

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Finance Committee

Nathan Schofield, Chair
Eric Langone, Vice Chair
Julie Scleparis
Christopher Blunt
MJ Spagone
Rigobert Noel
Lee Beane
Brian Glidden
Stephen Pace



Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Bridgewater Finance Committee Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on March 13, 2023

Call to order: 7:30

Committee Members Present: Nathan Schofield, Eric Langone, Julie Scleparis, MJ Spagone, Rigobert Noel, Brian Glidden, Stephen Pace

Committee Members Not Present: Christopher Blunt, Lee Beane

Guests in Attendance:

Public Comment - None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023

Julie Scleparis motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 16, 2023, which was duly seconded. With a vote of 3 yeas and 2 members abstaining, the motion was approved.

New Business

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

The order will allow the Town Council to authorize the construction of a new fire station at 1185 Pleasant Street. The use of the property was restricted by vote of Town Meeting of May 20, 1996, however, the partial use of the property for public safety requires Town Council. The Trustee of the Toole Family Trust has consented to the partial use of the property for public safety purposes and the Town and Trustee have ensured that the vast majority of the property remains passive recreational land.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY23-049 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY23-050: Capital Plan Leasing Obligation

The order is to appropriate and transfer \$512,494.95 from the Capital Stabilization Funds which included Fire, Police, Buildings, and DPW.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY23-050 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY23-051 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 5 yea and 1 nay, the motion was approved.

Old Business

Ordinance D-FY23-009: Capital Expenditure Policy

Julie Scleparis motioned to take Ordinance D-FY23-009 out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

MJ Spagone inquired on reasoning behind introducing the ordinance and not the school's responsibility. Councilor Wood explained that it is due to the requests from the School Committee and the requirement that approval must go through the Town Council. The ordinance will allow for more accountability once funds are released. This ordinance will be continued while a sub-committee meets to discuss further edits.

Julie Scleparis motioned to create the FinCom Capital Expenditures Sub-Committee which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution R-FY23-005:

Brian Glidden motioned to recommend R-FY23-005 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – *Rigobert Noel motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 8:29 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw