Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

March 21, 2023
7:00 PM
66 Central Square
Academy Building
Council Chambers

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

a) Petition P-2023-025: The Granting of a Common Victualler License - The Boundless Bean, LLC

b) Petition P-2023-26: The Granting of the Transfer of a Common Victualler License - Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Fire Station Update

b) High Street Bridge Closure

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Order O-FY23-049: Release of Trustee and Acceptance of Funds, Release of All Restrictions and Covenants, and Declaration of Restrictions for 1185 Pleasant Street
Rules & Procedures meeting on 3/16/23. Budget & Finance meeting on 3/21/23. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 3/13/23 meeting.

b) Order O-FY23-050: Capital Plan Leasing Obligation
Budget & Finance meeting on 3/21/23. FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 3/13/23 meeting.

c) Order O-FY23-051: Transfer Order: Restoration of Parthenon Frieze
Budget & Finance meeting on 3/21/23. FinCom voted 5-1 to recommend at their 3/13/23 meeting.

d) Petition P-2023-024: Town Election Warrant - April 22, 2023
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) Petition P-2023-027: A Resolution in Recognition of Gay Pride Month

b) Resolution R-FY23-006: Annual July 4th Community Celebration

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

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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, March 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Fred Chase, Dr. Kevin Perry, Mark Linde, Shawn George, Dennis Gallagher, Susan Robinson (via Zoom) and Erik Moore (via Zoom)

ABSENT

Bill Wood

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Bruce Novak, United States Navy veteran who passed away on February 27, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Abstained; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Absent at the time of the vote. Motion passed 6-0-1

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Lou Stone, 9 Briarwood Circle: Discussed the brown water issue in town.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS – None

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

a) Petition P-2023-025: Change of Manager - Bridgewater Citizens Club

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2023-025, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Absent at the time of the vote. Motion passed 7-0-0

PRESENTATIONS

a) Energy Aggregation Presentation (Carlton Hunt)

Carlton Hunt gave a presentation to the Town Council on energy aggregation.

Councilor Moore thanked Mr. Hunt for the presentation and noted residents were hit with big spikes, need a predictable budget.

Councilor Linde noted that he lives in a condo and cannot do solar, not sure if there would be restrictions with energy aggregation. Mr. Hunt noted that his understanding is there is no restrictions.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Fire Station Update

Town Manager Dutton noted that the NOI is being prepared and that Fire personnel met with team for a day long meeting to go over needs.

b) High Street Bridge Closure

Town Manager Dutton reminded residents that the road with be closed for 4 months starting in June.

DISCUSSIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Order O-FY23-048: Acceptance of LWCF Grant - Stiles & Hart Parkland Project
Budget and Finance Meeting 3/7/23. FinCom voted 5-0 to recommend at their 2/27/23 meeting.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Order O-FY23-048, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

a) EMERGENCY ORDER – Resolution R-FY23-005: A Resolution to Apply for, Accept, and Expend a Grant from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund as Administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to declare and define Resolution R-F23-005 as an emergency, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

Councilor George made a motion to suspend the Council Rules & Procedures Section 18 – Readings for Order Resolution R-FY23-005, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

Councilor George made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY23-005, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

b) Order O-FY23-049: Release of Trustee and Acceptance of Funds, Release of All Restrictions and Covenants, and Declaration of Restrictions for 1185 Pleasant Street

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-049 to Budget & Finance and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

Councilor George made a motion to also refer Order O-FY23-049 to Rules & Procedures, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken on Councilor George's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

A voice vote was taken on Councilor Linde's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

c) Order O-FY23-050: Capital Plan Leasing Obligation

Councilor George made a motion refer Order O-FY23-050 to Budget & Finance and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken on Councilor George's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

d) Order O-FY23-051: Transfer Order: Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

Councilor George made a motion to refer Order O-FY23-051 to Budget & Finance and FinCom, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken on Councilor George's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

e) Petition P-2023-024: Town Election Warrant - April 22, 2023

Councilor George made a motion to keep Petition P-2023-024 in Town Council, which was duly seconded.

A voice vote was taken on Councilor George's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lou Stone, 9 Briarwood Circle: Added input on energy aggregation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor McKinnon: No comment

Councilor George: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Dr. Perry: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Councilor Moore: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Councilor Robinson: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Councilor Linde: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation, good information.

