax rate to 3% on Retail Marijuana sales.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	**Disposition(s)**

Attachments: None

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: William Wood, Councilor
Date Introduced: 1/10/2023
First Reading: 1/10/2023
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Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-008: Cash Policy - Retail Marijuana Tax Reserve Fund

Ordered, that the Town of Bridgewater accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which provides for the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts from the sale of marijuana products to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023."

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	**Disposition(s)**

Attachments: None

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING