Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

May 7, 2024
7:00 PM
66 Central Square
Academy Building
Council Chamber - Second Floor
The Town Council meeting is also aired via Facebook Live:
https://www.facebook.com/bridgewaterma.org

MEETING AGENDA

Due to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirements, discussions will not take place during Public Comment periods. If appropriate, responses to questions and concerns will be given by the Town Manager at a future Town Council meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) April 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

a) Reorganization of the Council: Elect President and Vice President

b) Reorganization of Council Seats

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

a) Budget Order O-FY25-001: FY2025 Annual Town Budget
This hearing has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website. All orders relative to the FY2025 budget may be finally voted this evening and are itemized under L: Legislation for Action. Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Addressing Prior Public Comment Items *(No Council Discussion)*

b) Spring Street: Gazebo Engineer, Clean-up and Re-pavement Update

c) Tire Pile Issue Update

d) Signage Issues around Town

e) Winter Street Paving Update

f) Flagg Street at Conant Street Intersection Paving

g) Fire Hydrant Status Update

h) Fire Station Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Budget Order O-FY25-002: FY2025 Water Enterprise Fund Budget
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

b) Budget Order O-FY25-003: FY25 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

c) Budget Order O-FY25-004: FY25 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

d) Budget Order O-FY25-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

e) Order O-FY25-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2025
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/16/24 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 4/29/24 meeting.

f) Petition P-2024-021: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth
This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore this measure may be voted this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

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Town Council

April 23, 2024
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, April 23, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Present: Fred Chase, Paul Murphy, Dennis Gallager, Susan Robinson, Kevin Perry, Brad McKinnon, Mark Linde and Erik Moore.

Absent: Shawn George.

Also in attendance was Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Chase made a motion to approve the March 26, 2024 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Absent at the Time of the vote; Perry – Absent at the time of the vote; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 6-0.

b) April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Absent at the Time of the vote; Perry – Absent at the time of the vote; McKinnon – Absent; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 4-0-1

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT- None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Ray Ajemian, 221 Aldrich Road: Shared comments on the upcoming Arbor Day tree planting on 4/26 at 10:30 am at the Williams Intermediary School.
- Adelene Ellenberg, 76 Aldridge Road: Shared comments on the upcoming vote for the Form Based Code.
- Lynette Delano-Chase, 60 Old Farm Road: shared comments on the Pride and Juneteenth flag. Also commented on the FBC.

Fred Chase motioned to suspend rules required for a non-resident during public comment which was seconded by Mark Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-0

- Janice Campbell Means, 15 Indian Lane, Franklin, MA: shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag.
- Steve Black, 145 Legge Street: read a statement from professors from BSU regarding Juneteenth.
- Beryl Domingo, 36 Saddle Drive: shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag.
- Amanda Napior, 1 Main Street – shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag.
- Sam Baumgarten, 60 Short Street: shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag, disability access on main street, and a farewell to a councilor.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: shared comments on the Juneteenth Flag, the FBC, and the councilor stipend.
- Tim Fitzgibbons, 238 South Drive: shared comments thanking Councilor Moore and Councilor Gallagher.
- Jane Callahan, 335 Grange Park: shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag and Pride Flag.
- James Slavin, 63 Eagle Trace: shared comments on the raising of the Juneteenth Flag and Pride Flag.

APPOINTMENTS – None

HEARINGS

a) Proposed Zoning Amendment Ordinance D-FY24-004: Central Business District and Form Based Code
Continued Public Hearing

Council President Moore continued the Public Hearing at 7:29pm and asked if there were any Public Comments:

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: shared comments in opposition of approval and questions regarding wetlands, committee involvement, height of buildings, and traffic.
- Ray Ajemian, 221 Aldridge Road: shared comments in support for the ordinance.
- Adeline Ellenberg, 76 Aldridge Road: shared questions on grants and town board, and

committee input.

