



Town of Bridgewater

Budget & Finance Committee

February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Councilor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building.

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Wood, Councilor George and Councilor Gallagher. Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 23, 2023, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Public Comment – None

Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY23-044: Acceptance of Funds - Council on Aging Donation

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-044, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

- b) Order O-FY23-045: Ratification of Renewal Cable Television License Agreement: Comcast Cable Communication Management, LLC and Town of Bridgewater

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-045, which was duly seconded by Councilor George.

Councilor Wood noted that many households are getting rid of cable and asked if the Town Council should do something so that BTV continues to be supported. Town Manager Dutton noted that legislation is working on something that would impose a tax on the internet.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

c) Order O-FY23-046: Acceptance of Gift - Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater - \$25,000

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-046, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

d) Order O-FY23-047: 2023 Election - Debt Exclusion Ballot Question

Councilor Wood noted that \$33 for average property, is that the full debt? Town Manager Dutton noted that Freetown wants to join school district so once they have joined, numbers will be adjusted.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-047, which was duly seconded by Councilor George.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

e) Ordinance D-FY23-009: Capital Expenditure Policy

Councilor George asked if this Ordinance as even enforceable and Town Manager Dutton noted that Attorney Rawlins is looking into it.

Councilor George made a motion to continue until there is an answer from Attorney Rawlins and that there is a full compliment of Budget & Finance members. Councilor Wood seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Public Comment – None

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

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 Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to approve the aforementioned minutes.