



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

October 24, 2023

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

- a) Order O-FY24-010: Loan Authorization: Water Well #5A Replacement
Public Hearing 7:05pm: Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 10/10/23 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 10/2/23 meeting. This Order has been advertised in the 10/13/23 Enterprise.
- b) Order O-FY24-011: Loan Authorization: Water Well #9 Replacement
Public Hearing 7:08pm: Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 10/10/23 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 10/2/23 meeting. This Order has been advertised in the 10/13/23 Enterprise.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2024-002: Granting of an On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License
Public Hearing 7:10pm: This request was advertised in the Enterprise on 10/10/23 and abutter letters sent on 10/10/23..

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Fire Station Presentation/Update: Brian W. Humes, Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) High Street Bridge Closure Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Proposed Town Manager Review Timeline: Councilor George

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Annual Stipend
- b) Order O-FY24-012: General Fund Free Cash Allocation
Budget & Finance meeting 10/24/23 prior to the Town Council meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 10/16/23 meeting.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY24-013: Prior Fiscal Year Bill
- b) Order O-FY24-014: Acceptance of Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Competitive Grant

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

October 10, 2023

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Erik Moore called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Fred Chase, Paul Murphy, Shawn George, Dennis Gallagher, Erik Moore, Susan Robinson, Kevin Perry, Brad McKinnon and Mark Linde. Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) September 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Abstained; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Absent at the time of the vote; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 7-0-1

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT – None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Adelene Ellenberg, 76 Aldrich Road: asked that an explanation be given for temp absence and term limits. Believes there should not be term limits. Wants more information on funding election signs, taxpayers should not be paying for this.
- Ed Ivaldi, 10 Boxwood Lane: noted that on the stipend ordinance a discussion was had to add no benefits should be included.

APPOINTMENTS – None

HEARINGS

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-003: Bridgewater Town Charter Article IV, Town Manager "Temporary Absence"

Rules & Procedures voted to recommend as amended at their 12/21/21 meeting. This Ordinance has been advertised in the 9/25/23 Enterprise.

Councilor Moore opened the public hearing at 7:06pm.

Councilor Moore asked if there were any questions from the public:

Adelene Ellenberg, 76 Aldrich Road – asked how long absence can be and would it be paid.

Councilor Moore noted that citizens met a few years ago and some of the suggestions that they made were chosen by councilors to sponsor. The goal for this order was to help clarify what was already in place and defined who takes over. The position is with the Town so benefits through HR and Town and the length of absence is up to 21 days.

Councilor Moore asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in favor – no one spoke.

Councilor Moore asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition – no one spoke.

Councilor Moore asked if there were any questions from the Town Councilors:

Councilor Linde noted that the time off would be under an HR process ie sick time, vacation time.

Councilor Chase noted that the Town Manager is under a contract and also there is FMLA.

Councilor Moore closed the public hearing at 7:13pm.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY22-003, which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-007: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Term Limits
Rules & Procedures voted to recommend as amended at their 12/21/21 meeting. This Ordinance has been advertised in the 9/25/23 Enterprise.

Councilor Moore opened the public hearing at 7:13pm.

Councilor Moore asked if there were any questions from the public:

Adelene Ellenberg, 76 Aldrich Road – noted that term limits should not be imposed.

Councilor Moore asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in favor:

Ed Ivaldi, 10 Boxwood Lane – supports term limit

Councilor Moore asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition – no one spoke.

Councilor Moore asked if there were any questions from the Town Councilors:

Councilor George noted that the Charter Review committee met to discuss term limits; language needed to be tightened up. Comfortable with recommendations. This needs to go to the legislature and the voters for approval.

Councilor Moore closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY22-07, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – No; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-1-0

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) High Street Bridge Closure Update

Town Manager Dutton noted that there has been no issues with the removal or construction. Grant funded and lots of reporting. Road closure until mid-November. Contractor working with a time of year restriction.

b) Mobil Station Update

Town Manager Dutton noted that the landscape design is in draft and looking at mid-November for public input. Want to have easy access between parks. Spring will go to State for grants and will be looking at other sources for funding.

Councilor Linde asked if anything could be done with cleaning up the property. Councilor Dutton noted that they are working with BSU for the possibility of Art Students doing something there.

Councilor Robinson asked what the hope was for this space. Councilor Dutton noted that it is going to be a passive aggressive recreation area and will include food truck spaces, chess tables and much more.

c) Fire Station Project Update

Town Manager Dutton noted that the planning and bid documents being worked on. The project team will be attending the next meeting to give an update.

d) Stiles & Hart Parkland Project

Town Manager Dutton noted that plans are being finalized.

DISCUSSIONS

a) Virtual Meeting Participation (Councilor Moore)

Councilor Moore noted that he has received emails from residents asking for remote participant. If we consider remote we need to make sure our technology will work.

Councilor George noted he is all for expanding access but noted participation is the problem.

Councilor Perry noted that if technology not 100% it would not work.

Councilor Linde noted that we should check with BTV to see if the equipment we have is able to handle remote participation.

Councilor Robinson noted that we need to figure out technology. Can people submit comments via email; can Facebook Live be monitored for comments.

Councilor Gallagher noted that he is all for more public participation but technology issues are not always an issue with the Town.

Councilor Chase noted that the ability to submit comments via email may not be possible because we can't be sure who is sending the email. May not be Bridgewater resident. Same as Facebook, we don't know who they are.

Councilor Moore noted that he will do some homework and bring back the discussion to the council.

b) Town Council Funding of Election Signs (Councilor Moore)

Town Councilor Moore noted that at a previous meeting the Town Clerk asked the Town Council to fund voting day signs. Are people not showing up to vote because they don't know and what is our communication strategy.

Councilor Gallagher noted that these signs are not candidate signs, they are signs to announce when the election is. Want to reach out to many. Vision to Reality meeting had lots of advertising. The task should fall within the Town Clerk's office and the Town Council provide the funding.

Councilor Perry noted that it is a good idea to promote an election, maybe highway involved with putting signs around town.

Councilor Linde noted that some towns do metal signs and the date gets changed.

Councilor Moore noted that we should define who and what, have Community and Economic Development committee discuss and bring back to council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Chase noted that Rules & Procedures committee met on October 3rd and discussed two items that are under Legislation for action.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Resolution R-FY24-002: First Responders Day

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

Councilor Moore read the Resolution into the record.

Councilor George made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY24-002, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

b) Order O-FY24-010: Loan Authorization: Water Well #5A Replacement

Budget and Finance meeting 10/10/23 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee voted 6 - 0 to recommend at their 10/2/23 meeting. Vote to refer to Advertising.

Town Manager Dutton noted that this Order and the next Order are for Wells at Carver Pond and High Street that need to be replaced.

Councilor George made a motion to refer Order O-FY24-010 to advertising, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

c) Order O-FY24-011: Loan Authorization: Water Well #9 Replacement

Budget and Finance meeting 10/10/23 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee voted 6 - 0 to recommend at their 10/2/23 meeting. Vote to refer to Advertising.

Councilor George made a motion to refer Order O-FY24-011 to advertising, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

d) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Annual Stipend

Councilor McKinnon noted that benefits language should be added.

Councilor Chase noted that we could include face level stipend and then over time an increase. During

Rules meeting thought important to say when stipend is paid and if a councilor vacates.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008 by adding “Regardless of compensation, Council Members will not be eligible to receive benefits through the Town”. As a last sentence in the paragraph. This motion was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Gallagher asked how the Rules Committee came up with arrears. Councilor Chase noted that they wanted a simple way for payout, not burdensome for the Town.

Councilor Perry asked what would happen in future for increase? Councilor Chase noted that it would require a Charter change.

Councilor Perry noted that this should be referred back to Rules as adding a ceiling would give a range for each Council to decide in the future.

Attorney Rawlins noted that he has not looked into this. Does not like flexibility in the Charter. More specific language and include citizen input. Charter should be specific.

Vote on the motion to amend: A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

Councilor George made a motion to postpone Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008 until the next meeting which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

Councilor George noted that he would like the Town Attorney’s opinion on the floor to ceiling wording.

Vote on the motion to postpone: A roll-call vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

e) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-009: Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Elected Officials Recall Provision

Councilor Chase noted the recommended changes from Rules and Procedures.

Councilor Gallagher noted that he appreciates the work Rules and Procedures has done but still believe the language is subjected, intrusive.

Councilor Chase noted that provision covers that and you can strike, make amendments as you see fit. Language comes from another Town, legislature approved.

Councilor Robinson noted that lack of fitness is challenging, who decides.