Councilor Gallagher: No comment

Councilor Chase: Thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation and Mr. Stone for his input. Also noted that the Annual State of the Town Address is taking place on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00pm at the Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

A voice vote was taken on Councilor George's motion with the results recorded as follows:
Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; George – Yea; Moore – Yea; Chase – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Wood – Absent; Robinson – Yea. Motion passed 8-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:
Date Introduced: 3/21/2023
First Reading: 3/21/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Petition P-2023-025: The Granting of a Common Victualler License - The Boundless Bean, LLC

WHEREAS, The Boundless Bean, LLC has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a license to operate a food establishment located at 10 Summer Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Elena Hogan will serve as the manager of record and the hours of operation will not exceed:

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

and;

WHEREAS The Boundless Bean has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department's Food Service Specifications governing the serving of food to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of The Boundless Bean and be granted a license to operate a food establishment within the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments: 1. The Boundless Bean Transfer License Checklist

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2023 @ 7:05pm

Applicant Name:	The Boundless Bean, LLC
Address:	10 Summer Street
Telephone:	(781) 964-2268
Email:	

NEW/TRANSFER COMMON VICTUALLER

X	Application
X	Business Certificate (Issued by the Town Clerk)
X	Copy of one of the Following: Lease Agreement, Purchase & Sale Agreement, or Deed (if property owner)
X	Floor plan
X	Delinquent Tax Certification
X	State Tax Affidavit
X	Workmen's Compensation Insurance Affidavit
	Town Fees:
X	$100 Application Fee
X	$100 License Fee

Recommendations:

X	Tax Office
X	Fire Department
X	Police Department
X	Building Department

Notes:

1) The Boundless Bean is requesting a Common Victualler license at 10 Summer Street for a coffee shop with a supportive work environment for individuals with disabilities.
2) There are no outstanding taxes owed
3) The Fire, Police and Building Departments have no issues with the issuance of this license.

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:
Date Introduced: 3/21/2023
First Reading: 3/21/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Petition P-2023-26: The Granting of the Transfer of a Common Victualler License - Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway

WHEREAS, Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a license to operate a food establishment located at 16 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Ashil Soni will serve as the manager of record and the hours of operation will not exceed:

Monday - Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

and;

WHEREAS Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department's Food Service Specifications governing the serving of food to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway and be granted a license to operate a food establishment within the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments: 1. Subway Transfer License Checklist

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2023 @ 7:10pm

Applicant Name:	Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway
Address:	233 Broad Street
Telephone:	(860) 961-8663
Email:	

NEW/TRANSFER COMMON VICTUALLER

X	Application
X	Business Certificate (Issued by the Town Clerk)
X	Copy of one of the Following: Lease Agreement, Purchase & Sale Agreement, or Deed (if property owner)
X	Floor plan
X	Delinquent Tax Certification
X	State Tax Affidavit
X	Workmen's Compensation Insurance Affidavit
	Town Fees:
X	$100 Application Fee
X	$100 License Fee

Recommendations:

X	Tax Office
X	Fire Department
X	Police Department
X	Building Department

Notes:

1) Sub Shop Bridgewater dba Subway is requesting the transfer of theCommon Victualler license at 233 Broad Street.
2) There are no outstanding taxes owed
3) The Fire, Police and Building Departments have no issues with the issuance of this license.

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:
Date Introduced:
First Reading:
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

High Street Bridge Closure

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	**Disposition(s)**
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Attachments: None

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	3/7/2023
First Reading:	3/7/2023
Second Reading:	3/21/2023
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-049: Release of Trustee and Acceptance of Funds, Release of All Restrictions and Covenants, and Declaration of Restrictions for 1185 Pleasant Street

Whereas, the Town Council has authorized the construction of a new fire station at 1185 Pleasant Street, and

Whereas, the use of the property was restricted by vote of Town Meeting of May 20, 1996,

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater owns the property and holds the Restriction;

Whereas, the partial use of the property for public safety requires Town Council approval;

Whereas, the Trustee of the Toole Family Trust has consented to the partial use of the property for public safety purposes; and

Whereas, the Town and Trustee have ensured that vast majority of the property remain passive recreational land by virtue of the documents being voted on herein; and

Now, Therefore, the Town Council votes to adopt the attached Release of Trustee and Acceptance of Funds, Release of All Restrictions and Covenants, and Declaration of Restrictions.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 3/21/23
• Finance Committee	• 3/13/23: Voted 7-0 to recommend.

