



Town of Bridgewater

Finance Committee

December 27, 2023

6:30 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87504352340>

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 875 043 523 40

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, and the March 31, 2025, extension granted by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance is permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) December 4, 2023

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

- a) Report of Subcommittee

E. New Business

- 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
- c) Order O-FY24-021: Contractual Buyouts

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting



Town of Bridgewater **Finance Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) October 30, 2023

MJ Spagone motioned to approve the October 30, 2023 meeting minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

E. New Business

a) Order O-FY24-015: Sewer Enterprise Fund

This transfer from Retained Earnings will be necessary to fund the FY2024 Sewer Enterprise Operations based on the current Sewer Revenue Estimates.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-015: Sewer Enterprise Fund which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Order O-FY24-016: Transfer Order - Sewer Waste Water Treatment Facility Phase I

Town Share costs of the Waste Water Treatment Facility Morris Avenue Phase 1 Project amounts not covered by Special Revolving Fund (SRF) loan proceeds. Sustaining positive cash flow in this Capital Project fund is essential to avoid any short-term borrowing.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY24-016 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Order O-FY24-017: FY2024 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor

The Town Council shall annually first determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in section two A of chapter fifty-nine and personal property for the next fiscal year. In determining such percentages, the Town Council, shall first adopt a residential factor. Said factor shall be an amount not less than the minimum residential factor determined by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with the provisions of section one A of chapter fifty-eight and shall be used by the board of assessors to determine

the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-017 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d) Resolution R-FY24-004: FY2025 Budget Resolution
Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend R-FY24-004 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Additional Items for Discussion

- a) Report of Finance Sub-Committee

G. Adjournment of Meeting

MJ Spagone motioned to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.



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



Bridgewater Town Council

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Date Introduced: 12/5/2023
First Reading: 12/5/2023
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Amendments Adopted:
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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.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 12/19/2023
First Reading: 12/19/2023
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY24-021: Contractual Buyouts

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 \$171,800.00 to below schedule:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 171,800.00
Total:			\$ 171,800.00

<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries Police Dept	02105001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$ 120,800.00
Salaries Fire Dept	02205001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$ 51,000.00
Total			\$ 171,800.00

Explanation:

Contractual Buyouts for Retirements FY24.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None