Councilor Perry asked if there is a definition of fitness and moral turpitude.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-009 back to Rules and Procedures, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – No; George – No; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 7-2-0

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY24-012: General Fund Free Cash Allocation

Town Manager Dutton noted that this order was for the annual allocation of free cash.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY24-012 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor George.

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Adelene Ellenberg, 76 Aldrich Road: noted that open meeting broadcast should be 24 hours later; signs exist for elections but need permanent signs; post all things on the signs; Councilor names should be under their picture when speaking; annual stipend must have a ballot vote and election should not take place during school vacation week.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Robinson - noted that her thoughts and concerns are with all those involved with the world events.
- Councilor McKinnon – no comments.
- Councilor Gallagher – no comments.
- Councilor George – no comments.
- Councilor Chase – good debate tonight.
- Councilor Murphy – great community workshop.
- Councilor Perry – great turnout to event, commend BBA on a great event on 9/20 for Autumnfest.
- Councilor Linde – thanked people for coming and giving feedback. Noted BIA trying to fund lights.
- Councilor Moore – appreciate the feedback and involvement at the meeting tonight. Overwhelmed with the attendance at the Reality workshop, great step forward and encouraged people to look at the website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

A voice vote was taken with the results records as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy – Yea; George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 9-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 9/19/2023
First Reading: 9/19/2023
Second Reading: 10/10/2023
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 10/24/2023
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-010: Loan Authorization: Water Well #5A Replacement

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

ORDERED, that, \$1,000,000 is appropriated, to be expended, for the purpose of financing the planning, design, and construction of replacing Town Water Well #5A, including without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow said amount and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project

Explanation

Two Town wells have reached their end-of-life. This order finances the replacement of Well #5A with a well that will produce a minimum of 230 gpm (0.33 MGD) (the design capacity of Well #5A) or higher. The estimated cost for field investigations, testing permitting and construction of new replacement well is \$1M (approximately \$400,000 for investigation, permitting, design, and bidding and \$500,000 to \$600,000 for construction)

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Budget & Finance	10/10/23: Voted 3-0 to recommend.
Finance Committee	10/2/23: Voted 6-0 to recommend.

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 9/19/2023
First Reading: 9/19/2023
Second Reading: 10/10/2023
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 10/24/2023
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-011: Loan Authorization: Water Well #9 Replacement

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

ORDERED, that, \$1,000,000 is appropriated, to be expended, for the purpose of financing the planning, design, and construction of replacing Town Water Well #9, including without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow said amount and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project

Explanation:

Two Town wells have reached their end-of-life. This order finances the replacement of Well #9 with a well that will produce a minimum of 230 gpm (0.33 MGD) (the design capacity of Well #9) or higher. The estimated cost for field investigations, testing permitting and construction of new replacement well is \$1M (approximately \$400,000 for investigation, permitting, design, and bidding and \$500,000 to \$600,000 for construction)

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget and Finance	10/10/23: Voted 3-0 to recommend

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 10/2/23: voted 6 - 0 to recommend
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:

Date Introduced: 10/24/2023

First Reading: 10/24/2023

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Petition P-2024-002: Granting of an On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License

WHEREAS, Case Agave, Inc. has submitted all applicable documentation as required for the request for an On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has described the service premises at 14 Summer Street as a restaurant that will occupy 2 floors. The first floor will house the restaurant (1 large dining area, 1 small dining area), kitchen, bar and an outside deck. Upstairs will house the restaurant office and a small dining room for private parties. The total square footage of the first floor is 3,567 SF. Upstairs office space/small dining is 741 SF.; and

WHEREAS, approval of the request to sell alcoholic beverages is required by Massachusetts General Law – Chapter 138, section 12 prior to the final submission to the Commonwealth’s Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) who must ratify the action; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation for the sale of alcohol will be: Monday to Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority, with the affirmative recommendations of the Building Inspector, Fire, and Police 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 138, section 12 and Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (MGL), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Casa Agave, Inc. to operate an On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic License on the premises of 14 Summer Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts as requested.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments:

1. Casa Agave Checklist
2. Casa Agave 14 Summer Street Town Application

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

NEW LICENSE ALL ALCOHOL AND ATTEND LICENSE REQUEST

Applicant Name: Casa Agave. Inc.
Address: 14 Summer Street
Telephone: (774) 281-3088
Email: krisbarbati@aol.com