- Lynette Delano-Chase, 60 Old Farm Road: spoke in favor of the FBC.
- Donna Jewel, 50 Keith Place: shared comments in splitting the CBD and MBTA of the ordinance before moving forward.
- David Moore, 54 Flagg Street: shared comments in splitting the CBD and MBTA of the ordinance before moving forward.
- Susan Powers, 105 Harvard Street: shared comments against ordinance.
- David Gabriel, 22 Elmwood Crescent: shared comments on the location of the commuter rail and the costs associated with moving it.
- John Donna, 261 South Street : shared comments against the form based code.
- David Basowitz, 5 Library Place: shared comments in favor of the form based code.
- Amanda Napior, 1 Main Street: shared comments in favor of the form based code.
- Allain Hauvuy, 75 Oak Ridge Lane: shared comments against the form based code.
- Matt Holmes, 80 Old Farm Road: shared comments in favor of the form based code.
- Ray Ajemian, 221 Aldrich: shared comments on mitigation, and examples from the recently sold Perkins property.
- Sheila Whittaker, 45 Brookside Drive: shared questions on public safety and impacts on the school system.
- Jim Balsamo, 89 Stephanie Lane : shared comments in favor of the form based code.
- Donna Jewel, 50 Keith Place: shared questions regarding the MBTA state requirements.

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the Ordinance:

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: shared comments that she was "not, not" in favor.

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the Ordinance:

- Leanne Joyce, 115 Legge Street: shared comments against the Form Based Code.

Council President Moore closed the Public Hearing at 8:39p.m.

Councilor Linde made a motion to amend page 10, section 9.8.41, "determination of compliances: amendment would be determined by town staff with a recommendation from planning board" which was seconded by Paul Murphy

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Nay; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Nay; Moore – Nay; Robinson – Nay; Perry – Nay; McKinnon – Nay Linde – Yea. Motion failed 2-6.

Councilor Perry made a motion approve proposed Zoning Amendment Ordinance D-FY24-00, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy

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

b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch Section 2-13(a) Annual Stipend

Public Hearing: *The notice was posted in the 4/11/24 Enterprise.*

Council President Moore called the Public Hearing to order at 9:08p.m.

Council President Moore asked if anyone in the audience had any questions: None

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance: None

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the proposed ordinance:

- Ed Ivaldi, Boxwood Lane: shared comments against the stipend.

Councilor Chase, in response to Mr. Ivaldi noted that there has been 11 meetings since 2021 to discuss the Ordinance.

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: shared comments against due to the costs.

Councilor Moore closed the Public Hearing at 9:27pm.

Councilor Perry motioned to amend to add "or appointment" after special amendment in the sentence that begins with Persons elected….. and at the end of the sentence after special election. This motion was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passes 8-0.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-008*, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.*

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Nay; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Nay; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Nay. Motion passed 6-2-0.

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

Public Hearing: *The notice was posted in the 4/11/24 Enterprise.*

Council President Moore called the Public Hearing to order at 9:27p.m.

Council President Moore asked if anyone in the audience had any questions: None

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance: None

Council President Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the proposed ordinance: None

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY22-009, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: Chase – Yea; Murphy - Yea; George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Moore – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Perry – Yea; McKinnon – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passes 8-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS – None

PRESENTATIONS

a) Marilee Hunt, Town Clerk

Marileen Hunt was unable to present but provided a letter to the councilors.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Addressing Prior Public Comment Items *(No Council Discussion)*

Town Manager Dutton gave an update on the following questions that were asked by a resident at a prior Town Council meeting:

1) Hybrid meeting: this has been researched and more work is needed to be done before it can happen.
2) Parking at the Academy Building: the parking issue at the Academy Building is being addressed.
3) Recording Volume: Councilors need to speak into the mic and residents should also check their default volume. It could be set to low.

Councilor McKinnon requested that the following items be added to the next agenda:

1) Spring Street Gazebo Engineer, Clean-up and Re-pavement
2) Update on the Tire Pile
3) Signage for Hayward intersection (flashing lights); Hale Street (missing no left turn sign); Plymouth Street all the way down 104 towards BRS there are no speed limit signs.
4) Paving of Winter Street – has it been put out to bid yet.
5) Flagg Street at Conant intersection – had another big sink hole, this area should be set as an emergency repair before someone falls into a sinkhole.
6) Work at home policy

Councilor Linde requested that the following item be added to the next agenda:

1) Fire Hydrant status

Councilor Murphy requested that the following item be added to the next agenda:

1) Fire Station Update

DISCUSSIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Petition P-2024-020: A Resolution in Recognition of Pride Month
This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore this measure may be voted this evening.

b) Order O-FY24-027: FY25 Water and Sewer Rates
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/1/24 meeting. Finance Committee meeting on 4/22/24.

c) Order O-FY24-039: Deed In Lieu of Foreclosure - 0 Laurel Street
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/1/24 meeting. Finance Committee meeting on 4/22/24.

d) Order O-FY24-040: Transfer Order Water Capital
Budget & Finance meeting 4/16/24. Finance Committee meeting on 4/22/24.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

a) Petition P-2024-021: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced:	4/9/2024
First Reading:	4/9/2024
Second Reading:	5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Budget Order O-FY25-001: FY2025 Annual Town Budget

ORDERED that to provide for payment of certain expenses of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025;

The Town will raise and appropriate and vote into tax, to be assessed per law and/or appropriate and transfer from the following available funds:

Ambulance Receipts Reserved the amount of	$2,100,000
Title V the amount of	$ 128,696
Enterprise Funds the amount of	$ 695,285
Conservation Receipts Reserved the amount of	$ 30,000
Energy Funds the amount of	$ 150,000
Elm Street DIF	$ 581,313
Golf	$ 200,000
Other Financing Source Total	$3,885,294

For the operation of the Town and further that such appropriation in the sum of $69,470,206 be for personal services, general expenses, principal and interest, for such purposes, each department and group being considere a separate appropriation as shown on the attached:

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• Finance Committee	• 4/22/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend

Attachments: 1. Order O-FY25-001 - TM FY2025 GF Operating Budget - 04.01.2024 Attachment

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town of Bridgewater

Town Manager's
FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget
04/01/24

DEPT #	DEPARTMENT	GROUP	GROUP DESCRIPTION	Sum of FY 2025 TM BUDGET
111	TOWN COUNCIL	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	67,694
		2.0	EXPENSES	12,500
	TOWN COUNCIL Total			**80,194**
123	TOWN MANAGER	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	551,158
		2.0	EXPENSES	58,071
	TOWN MANAGER Total			**609,229**
132	RESERVE FUND	2.0	EXPENSES	60,000
	RESERVE FUND Total			**60,000**
135	ACCOUNTANT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	454,717
		2.0	EXPENSES	74,100
	ACCOUNTANT Total			**528,817**
141	ASSESSORS	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	195,294
		2.0	EXPENSES	86,665
	ASSESSORS Total			**281,959**
145	TREASURER	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	438,184
		2.0	EXPENSES	55,872
	TREASURER Total			**494,056**
151	LAW	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	105,000
		2.0	EXPENSES	26,550
	LAW Total			**131,550**
152	HUMAN RESOURCES	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	171,945
		2.0	EXPENSES	42,750
	HUMAN RESOURCES Total			**214,695**
155	IT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	302,693
		2.0	EXPENSES	489,330
	IT Total			**792,023**
161	TOWN CLERK	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	226,538
		2.0	EXPENSES	89,541
	TOWN CLERK Total			**316,078**
166	PARKING	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	15,375
		2.0	EXPENSES	750
	PARKING Total			**16,125**
182	CED	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	338,790
		2.0	EXPENSES	35,915
	CED Total			**374,705**
192	TOWN BUILDINGS	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	62,913
		2.0	EXPENSES	549,388
	TOWN BUILDINGS Total			**612,301**
210	POLICE	1.0	SLRY / WGS / BNFTS	6,521,533
		2.0	EXPENSES	313,501
	POLICE Total			**6,835,034**
220	FIRE	1.0	SALRY / WGS / BENFT	6,553,086
		2.0	EXPENSES	364,328
	FIRE Total			**6,917,413**

Town of Bridgewater

Town Manager's
FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget
04/01/24