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Rules & Procedures	• Meeting 3/16/23

Attachments: 1. Fire Department Restriction Documents

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Trustees Certificate
Pursuant to M.G.L. c.184, §35

Name of Trust: Toole Nominee Trust

Dated: May 12, 1995

I, Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee of The Toole Nominee Trust, a written trust dated May 12, 1995 (the "Trust"), certify as follows:

(a) The Trust is in full force and effect and has not been further amended or modified, and has not been revoked as of the date hereof.

(b) I am the current Trustee of the Trust.

(c) Any current Trustee of the Trust shall have authority to act with respect to real estate owned by the Trust, and have full and absolute power under said Trust to convey any interest in real estate and improvements thereon held in said Trust and no purchaser or third party shall be bound to inquire whether the Trustee has said power or is properly exercising said power or to see to the application of any Trust asset paid to the Trustee for a conveyance thereof; and

(d) The sole beneficiary of the Trust, the Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust directs the Toole Nominee Trust, pursuant to Section 4.2 of said Trust to execute a release of restrictions and covenants recorded herewith.

Signatures on Next Page

EXECUTED as a sealed instrument under the pains and penalties of perjury this 5th day of December 2022.

Toole Nominee Trust u/d/t May 12, 1995

Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee

Assented to:

Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust u/d/t May 12, 1995

Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

On this 5 day of December 2022, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Jerome H. Fletcher, as Trustee, as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was a Massachusetts Driver's License, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief and is signed voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Ryhan Puopolo My Commission Expires 12/29/2026 NOTARY PUBLIC COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Notary Public: Ryhan Puopolo
My Commission Expires: 12/29/26

RELEASE OF TRUSTEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS

Whereas, on the 12th Day of May, 1995, the Lilia V. Toole established the Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust;

Whereas, ARTICLE FIFTH of said Trust stated "The Trustee shall also distribute to the Town of Bridgewater the remainder of the Trust assets after completion of any estate or trust administration with said assets to be held and administered by the Town of Bridgewater as the Toole Memorial Park Fund";

Whereas, Eighty Thousand ($80,000.00) Dollars of the residuary trust funds were previously distributed to and accepted by the Town of Bridgewater on or about September 16, 1996 along with a deed of distribution of trust real estate situated at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, MA through the Toole Nominee Trust recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 14669, Page 42, and

Whereas, the balance of the remaining residuary trust funds in the possession of the Trustee are being released and distributed to the Town of Bridgewater pursuant to the terms of the Trust and to be held in the "Toole Memorial Park Fund" established by the Town; and

Whereas the "Toole Memorial Park Fund" is to be used for establishing and maintaining the "Toole Memorial Park" portion of the property at 1185 Pleasant Street to be used for open space, conservation, and other passive recreational activities such as walking trails to observe the habitat and natural flora and fauna of the site;

Now therefore for good and valuable consideration including prior distributions of funds and real estate and present final distribution of remaining Trust funds in the amount of $_____, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Town of Bridgewater hereby releases; Jerome H. Fletcher as Trustee of the Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust and the Toole Nominee Trust both under declarations of Trust dated May 12, 1995 from any further claims, demands or liabilities the Town of Bridgewater may now or ever had against the Trustee relative to the Trustee's administration and distribution of real estate and residuary trust funds to the Town of Bridgewater and further assents to and otherwise waives the receipt of any accounting from the Trustee relative thereto.

SIGNATURES FOLLOW

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of December, 2022.

Town of Bridgewater,
By and through its Town Council,

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Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust
By and through its Trustee,

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Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee
Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust

Toole Nominee Trust,
By and through its Trustee,

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Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee
Toole Nominee Trust

Declaration of Restrictions

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater by and through its Town Council voted on _____, 2022, vote of the Town of Bridgewater is recorded herewith, that the Town would continue to hold the Property located at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, as evidenced by a Deed dated September 16, 1996, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 14669, Page 42, subject to the following covenants, terms and restrictions:

1. The Property will be partially utilized for public safety and welfare as a Fire Station;

2. The Town of Bridgewater will maintain and utilize 5.75 Acres of the Property as the Toole Family Memorial Park with restricted uses by the public for open space, conservation and other passive recreational activities such as walking trails to observe the habitat and natural flora and fauna of the site;

3. The Town of Bridgewater will designate at least five (5) parking spaces on the site for those wishing to utilize the site for open space, conservation and other passive recreational activities; and

4. The Town of Bridgewater will install and maintain a sign at the entrance of the park that reads the "Toole Family Memorial Park".

