



Town of Bridgewater **Budget & Finance Committee**

December 19, 2023

6:15 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A

and

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88204319520>

Meeting ID: 882 0431 9520

MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Order O-FY24-019: Eminent Domain Order of Taking for Two Lot Parcel on Broad Street
 - b) Order O-FY24-020: Acceptance of Gift - Lopieke Trust
- D. Public Comment**
- E. Adjournment of Meeting**



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 12/5/2023
First Reading: 12/5/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-019: Eminent Domain Order of Taking for Two Lot Parcel on Broad Street

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater wishes to create additional downtown parkland and passive recreational space for the people of Bridgewater for the public purpose of improving the living experience of residents of Bridgewater who live in the downtown area and providing outdoor passive recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Ordered, that by the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

1. That the Town of Bridgewater, by right of eminent domain, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79 and Chapter 121B and also Chapter 610 of the Acts of 1967 and of any and every power granted or implied, hereby takes for itself in fee simple for the purposes set forth or referred to, the Property located in the Town of Bridgewater presently known as 000 Broad Street more particularly described as Lots #1 and #2 in a Plan recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 19, Page 406 and in a Deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 56779, Page 234, together with any and all easements and rights and privileges as specifically referred to if any, but not limited thereto, and all claims, rights and interests of any kind or nature therein, whether vested or otherwise, including the trees, buildings, structures, bridges, overhead bridges, standing upon or affixed thereto, including air rights and the fee, if any, in all streets and passageways in said area and rights, if any, either contiguous or nearly contiguous and adjacent or nearly adjacent to the Properties taken hereby.
2. It is further ordered that in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, awards are made by the Town of Bridgewater for damages, if any, sustained by the owner or owners and all other persons including mortgagees of record having any and all interest in each parcel.
3. It is further Ordered that a copy of this Order of Taking and related plans, if any, be recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, and the Land Registration Section thereof, if applicable, in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 79.
4. The Parcel known as 000 Broad Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324 being taken, is specified as Parcel Lots #1

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and #2 in a Plan recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 19, Page 406.

Explanation:

To take by “friendly” Eminent Domain, a certain parcel of Land in the Town of Bridgewater for Municipal Purposes, namely, to create additional downtown parkland and open space for the benefit of all Bridgewater residents. The property will be incorporated into the Stiles and Hart Parkland.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



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Order O-FY24-020: Acceptance of Gift - Lopieke Trust

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 a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality 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 a gift of \$3,382.18, 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 the gift of \$3,382.18 from The Lopiokes Family Memorial Trust and in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Bridgewater Library and the Town of Bridgewater are the beneficiaries of two Lopiokes family trusts. These distributions are pursuant to the instruction contained in the respective trusts.

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Attachments: None