DEPT #	DEPARTMENT	GROUP	GROUP DESCRIPTION	Sum of FY 2025 TM BUDGET
240	INSPECTIONAL SVCS	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	442,987
		2.0	EXPENSES	13,250
	INSPECTIONAL SVCS Total			**456,237**
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	104,776
		2.0	EXPENSES	3,000
	ANIMAL CONTROL Total			**107,776**
300	B/R REGIONAL DIST	2.0	EXPENSES	36,829,096
	B/R REGIONAL DIST Total			**36,829,096**
301	BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL	2.0	EXPENSES	565,369
	BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL Total			**565,369**
302	BRISTOL PLYMOUTH	2.0	EXPENSES	2,183,808
	BRISTOL PLYMOUTH Total			**2,183,808**
303	NORFOLK CNTY AGI	2.0	EXPENSES	283,295
	NORFOLK CNTY AGI Total			**283,295**
410	TOWN ENGINEER	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	67,264
		2.0	EXPENSES	20,225
	TOWN ENGINEER Total			**87,489**
420	HWY DEPARTMENT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	1,085,216
		2.0	EXPENSES	503,275
	HWY DEPARTMENT Total			**1,588,491**
421	SNOW & ICE	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	41,000
		2.0	EXPENSES	41,100
	SNOW & ICE Total			**82,100**
424	STREET LIGHTING	2.0	EXPENSES	175,818
	STREET LIGHTING Total			**175,818**
510	HEALTH DEPT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	169,098
		2.0	EXPENSES	18,350
	HEALTH DEPT Total			**187,448**
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	238,459
		2.0	EXPENSES	9,800
	COUNCIL ON AGING Total			**248,259**
543	VETERANS AGENT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	79,204
		2.0	EXPENSES	69,350
	VETERANS AGENT Total			**148,554**
610	LIBRARY	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	549,628
		2.0	EXPENSES	204,284
	LIBRARY Total			**753,912**
630	RECREATION	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	210,054
		2.0	EXPENSES	73,490
	RECREATION Total			**283,545**
710	DEBT PRINCIPAL	7.0	DEBT SERVICE	47,000
		7.1	DE: DEBT SERVICE	185,000
		7.2	TTLV: DEBT SERVICE	121,096
		7.3	DIF: DEBT SERVICE	250,000
		7.4	GOLF DEBT	32,000
	DEBT PRINCIPAL Total			**635,096**

Town of Bridgewater

Town Manager's
FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget
04/01/24

DEPT #	DEPARTMENT	GROUP	GROUP DESCRIPTION	Sum of FY 2025 TM BUDGET
751	INTEREST ON LTD	7.0	DEBT SERVICE	1,339
		7.1	DE: DEBT SERVICE	63,600
		7.2	TTLV: DEBT SERVICE	7,600
		7.3	DIF: DEBT SERVICE	131,313
		7.4	GOLF DEBT	5,160
	INTEREST ON LTD Total			209,011
752	INTEREST ON STD	7.5	DEBT SERVICE	86,417
	INTEREST ON STD Total			86,417
820	STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	2.0	EXPENSES	388,310
	STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS Total			388,310
830	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	2.0	EXPENSES	69,782
	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS Total			69,782
911	RETIREMENT	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	5,177,541
	RETIREMENT Total			5,177,541
912	WORKERS COMP	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	175,572
	WORKERS COMP Total			175,572
913	UNEMPLOYMENT	1	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	20,000
	UNEMPLOYMENT Total			20,000
914	MED/LIFE/FICA	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	4,228,963
	MED/LIFE/FICA Total			4,228,963
919	OTHER BENEFITS	1.0	SLRY/WGS/BNFTS	3,500
		2.0	EXPENSES	32,400
	OTHER BENEFITS Total			35,900
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2.0	EXPENSES	301,623
	LIABILITY INSURANCE Total			301,623
950	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2.0	EXPENSES	5,000
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE Total			5,000
	GAS & OIL FOR TOWN VEHICLES	2.0	EXPENSES	235,000
	GAS & OIL FOR TOWN VEHICLES Total			235,000
				73,813,592
			Adjust for State/County Charges	(458,092)
			Total Appropriation	73,355,500

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 4/9/2024
First Reading: 4/9/2024
Second Reading: 5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Budget Order O-FY25-002: FY2025 Water Enterprise Fund Budget

ORDERED, that the Town Council vote to appropriate **$4,840,371** from the Water Enterprise receipts to defray Water direct costs, and that **$403,037** as appropriated under Order O-FY25-001 be used for Water indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Water Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	$ 2,014,541
OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 1,340,992
DEBT SERVICES	$ 1,479,838
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS OPEB	$ 5,000
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	**$ 4,840,371**
TRANSFER TO GF	$ 22,684
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	$ 380,353
TOTAL COST - WATER EF	**$ 5,243,408**

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• Finance Committee	• 4/29/24: Voted 6-0 to recommend