State Documents:

	Form 43 – LLA Certification (Completed after approval)
X	\$200 fee via ePay
X	Monetary Transmittal Form
X	New Retail Application
X	Manager Application
X	Vote of the Entity
X	Business Structure Documents
X	CORI Authorization Form
X	Proof of Citizenship
X	Supporting Financial Records
X	Legal Right to Occupy
X	Floor Plan
X	Abutter's Notification
X	Advertisement

Town Documents:

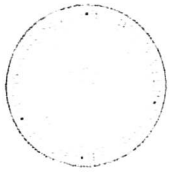
X	\$150.00 – Town Application Fee
X	\$25.00 – Abutter's Fee
X	Delinquent Tax Certification
X	State Tax Affidavit
X	Workman's Compensation Insurance Affidavit

Recommendations:

X	Health Department
X	Police Department
X	Building Department
X	Fire Department

Notes:

- 1) Casa Agave, Inc. is requesting a On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License for a restaurant located at 14 Summer Street. The manager of record will be Kristine Barbati.
- 2) The Police, Fire, Building and Health Departments have no issue with the granting of this license.
- 3) This request has been advertised in the Enterprise (10/10/23) and Abutter Letters have been sent (10/10/23).



**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
ALCOHOL LICENSE
APPLICATION AND PETITION**

All licenses expire December 31st of the year they are issued

DATE: 9 125 123 ☒ NEW APPLICATION ☐ RENEWAL

The Undersigned Submits Application for Approval of License:

Kristine Barbati
(Name of Applicant)

2001 Marina DR.
(Home Address)

Quincy, MA 02171
(City, State, Zip)

Casa Agave
(Business Name)

14 Summer St.
(Business Address)

TBD 774-281-3088
(Business Number) (Cell Number)

Krisbarbati@aol.com
(Email address – Please print legible)

Type of License & Business (please describe):

Retail Alcohol Beverage License

7
(Days Business will be open) (Hours)

Description of Premises: (please describe):

The property is mixed use. The restaurant is located on the first floor w/ business office and private dining located on the second floor



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Dennis Gallagher, Councilor
Date Introduced: 9/7/2021
First Reading: 9/7/2021
Second Reading: 8/8/2023
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 9/5/2023
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Annual Stipend

ORDERED that The Town Charter, Article II, Legislative Branch shall be amended to reflect that the members of the Town Council shall receive an annual stipend of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the Town Council President shall receive an annual stipend of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). This may from time to time be adjusted by ordinance and approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Bridgewater.

Such amendment shall be effective only after approval by the Town Council, the State Legislature and the voters of the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referrals and Dispositions

- 9/7/21: Town Council First Reading - Referred to Rules & Procedures
- 1/5/22: Rules & Procedures Voted to recommend with amendments.
- 8/8/23: Town Council Second Reading
- 9/5/23: Town Council Third Reading - Referred back to Rules & Procedures
- 10/3/23: Rules & Procedures Voted 3-0 to recommend changes
- 10/10/23: Town Council Fourth Reading; voted to continue to next meeting with further information from Town Counsel.

Attachments: 1. Ordinance D-FY22-008 Annual Stipend - Rules and Procedures 10.3.23 Recommendation

VOICE VOTE - REFER TO ADVERTISING

Ordinance D-FY22-008:

Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Annual Stipend

Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 at their 10/3/23 meeting to recommend the following change:

In the first paragraph after “reflect that”, remove and replace with:

each member of the Town Council shall receive an annual stipend, payable in arrears, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the Town Council President shall receive an annual stipend, payable in arrears, in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). Incumbent councilors shall receive a stipend as above set forth as of each annual Town Election Day. A Councilor who vacates their office will be entitled to receive a pro-rated stipend as of the last date of their service.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 10/10/2023
First Reading: 10/10/2023
Second Reading: 10/24/2023
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-012: General Fund Free Cash Allocation

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GF UNDESIGNATED	09905990-596000	TRANSFER OUT	<u>\$4,000,819.00</u>
Total:			\$4,000,819.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GF STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80054-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 500,000.00
CAPITAL STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80104-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$2,464,089.00
OPEB STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80114-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 100,000.00
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND	80044-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 813,506.00
ONE TIME/UNFORESEEN FUND	80134-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 100,000.00
OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND	80134-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	<u>\$ 23,224.00</u>
Total			\$ 4,000,819.00

Explanation:

Recommended allocation of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Certified Free Cash) to the established Funds as noted above.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 10/24/23 prior to Town Council meeting.
• Finance Committee	• 10/16/23: Voted 6-0 to recommmed

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 10/24/2023
First Reading: 10/24/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-013: Prior Fiscal Year Bill

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 \$366.32, a prior year expense, from current FY24 advertising budget 01825013-530022.

