



Town of Bridgewater Rules and Procedure Committee

October 20, 2022

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Councilor Chase, Chair of the Rules & Procedures, called the meeting to order at 7:00m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Council Members Present

Councilor Chase

Councilor Sousa

Council Members Absent

Councilor Colombotos

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Sousa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 22, 2022 which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Sousa – Yes; Chase – Yes; Colombotos – Absent. Motion passed 2-0-0.

C. Public Comment

D. Legislation Referred

a) Ordinance D-FY23-004: General Ordinance - Amend Administrative Code Article III - Section 26A Tree Commission

Councilor Chase thanked those that worked on establishing the Tree Committee in the town.

Councilor Chase also noted that he spoke with the Town Manager about adding some additional language. The Order is binding, wording should be in that. Tree Committee advises, Town Manager creates an Order and the Town Council Approves.

Councilor Chase made a motion to strike commission on the heading to read "committee", which was duly seconded by Councilor Sousa.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Sousa – Yes; Chase – Yes; Colombotos – Absent. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Councilor Chase made a motion to add "The Committee shall advise town officials and the Town Council, as the appropriating authority, on the use of monies collected through any tree cutting mitigation funds the Town may receive." in paragraph B. as a last sentence. This motion was duly seconded by Councilor Sousa.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results were records as follows: Sousa – Yes; Chase - Yes; Colombotos – Absent. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Councilor Chase made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY23-004 for approval with the amendment, which was seconded by Councilor Sousa.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results were records as follows: Sousa – Yes; Chase - Yes; Colombotos – Absent. Motion passed 2-0-0.

E. Adjournment of Meeting

Councilor Sousa made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Chase.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results were records as follows: Sousa – Yes; Chase - Yes; Colombotos – Absent. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Rules & Procedures Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on November 10, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.