The Town is and shall continue to be the sole holder of these covenants, terms and restrictions and shall abide by them in perpetuity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Town of Bridgewater,
By and through its Town Council,

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Release of all Restrictions
And Covenants

Whereas, on the 16th day of September, 1996, Jerome H. Fletcher, as Trustee of the Toole Nominee Trust u/d/t May 12, 1995 gifted and otherwise distributed and conveyed the trust real property located at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324 to the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts with the following restrictions:

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 13 of the May 20, 1996, Town of Bridgewater Town Warrant recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds on September 23, 1996 at Book 14669, Page 043, the Town of Bridgewater voted to accept the real property located at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts and to hold certain deed restrictions on the Property;

Whereas said deed restrictions held by the Town of Bridgewater were specifically set forth in the Trust and transfer deed as follows:

1. The house to be razed by the Town of Bridgewater after removal of any remaining tangible personal property selected by the Donor's designated Will legatees;

2. The land to be held, improved and maintained by the Town of Bridgewater, or a Town Board or Commission designated by its Board of Selectmen, as a Memorial Park with restricted uses by the public for open space, conservation and other passive recreation activities such as walking trails to observe the habitat and natural flora and fauna of the site;

3. The site to be designated as the "Toole Memorial Park" given in memory of John A. Toole and his wife, Martha B. Toole and Edward W. Toole and his wife, Lilia V. Toole.

Whereas, the use of said real property is necessary for the public safety and welfare of the citizens of Bridgewater and whereas said real property can also continue to be utilized for passive recreational use by the Public;

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater as well as the Trustee of the Toole Nominee Trust agree that said Property can and should be utilized for both passive recreation as well as public safety and welfare;

Whereas in order to accomplish same, both the Town of Bridgewater and the Trustee of the Trust must terminate the existing covenants and restrictions on the Property; and

Now Therefore, the undersigned persons who are all the Parties who could have any control or authority over the restrictive covenants and restrictions hereinabove described for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns do hereby release, abandon, and forever discharge said restrictions, covenants and conditions heretofore imposed on said Property by Deed dated September 16, 1996, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book, 14669, Page 042 and Vote dated May 20, 1996, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 14669, Page 043 with a subsequent Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to be recorded and referenced to the distribution deed noted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of December, 2022.

Town of Bridgewater,
By and through its Town Council,

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Toole Nominee Trust,
By and through its Trustee,

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Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee
Toole Nominee Trust

Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust,
Beneficiary of the Toole Nominee Trust
By and through its Trustee,

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Jerome H. Fletcher, Trustee
Lilia V. Toole Revocable Trust

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

On this 5th day of December 2022, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Jerome H. Fletcher, as Trustee, as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was a Massachusetts Driver's License, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief and signed voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of said trusts.

Notary Public: Ryhan Puopolo
My Commission Expires: 12/29/26

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	3/7/2023
First Reading:	3/7/2023
Second Reading:	3/21/2023
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-050: Capital Plan Leasing Obligation

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 $512,496.95 from Capital Stabilization Trust Funds to accounts as outlined:

FUND	SOURCES OF FUNDING		AMOUNT
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	Capital Stabilization Trust Funds	$ 512,496.95
			$ 512,496.95

PROJECT #	USES OF FUNDING		AMOUNT
220.12	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Engine (E4) 2250-1 Lease Pay 5/ 5	$ 137,491.80
220.15	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Radio Equipment Lease Pay 3/5	$ 95,521.84
210.20	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Police Body Worn Camera System 3/5	$ 65,318.00
300.00	Bldgs & Property	Town Raynham Old High School Purchase 4/12	$ 70,000.00
420.08	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-16 Freightliner 2099-4 Lease Pay 5/5	$ 46,964.07
420.13	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-24 Freightliner TE2250 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 2/5	$ 48,600.62
420.14	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-26 Freightliner TE2250 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 2/5	$ 48,600.62
			$ 512,496.95

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 3/21/23
• Finance Committee	• 3/13/23: Voted 7-0 to recomend

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	3/7/2023
First Reading:	3/7/2023
Second Reading:	3/21/2023
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY23-051: Transfer Order: Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

In accordance with section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, vote to appropriate $18,000 from CPC Historic Preservation Reserve (Account# 324200) to Project Account# 21005-584001 for the restoration of the Parthenon Frieze.