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Bridgewater Town Council

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Second Reading: 5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Budget Order O-FY25-003: FY25 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to appropriate **$2,569,636** from the Sewer Enterprise receipts to defray Sewer direct costs, and that **$251,672** as appropriated under Order O-FY25-001 be used for Sewer indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	$	1,360,181
OPERATING EXPENSES	$	774,782
DEBT SERVICES	$	429,673
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS OPEB	$	5,000
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	**$**	**2,569,636**
TRANSFER TO GF	$	22,684
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	$	228,988
TOTAL COST - SEWER EF	**$**	**2,821,308**

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• Finance Committee	• 4/29/24: Voted 6-0 to recommend

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

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Second Reading: 5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Budget Order O-FY25-004: FY25 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to appropriate **$376,424** from Transfer Station Enterprise receipts to defray Transfer Station direct costs, and that **$40,576** as appropriated under Order O-FY25-001 be used for Transfer Station indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Transfer Station Enterprise as follows:

SALARIES/WAGES/BENEFITS	$ 108,681
OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 267,743
APPROPRIATED for DIRECT COSTS	**$ 376,424**
INDIRECT COSTS - GENERAL FUND	$ 40,576
TOTAL COST - TRANSFER STATION EF	**$ 417,000**

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• Finance Committee	• 4/29/24: voted 6-0 to recommend

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Bridgewater Town Council

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Second Reading: 5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Budget Order O-FY25-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds

ORDERED, that the Town Council vote to establish revolving funds for certain Town Departments under the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, with specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent, and the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for FY2025 as follows:

Spending Authority	Fund	Receipts	Expenditures	FY2025 Spending Limit
Town Clerk	Street Listing	Sales of street lists; sale of bylaws/zoning bylaws; sale of subdivision rules; sale of zoning maps	Printing and other costs with publications/books sold to public.	$5,000
Recreation Director	Recreation	Fees associated with recreation programs	Salaries/benefits of full-time staff, part-time seasonal staff, recreation programs, facility expenses and other expenses related to programs	$150,000
Council on Aging Director	COA Revolving	Fees and Rentals	Programs for Seniors & Community	$20,000
Library Director	Library Revolving	Fines & Fees	Programs & supplies for Community	$20,000

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend
• Finance Committee	• 4/29/24: 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:	4/9/2024
First Reading:	4/9/2024
Second Reading:	5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY25-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2025

ORDERED, 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 from the Community Preservation Fund FY2025 estimated annual revenues the sum of **$975,000**. to meet the administrative expenses, and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

And further,
To reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund FY2025 estimated annual revenues the sum of **$97,500** for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; **$0** for acquisition, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources; and **$97,500** for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing.

And further,
To appropriate **$48,750** toAdministrative Expenses and **$357,178.75** to Budgetary Reserves.

And further,
To appropriate **$325,800** for the payment of debt related to the Academy Building renovation from FY2025 estimated revenues.

And further,
To appropriate **$48,271.25** for the payment of debt related to the Keith Homestead purchase from FY2025 estimated revenues.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• 4/16/24: Voted 3-0 to recommend

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 4/29/24: Voted 6-0 to recommend

Attachments: 1. FY25 Budget CPC Recommended

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Town of Bridgewater

Community Preservation Fund
FY 2025 Recommended Budget

Sources & Uses of Funds			FY 2025	
Revenue Estimates				
CPA Surcharge 2%			**875,000.00**	
State Match			**100,000.00**	
Total Estimated Revenue			**975,000.00**	
Total Sources of Funds			**975,000.00**	
Total Estimated Revenue			**975,000.00**	
Total Sources of Funds			**975,000.00**	
Reserves				
Community Housing Reserve	(Min 10%)	10%	97,500.00	
Open Space Reserve	(Min 10%)	10%	97,500.00	
Historical Resources Reserve	(Min 10%)	10%	0.00	*See below.
Total Required Reserves			**195,000.00**	
Administrative Expenses (No >5%) $				
Purchase of Services				
Administrative Expenses			48,750.00	
Total Administrative Budget			**48,750.00**	
Debt Service - Due FY25				
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-PRINCIPAL			240,000.00	*See below.
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-INTEREST			85,800.00	
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-PRINCIPAL			47,000.00	
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-INTEREST			1,271.25	
Total Debt Service			**374,071.25**	
BUDGETARY RESERVES			357,178.75	
Total Use of Funds			**975,000.00**	

