



**Town of
Bridgewater
Budget & Finance
Committee**

November 22, 2022

6:15 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Councilor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A at the Town offices. It was also recorded for Zoom and the recording will be uploaded to the Town website.

Committee Members present:

Councilor Wood and Councilor Gallagher

Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton, Finance Manager Laurie Guerrini and Chief Assessor Shelly McCauley.

Committee Members Absent:

Councilor George

Approval of Meeting Minutes - None

Public Comment – None

Legislation Referred

a) Order O-FY23-020: Town Clerk Election Stipend

Councilor Gallagher noted that there is no longer an issue with the Clerk stipends and asked for a motion to return the order to the Town Council with no action.

Councilor Wood made a motion to return Order O-FY23-020 with no action, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

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

Shelley McCauley, Chief Assessor, gave a brief update on the Tax Rate. Noting that the average tax bill would increase \$143.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-027, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

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

Town Manager Dutton noted that this was an unemployment claim that was overruled and the amount needed to be paid to the State.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-031, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

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

Councilor Wood noted that this bill would help veterans if their house goes into conservative ship then taxes could not be abated, this would prevent it to no happen. Would benefit the veteran with little cost to the town.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-032, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

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

Councilor Wood noted that this Resolution is similar to last year, no surprises. Also want to take a look at policy when making payments. Change to pay a percentage to complete.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Resolution R-FY23-003, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53p.m.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on December 6, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.