Explanation:
Attached see CPC recommendations of funding of $18,000 from CPC Historic Preservation Reserve.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 3/21/23
• Finance Committee	• 3/13/23: Voted 5-1 to recommend

Attachments:
1. CPC Letter for Restoration of Parthenon Frieze
2. Frieze Project Packet

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town of Bridgewater, MA

Community Preservation Committee

66 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324

March 1, 2023

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

Re: Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

Dear Mr. Dutton:

In response to your application for the restoration of the Parthenon frieze, dated January 25, 2023, the following motion was made and seconded by William Smith and Harry Bailey at the CPC's February 22nd meeting. The motion passed with 5 yea and 0 nays.

To recommend $18,000 for the restoration of the Parthenon frieze.

At the CPC's January 25th meeting, the committee voted that the project was eligible for CPA monies to be taken from Account 324200 (Historic Preservation Reserve) if the committee voted in February, pending the complete application, on the actual recommendation and dollar amount.

Please see that this information is placed on the Town Council agenda and that the application 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,

Gina Guasconi

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

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

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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 <JMCGRAW@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: 1/25/2023

[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: Restoration of 6 plaster casts

Project Location (address and neighborhood): Bridgewater Town House

Legal Property Owner of Record: Town of Bridgewater

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

☐ Open Space ☑ Historic Preservation ☐ Community Housing ☐ Recreation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Short Project Description: Restoration and mounting of 6 Parthenon frieze replications

Estimated Start Date: 3/1/20 **Estimated Completion Date:** 7/1/23

Amount Requested: $ 18,000 **Total Project Cost:** $ 18,000

PROJECT CONTACT

Contact Person: Michael Dutton or Marilee Kenney Hunt

Telephone: 508-627-1658 (MD) or 508-562-2896 (MKH) **Email:** mdutton@bridgewaterma.org
marilee@thehunts.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? Academy Building, Memorial Building, Town Hall exterior, Music Alley, 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 _____ **Date** 1/25/2023

Title Town Manager

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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:** See eligibility form

2. **CPC GOALS AND PRIORITIES:** Restore and preserve historic artifacts.

3. **COMMUNITY NEEDS:** Restoration of the frieze pieces will underscore the cultural priorities of Bridgewater's Town government. The eventual restora of the Town House will be dependent upon funding from the Commonwealth's Cultural Council---following the Cultural Council grant-funded, undated, Recommendation: to the Town of Bridgewater, MA for the Adaptive Reuse of the Old Town Hall which recommends the building's use as a cultural center. Progress cannot be made on the building's restoration until items stored there are removed. The frieze pieces are being neglected and damaged by leaving them in the Town House. Their restoration not only preserve them but will provide a decorative, cultural statement at the entrance of the Academy Building.

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

Name *(committee, department, official, organization, etc.)*	Date Requested	Date Submitted
Bridgewater Wallace Anderson Art Gallery, Jay Block Director	1/25/2023	
Bridgewater Historical Commission, David Moore, Chair	1/25/2023	
Bridgewater Historic District Commission, William Smith, Chair	1/25/2023	

5. **IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINE:** The project will begin as soon as funding is available. Contact has already been made with the restoration company and the transportation company

6. **ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITY:** The Town Clerk, as Chair of the Town House Restoration Committee, will oversee the transportation to Caproni Collection in Woburn and the contract with Caproni for restoration. By the time the pieces are ready to be returned to Bridgewater, provisions will be finalized with a contractor to mount them in the Academy Building

7. **MAINTENANCE:** Yearly cleaning maintenance will be provided by the Town of Bridgewater's maintenance department. It will consist of ensuring the stability of the mount, dusting and cleaning each piece and taking note of any need for additional care, cleaning or re-painting.