**Note: Covered by Academy Building Restorations. Per the DOR, if a bond for a specific 'bucket' (in this case, the Academy Building Renovations from the Historical Resources Reserve) is more than the 10% required to be budgeted into that Reserve then no monies need be put into that 'bucket'. The CPC has chosen to do this to allow more funds for an open space acquisition.*

Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Fred Chase, Councilor Susan Robinson, Councilor
Date Introduced:	4/23/2024
First Reading:	4/23/2024
Second Reading:	5/7/2024
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Petition P-2024-021: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth

Whereas, Since 2021, Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR) and First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Bridgewater (FPUUB) have hosted successful Juneteenth events in Bridgewater with the support of the Town of Bridgewater, the Bridgewater Public Library, Bridgewater State University, and many other members of the community; and

Whereas, the Juneteenth committee, in cooperation with those mentioned above and the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice is currently planning a 4th annual Juneteenth celebration; and

Whereas, In May 2021, the Town of Bridgewater designated June 19th (Juneteenth) a Town holiday. And, in June 2022 and 2023 the Town Council unanimously supported the raising of the Juneteenth flag from June 15 through June 30; and

Whereas, the Council, as leaders of our Town, can have significant impact in supporting the celebration of liberty and justice for all with its support of Juneteenth 2024; and

Whereas, Symbols and seemingly small actions can have great meaning, through these actions, all who pass through Bridgewater will see that we honor the history of African Americans and recognize their contribution to American history.

Now therefore, the Bridgewater Town Council declares June 17, 2024, a day of commemoration and celebration and once again proclaims that the Juneteenth Flag be flown with the United States Flag in front of the Academy Building in the Town of Bridgewater from June 17 - 30, 2024.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore this measure may be voted this evening.

Attachments: 1. Juneteenth-Flag-Letter-to-TC_2024_final

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

2. Juneteenth Flag

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https://www.bccrcivilrights.org
https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterCommForCivilRights

March 21, 2024

Members of the Town Council
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Subject: Request to the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, MA
Regarding the Elevation of the Juneteenth Flag, June 17–June 30, 2024, according to Ordinance D-FY21-007, and Requesting a Resolution in Honor of Juneteenth 2024

In 2021 and 2022, Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR) and First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Bridgewater (FPUUB) hosted two successful Juneteenth events in Bridgewater with the support of the Town of Bridgewater, the Bridgewater Public Library, and many other members of the community.

Regrettably, the 2023 Juneteenth celebration was canceled due to inclement weather. Undeterred, the Juneteenth committee is planning Juneteenth 2024 which will be co-hosted by BCCR, FPUUB, and the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice. Juneteenth 2024 will be held at University Park at Bridgewater State University.

In 2022 and 2023, the Town of Bridgewater designated June 19th (Juneteenth) a Town holiday. And, in June 2022 and 2023, the Town Council unanimously supported the raising of the Juneteenth flag, issuing, respectively, Resolution FY22-08: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth and Petition P-2023-028: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth.

We respectfully request that the Juneteenth Flag be raised again this year in front of the Academy Building on Monday, June 17 and remain through June 30, celebrated with a Resolution by the Town Council, demonstrating the Town's continued commitment to civil rights for all in our daily interactions.

In addition, we respectfully request permission to hold a brief ceremony in front of the Academy Building marking the raising of the Juneteenth Flag on Monday, June 17 at 3:30 PM. We invite you to read the Town Council's Resolution at that time and celebrate Juneteenth with us.

As mandated by the Town's General Ordinance D-FY21-007, a photograph of the Juneteenth Flag is included with this request.

The Council, as leaders of our Town, can have significant impact in supporting the celebration of liberty and justice for all with its commemoration of Juneteenth 2024. Symbols and seemingly

small actions can have great meaning. Through your actions, you are telling all who pass through Bridgewater that Juneteenth is part of American history.

We look forward to your positive response and we hope that you, our Town Leaders, through your supportive messages, will continue to promote Bridgewater as a model of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Sincerely,

Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights, Juneteenth Flag Committee
Cristina Ajemian
Jenise Campbell- Means
Rebecca Fleisch Cordeiro
Vernon Domingo
David Michael
Laurene Powers
Sandra Smiley

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