Explanation:

Prior Year June 2023 advertising bill for zoning amendment of \$366.32. Bill never received until October 5, 2023.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

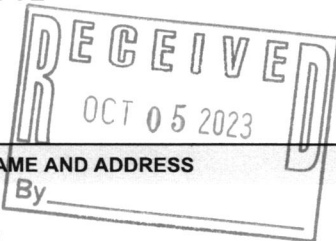
Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

Attachments: 1. FY23 June23 Unpaid Advertising Bill \$366.32

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ACCOUNT NAME Bridgewater Planning Board		ACCOUNT # 673572	PAGE # 1 of 1
INVOICE # 0005687364	BILLING PERIOD Jun 1- Jun 30, 2023	PAYMENT DUE DATE July 20, 2023	
PREPAY (Memo Info) \$0.00	UNAPPLIED (included in amt due) \$0.00	TOTAL CASH AMT DUE* \$366.32	

BILLING ACCOUNT NAME AND ADDRESS

By _____

Bridgewater Planning Board
66 Central Sq
Academy Building
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Legal Entity: Gatehouse Media Massachusetts I, Inc.
Terms and Conditions: Past due accounts are subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum or the maximum legal rate (whichever is less). Advertiser claims for a credit related to rates incorrectly invoiced or paid must be submitted in writing to Publisher within 30 days of the invoice date or the claim will be waived. Any credit towards future advertising must be used within 30 days of issuance or the credit will be forfeited.
All funds payable in US dollars.

BILLING INQUIRIES/ADDRESS CHANGES 1-877-736-7612 or smb@ccc.gannett.com

FEDERAL ID 84-1711503

To sign-up for E-mailed invoices and online payments please contact abgspecial@gannett.com. **Previous account number:** GHN_EN00027445

Date	Description	Amount
6/1/23	Balance Forward	\$0.00

Package Advertising:

Start-End Date	Order Number	Description	PO Number	Package Cost
6/7/23-6/14/23	8886020	ZONING AMENDMENT		\$366.32

town fee

*PR
OK to pay
10/10/23*

01825013-530022

As an incentive for customers, we provide a discount off the total invoice cost equal to the 3.99% service fee if you pay with Cash/Check/ACH. Pay by Cash/Check/ACH and Save!

Total Cash Amount Due	\$366.32
Service Fee 3.99%	\$14.62
*Cash/Check/ACH Discount	-\$14.62
*Payment Amount by Cash/Check/ACH	\$366.32
Payment Amount by Credit Card	\$380.94

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

ACCOUNT NAME Bridgewater Planning Board		ACCOUNT NUMBER 673572		INVOICE NUMBER 0005687364		AMOUNT PAID
CURRENT DUE \$366.32	30 DAYS PAST DUE \$0.00	60 DAYS PAST DUE \$0.00	90 DAYS PAST DUE \$0.00	120+ DAYS PAST DUE \$0.00	UNAPPLIED PAYMENTS \$0.00	TOTAL CASH AMT DUE* \$366.32
REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include Account# & Invoice# on check) Gatehouse Media Massachusetts I, Inc. PO Box 631210 Cincinnati, OH 45263-1210				TO PAY WITH CREDIT CARD PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX Card Number _____ Exp Date ____/____/____ CVV Code _____ Signature _____ Date _____		TOTAL CREDIT CARD AMT DUE \$380.94

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 10/24/2023
First Reading: 10/24/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-014: Acceptance of Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Competitive Grant

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received notice of a grant award of \$113,815 from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), Green Communities Division. Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept and to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division has approved a Competitive Grant award of \$113,815 to fund:

- \$10,000, Town — Administrative assistance
- \$1,250, Building Operator Certificate — Building Operator Certification Training
- \$53,932, Public Library — Weatherization
- \$24,372, Police Station — Weatherization
- \$24,261, Senior Center Building — Weatherization and insulation

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None