8. **MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS:** N/A

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

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE SUBMITTED: 1/25/2023

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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* and Community and Economic Development Department (CED) Director, Robert Rulli RRulli@bridgewaterma.org or call at 508-697-0950.

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Project Budget Attachment

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
$18,000	$18,000	$None	100%

INCOME – OTHER SOURCES OF PROJECT FUNDING

Source *(private, federal, state, or local government)*	Amount	Status *(received, pending, will apply)*
Community Preservation Act	$ 18,000	
Local Cultural Council (potentially)	$ $4,000	Inquirying---timing difficulties anticipated
	$	
	$	
	$	

SUMMARY OF PROJECT EXPENSES[2]

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Personnel	$n/a	$	$
Equipment	$n/a	$	$
Supplies	$n/a	$	$
Design and Contracts	$n/a	$	$
Construction	$n/a	$	$
Other	$18,000	$4,000 (potential)	$18,000
TOTAL	$18,000	$	$

[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: Furniture	*$*	*$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.

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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	**$**1,500,000
Restoration of 6 pieces @ 1,600 each	**$**9,600	**$**	**$**9,600
Transportation to/from Woburn	**$**4,000	**$**	**$**4,000
Mounting pieces	**$**4,400	**$**	**$**4,400
TOTAL	**$** 18,000	**$**	**$**18,000

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	**$**	**$**	**$190,000**

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.

#1. Boat and Fisher

Top thickness 2”

Bottom thickness 3.25”

Height 24”

Length 51”

#2. Broken Children

Top thickness 2.25”

Bottom thickness 4.5”

Length 38.5”

Height 42.25”

#3. 2 Horse Riders—1st horse braided mane

top thickness 2.25”

Bottom thickness 2.15”

Height 42.5”

Length 55 5/8”

#4. 6 Horsemen---right side of curve

Bottom thickness 3”

Bottom length 66.5

Top length 64”

Height 24 (~24.5” where they fit together)

#5: 5 Horsemen, left side of the curve

Top thickness 2”

Bottom thickness 3”

Bottom length 66.5

Top length 64”

Height 24 (~24.5” where they fit together)

#6: Two riders ---2nd horse head up

Top thickness 2”

Bottom thickness 2”

Length 55”

Height 42.5”

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Historic District Commission

20 February, 2023

Bridgewater Community Preservation Committee
Academy Building
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Att: Ms. Gina Guasconi, Chair

Re: Letter of Support for Restoration of Parthenon Frieze Casts

Dear Chair Guasconi:

As Chair of Bridgewater's Historic District Commission, I am writing to support the recent CPC application by the Town House Restoration Committee, which requests funding to restore six Parthenon frieze replicas that are owned by the Town.
The history of these friezes is significant for the citizens of Bridgewater. These friezes were donated to the Town by the McElwain family in the early twentieth century, and since 1912 they were displayed in the McElwain School, which was attended by many citizens of Bridgewater. The Town assumed ownership of the friezes when the school was closed in the 1980s, and they have remained in storage since. The Town House Restoration Committee, along with the Town Manager, rightly wants to restore these friezes and display them in the Academy Building for the citizens of Bridgewater and visitors to enjoy. Fortunately, the Town House Restoration Committee researched the history of these friezes and determined that the Caproni Collections in Woburn, which cast the original friezes, is still in business and will be able to restore these six friezes authentically, one of which has been badly broken. Now is the time to restore these important friezes before more damage is done. It is my understanding that these friezes are exact replicas made from the original friezes in the British Museum, known as the "Elgin Marbles," which were brought to from Athens to London in the early 1800s by Lord Elgin and housed in the British Museum. Caproni Collections was one of the few, if not the only, American company approved to cast the replicas of the original Greek friezes. Therefore, Bridgewater's friezes are also significant American treasures. They will make an important educational contribution to the Town as they will be prominently displayed and historically described in the Academy Building, seen by many people. I hope that appropriate plaques and brochures can be designed to describe and explain the friezes to our citizenry and interested visitors.

The Historic District Commission strongly supports this important restoration and preservation project and encourages the CPC to lend its funding support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William S. Smith

William S. Smith
Chair, Bridgewater Historic District Commission
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

C: Ms. Marilee Hunt
Mr. Michael Dutton

Bridgewater Historical Commission
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, Mass. 02324
508-697-0904

February 24, 2023

Community Preservation Commission
Academy Building
Bridgewater, MA 02324

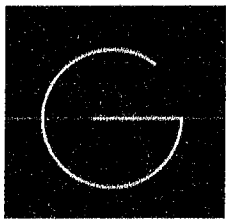
Re: Parthenon Frieze Preservation

Dear Committee Members;

I am writing in support of the efforts to restore and preserve the four Parthenon Frieze panels that are associated with the McElwain School. The items have been discussed among the members a number of times over the years and hope that they can be utilized as a display in one of our historic town buildings.

Sincerely,

David Moore, Chair
Bridgewater Historical Commission



Wallace Anderson Gallery - BSU
40 School Street
Bridgewater, MA 02325

January 31, 2023

Bridgewater Community Preservation Committee
Academy Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Attention: Gina Guasconi, Chair

Re: Support for restoration of Parthenon frieze replications

Dear Chair Guasconi:

I am writing to support a request to the Community Preservation fund to support the restoration of the Parthenon frieze pieces donated to the Town by the McElwain family in the early 20th century.

The frieze replicas were given to and exhibited in the McElwain School soon after its dedication in 1912. They were removed from the school sometime in the 1980's. They have been in storage since then. Currently, lead paint is peeling (requiring expert protection during transportation and restoration) and, recently, one of the pieces was seriously broken. *Caproni Collections* in Woburn, likely their creator, has studied photos of the pieces and states they can be restored, and the broken segments mended.

As Associate Director of Collections and Exhibitions at the Anderson Gallery, Bridgewater State University my committee, and I strongly urge you to support this important historic restoration project. These works are an integral part of Bridgewater's history ---- a gift to our Town by the McElwain family, arguably one of Bridgewater most celebrated families. The originals friezes that these copies were modeled after are adorning the Parthenon and for over a millennium have represented the pinnacle of art and democracy.

I urge you to support the request by the Town House Restoration Committee under the auspices of Michael Dutton, Bridgewater Town Manager.

Sincerely,

Jay Block

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	3/7/2023
First Reading:	3/7/2023
Second Reading:	3/21/2023
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Petition P-2023-024: Town Election Warrant - April 22, 2023

ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2023 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:

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

Attachments: 1. Annual Town Election Warrant2023

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
ANNUAL 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 Annual 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 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2023 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following Offices:

TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO .....for Three Years
TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE.....for Three Years
TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE..... for Three Years
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Bridgewater)..... for Three Years
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE(Raynham)..... for Three Years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY .....for Three Years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ..... for Three Years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY .....for Three Years

QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so- called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District to pay the costs of demolition of the current Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Technical School, 207 Hart Street, Taunton, MA 02780, and the construction of a new Bristol- Plymouth Vocational Technical School on the same site, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto?

Explanation: On March 5, 2022 voters approved the construction of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School. This ballot question deals with the payment of the Town's portion of the construction costs. A "yes" vote will allow the Town to pay its share of the new school by excluding the annual cost from the provisions of Prop 2 ½ . A "no" vote will require the Town to pay the cost through its general fund budget. It would force significant reduction of other municipal services.

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 21st day of March, 2023.

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____

Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library
Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org
(Method of service of warrant.)

_____ _____, 2023.
Constable (month and day)

Warrant must be posted at least *fourteen days prior* to the **April 22, 2023** Town Election)

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Fred Chase, Councilor Erik Moore, Councilor
Date Introduced:	3/21/2023
First Reading:	3/21/2023
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Petition P-2023-027: A Resolution in Recognition of Gay Pride Month

Whereas, since 2016, the Town of Bridgewater and the members of Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights have worked together to create a welcoming community, supportive of equality, based on a tradition of equal rights and equal protection for all; and

Whereas, in 2021 and 2022, the elected leaders of the Town of Bridgewater demonstrated their support of an often marginalized and persecuted community – the LGBTQ+ community - by issuing Resolutions declaring Bridgewater to be a safe haven where all people, regardless of their religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, can live in peace, free from hatred and violence; and

Whereas, furthermore, in 2021 and 2022, the Town Council members demonstrated their leadership in supporting the raising of the Pride Flag in front of the Academy Building, the seat of Town government. Many people attended the flag raisings in celebration and support of family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, while Bridgewater may proudly claim support for the members of the LGBTQ+ community, we are witnessing hostile acts by some states restricting the rights of Transgender children to participate in education, sports, and needed medical care; and

Whereas, we are witnessing the increased deadly violence against members of the LGBTQ+ community throughout the country; and

Whereas, our friends, family members, and neighbors remain vulnerable to the increased level of hateful rhetoric directed at minority communities across the country; and

Whereas, our friends, family members, and neighbors remain vulnerable to the increased level of hateful rhetoric directed at minority communities across the country.

Be it further resolved, that the Bridgewater Town Council once again fully supports the Gay Pride Flag to be

flown with the United States Flag in front of the Academy Building in the Town of Bridgewater from June 1 - June 14, 2023.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Attachments:
1. Pride Flag Photo
2. Pride-Flag-Letter-to-TC_2023_

BCCR
BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITIES FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

https://www.bccrcivilrights.org

https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterCommForCivilRights

March 10, 2023

Members of the Town Council
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Subject: Request to the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, MA Regarding the Elevation of the Pride Flag, June 1–14, 2023, according to Ordinance D-FY21-007, and Requesting a Resolution in Honor of Pride Month

Since 2016, the Town of Bridgewater and the members of Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights have worked together to create a welcoming community, supportive of equality, based on a tradition of equal rights and equal protection for all

In 2021 and 2022, the elected leaders of the Town of Bridgewater demonstrated their support of an often marginalized and persecuted community – the LGBTQ+ community - by issuing Resolutions declaring Bridgewater to be a safe haven where all people, regardless of their religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, can live in peace, free from hatred and violence.

Furthermore, in 2021 and 2022, the Town Council members demonstrated their leadership in supporting the raising of the Pride Flag in front of the Academy Building, the seat of Town government. Many people attended the flag raisings in celebration and support of family, friends, and community.

As we approach Pride Month 2023, the members of BCCR respectfully request that the Town Council again issue a Resolution in honor of Pride Month expressing support of the LGBTQ+ community.

We also respectfully request that the Pride Flag be raised on Thursday, June 1 at 3:30 PM and remain through June 14.

In addition, we request permission to hold a brief ceremony in front of the Academy Building marking the raising of the Pride Flag on June 1 at 3:30 PM. We invite you to read the Town Council's Resolution at that time and celebrate the beginning of Pride Month with us.

As mandated by the Town's General Ordinance D-FY21-007, a photograph of the Pride Flag is included with this request.

While Bridgewater may proudly claim support for the members of the LGBTQ+ community, we are witnessing hostile acts by some states restricting the rights of Transgender children to participate in education, sports, and needed medical care.

We are witnessing the increased deadly violence against members of the LGBTQ+ community throughout the country.

Our friends, family members, and neighbors remain vulnerable to the increased level of hateful rhetoric directed at minority communities across the country.

The citizens of Bridgewater must continue to affirm our Town's status as a community of safety, acceptance, and support for the marginalized, including the LGBTQ+ community members in our midst and beyond.

We look forward to your positive response and we hope that you, our Town leaders, through your supportive messages, will continue to promote Bridgewater as a model of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights, Juneteenth Flag Committee
Cristina Ajemian
Lois Aldrich
Sam Baumgarten
Jenise Campbell-Means
Rebecca Fleisch Cordeiro
Vernon Domingo
David Michael
Sherley Phillips
Laurene Powers
Sandra Smiley

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced:	3/21/2023
First Reading:	3/21/2023
Second Reading:	
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Resolution R-FY23-006: Annual July 4th Community Celebration

WHEREAS, the annual 4th of July community celebration is a cherished tradition in Bridgewater that brings together residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the celebration is fully funded by private donations from community members and businesses, and the success of the event depends on the generosity of these donors; and

WHEREAS, a fundraising thermometer on the Academy Building grounds would provide a visual reminder of the progress toward the fundraising goal and encourage additional donations from community members and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Academy Building is a central and visible location in the town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby supports the placement of a fundraising thermometer on the Academy Building grounds for the purpose of displaying the progress toward the fundraising goal for the 4th of July community celebration.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fundraising thermometer will be installed in a manner that is respectful of the historic nature of the Academy Building and does not damage or deface the property.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fundraising thermometer will be maintained and removed promptly after reaching the fundraising goal of $40,000 for the community's 4th of July celebration.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

Attachments: None

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING