



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

November 26, 2024

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building/2nd Floor

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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) November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Veterans Council:
David Siden (2024 - 2027)
- b) Disability Commission:
Estelle Wenson (2024 - 2027)
- c) Board of Assessors:
David Werthessen: (2024 - 2026)
- d) Appointment to the Town Manager Preliminary Screening Ad Hoc Committee:
Councilor Mary McGrath

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fire Station Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY25-018: Acceptance of Grant Funds - Police Municipal Road Safety Grant
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- b) Order O-FY25-019: Acceptance of Gift - Town River Landing Pavilion
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- c) Order O-FY25-020: Acceptance of Grant - Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC)
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- d) Order O-FY25-021: Renaming of the Bridgewater Middle School
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.
- e) Order O-FY25-022: Reappointment - Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.
- f) Order O-FY25-023: FY2025 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor Refer to Advertising. *Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.*
- g) Order O-FY25-025: Acceptance of Donation - Oliari Charitable Foundation
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- h) Order O-FY25-026: General Fund Free Cash Allocation
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- i) Order O-FY25-027: Transfer Order - Legal Employment and Collective Bargaining Agreement
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- j) Order O-FY25-028: Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- k) Order O-FY25-029: Transfer Station Retained Earnings
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- l) Order O-FY25-030: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Plan Transfers
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- m) Resolution R-FY25-003: FY2026 Budget Resolution
Budget and Finance meeting 11/26/24. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 11/18/24 meeting.
- n) Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-002: Revisions to the Administrative Code
Refer to Advertising. Rules & Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend with amendments at their 10/8/24 meeting.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY25-024: An Order to Raise the POW/MIA Flag
- b) Order O-FY25-031: Appointment To A Vacant Councilor-At-Large Seat
- c) Resolution R-FY25-004: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2025

- O. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- R. ADJOURNMENT**



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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Kevin Perry called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Present: Fred Chase, Paul Murphy, Mary McGrath, Kevin Perry, Brad McKinnon, Mark Linde, Adelene Ellenberg, Sonya Striggles and Susan Robinson.

Also in attendance was Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson via Zoom and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

Councilor Perry held a moment of silence for several veterans who recently passed away: Joshua Mahoney, US Marine Corps; Robert King, US Marine Corps; Waler Nardi, US Navy; Victory Bailey, US Army; John Boudreau, US Army; Walter Spencer, US Army; John Valentine, US Marine and Patrick Walsh, US Army.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) October 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATIONS – None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Tim Fitzgibbons: spoke about the renaming of the middle school; Chapter 70 inflation increase was 2%, the superintendent will be reaching out to Town Manager and thanked Councilor Robinson for her commitment to the Town, she will be missed.
- Cornelius Bates, Meadow Lane: spoke about his Eagle Scout project, Senior at BR and re-doing the score shed at Legion Field. Has raised almost half the money, still need about \$4k.
- Sam Baumgarten, 60 Short Street: spoke about flags and flagpoles – spending too much time on them. Bridgewater Community Dance Program having a special event this Saturday.

- Lisa Buzzell-Curley: noted that spending too much time shows the flag issue is important to many people; POW/MIA flag should be under the United States Flag.
- Scott Pitta, Pine Street: showed copies of various flags to the council and audience noting the flag issue is not being debated, in May 2022 the US Court decided that as you as a City Council you do not have the discretion to choose if a group comes forward to fly a flag you cannot oppose a despicable group coming forward. Urged you to amend the BW code that only the US Flag, POW/MIA Flag and state flag fly in the Town.
- Paul - lifelong BW resident; federal law to fly the POW/MIA flag under the US Flag.
- Louie Allen: noted that there was approx. 1000 veterans and 4 gold star families in BW. Spoke about veterans and those that he met and that the POW/MIA flag should be the only flag under the US Flag.

APPOINTMENTS

a) Veterans Council:

Sean Murphy (2024 - 2027)
Thomas Carson (2024 - 2027)

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve the appointments of Sean Murphy and Thomas Carson to the Veterans Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

b) Disability Commission:

Karen Kelleher (2024 - 2027)

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Kelleher to the Disability Commission, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

HEARINGS

a) Ordinance D-FY24-007: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance Part III - Administrative Code: Chapter 1, Article II, Section 1

Public Hearing: *Noticed in the 10/28/24 Enterprise.*

Councilor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:31pm.

Councilor Chase noted that this was discussed at a previous meeting and was voted on with amendments.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public had any questions: no one spoke.

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

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition: no one spoke

Councilor Perry asked if any councilors had any questions: none were asked.

Councilor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:34pm.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY24-007, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2024-005: The Granting of Additional Vehicles to a Class II Used Auto Dealers License - Elite Motors

Public Hearing: *Noticed in the 10/31/24 Enterprise.*

Councilor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:35pm.

Petitioner is requesting an increase in the number of vehicles he can sell. Currently has 50 and would like 61. Provided all the documentation to the council office.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public had any questions: no one spoke.

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

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition: no one spoke

Councilor Perry asked if any councilors had any questions: none were asked.

Councilor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:38pm.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Petition P-2024-005 , which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

- b) Petition P-2025-006: The Granting of a New Common Victualler License - Bean & Brew

Public Hearing: *Noticed in the 10/31/24 Enterprise.*

Councilor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:39pm.

Samantha Ventura taking over Just Desserts at 1 Main Street. Dream is to open a Bean and Brew in Bridgewater, hours will be 7am to 3pm Tuesday through Sunday.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public had any questions: no one spoke.

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

Councilor Perry asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition: no one spoke

Councilor Perry asked if any councilors had any questions: none were asked.

Councilor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:41pm.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Petition P-2024-006, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenburg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

PRESENTATIONS – None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Report It Update

Acting Town Manager Robinson gave an update on the Report it and how it works. Also noted that there will be a Fire Station Topping Off Ceremony on 11/20.

Councilor Murphy would like a Fire Station Update on every agenda.

DISCUSSIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Murphy gave an update on the Town Manager search and noted that there is a meeting 11/18 at 7pm with the selected search firm.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY25-021: Renaming of the Bridgewater Middle School

Councilor Perry noted that this is being introduced to rename the middle school the the Edward O'Donaghue middle school for all that he has done for the school district.

Councilor Linde made a motion to keep Order O-FY25-021 at Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

b) Order O-FY25-022: Reappointment - Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson

Councilor Perry noted that this is needed to keep the Acting Town Manager another 90 days.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to keep Order O-FY25-022 at Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Robinson.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg

– Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

- c) Order O-FY25-023: FY2025 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor
Acting Town Manager Robinson noted this is an annual process by which the council decides if they want to change how the tax rate is set.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-023 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenburg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

- d) Order O-FY25-024: An Order to Raise the POW/MIA Flag
Councilor Chase read the order into the record.

Councilor Linde noted that he hears the veterans loud and clear and wants to resolve this.

Councilor Robinson noted that there is not a single person on this council that would oppose this, there was some logistical confusion. There was never any question of not supporting our veterans, trying to find space and flexibility for other flags.

Councilor Linde made a motion to retain Order O-FY25-024 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenburg.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that have after hearing from Mr. Pitta she has changed her opinion and only State, POW/MIA and US flag should be flown in front of the Town Hall.

Councilor McKinnon noted that the pole is dedicated to 9/11 and asked by this Order was staying at council when there is an ordinance already pending Rules.

Councilor McGrath noted that she was not in agreement with this order and noted that it has been 3 weeks since an Ordinance was referred to Rules and it has not been discussed yet.

Councilor Chase noted that the Order is from the Town Council ordering the Town Manager to do something.

Councilor McGrath made a Charter Objection and Town Attorney Rawlins noted that the order will be on the next agenda as first reading and that a Charter objection can only be done once.

- e) Order O-FY25-025: Acceptance of Donation - Oliari Charitable Foundation
Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that a \$7,500 grant was received by the Library.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-025 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Robinson.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

f) Order O-FY25-026: General Fund Free Cash Allocation

Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that when free cash is certified by the State it is put into various accounts.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-026 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

g) Order O-FY25-027: Transfer Order - Legal Employment and Collective Bargaining Agreement

Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that the \$75k is to pay for outside legal services for union contracts and two matters that are in litigation.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-027 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

h) Order O-FY25-028: Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer

Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that under a consent order with the EPA the Town is required make improvements to the Sewer systems.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-028 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

i) Order O-FY25-029: Transfer Station Retained Earnings

Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that this is seeking to make a transfer for the contract of the Transfer Station department and a part-time employee.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-029 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion

passed 9-0.

j) Order O-FY25-030: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Plan Transfers

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-030 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

k) General Ordinance D-FY25-011: General Ordinance - Amend Chapter 300, Article II, "Truck Exclusions" Councilor Perry noted that this was in reference to heavy truck traffic on High Street, setting restrictions on certain areas.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-011 to Rules & Procedures, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

l) Resolution R-FY25-003: FY2026 Budget Resolution

Councilor Perry noted that this budget resolution is set up every year to guide the budget.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Resolution R-FY25-003 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Robinson.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Laurene Powers, Sunrise Drive: heard about the suffering of veterans and their families; we cannot deny suffering by the LBGT and people of color. Flying the Pride and Juneteenth flags are important to the community.
- Daniel Gilmet, - saddened that we have been divided by race, we have had many soldiers of color and LGBT who died and fought for the United States flag. There are two flags that fly on government property POW/MIA Flag and US Flag.
- Paul, - you are telling where to fly one flag but others can fly in front of Town Hall. Concerned. I love people who are respectful to others. Order is limiting on where the flag can fly. Put up another flag pole and fly the Massachusetts flag and put the other flags with those.
- Scott Pitta: did not hear anyone downgrade the pride flag or Juneteenth flag. My main concern is we follow the constitution. If you give a platform to one group you must give to any other group. Amend to only allow the previous flags I discussed.
- David Michael: spoke about the power of flags and their significance. Juneteenth and Pride flags show that people are welcomed and belong. Need to come to a compromise with a common sense

approach. Thanked Councilor Robinson for her service.

- Nick Baggas: would like the address of the license transaction to be put on the agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Robinson: thanked all the veterans, stepping down due to personal health reasons, will be okay. Appreciate the kind words and gestures. Grateful to have had the opportunity to serve. Thank you for everything that my fellow councilors do.
- Councilor McKinnon: wished Councilor Robinson the best, have not always seen eye to eye but we worked well together.
- Councilor McGrath: noted she will miss Councilor Robinson and last week the CERT Team role played Action shooting, which was intense at times. Encouraged residents to sign up for future Cert Training.
- Councilor Chase: wished Councilor Robinson the best, hopeful once again you will run for a council seat.
- Councilor Linde: noted he was wearing a no place for hate pin. Discussed Brockton and the multiple flags that they fly. Spoke with Michael Dutton and Blythe Robinson about another flag pole. Trying to find a compromise. Thanked Councilor Robinson on her service, always been thoughtful and wished her better health.
- Councilor Murphy: happy belated Veterans Day, thanked all the Veterans who served and thanked everyone for their work for the time yesterday. Thank you Ms. Robinson, you will be missed.
- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked Ms. Robinson for her service. Thanked the Veterans. Thanked Kevin Godek who has been cleaning up the park.
- Councilor Perry: – thanked those that were appointment for stepping up and filling those positions. Had a great celebration for Veterans Day, many involved, great turnout. Brings the Bridgewaters together. Thank Councilor Robinson for her time on the council, enjoyed working with you. Thank you for your service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Councilor Robinson.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Robinson – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.



**Bridgewater Citizen's Advisory Committee
Applicant Recommendation Form**

Name of Applicant: David Siden

Board/Committee/Commission Applied for: Veterans Council

Date of Interview: 11/13/24

Summary of qualifications the applicant will bring to the committee: Disabled Veteran

Summary of why the committee would like to recommend the applicant:

Application says it all, candidate is a veteran who is passionate about all Veteran causes. Candidate wants to give back to community by helping all Veterans. He was a genuine and quietly passionate citizen who served our country.

Were there other candidates to consider? If yes, how many? No

Additional Comments:

Date Citizen's Advisory Committee Vote Taken: 11/13/24

Vote Results: 4-0 to recommend

Completed by: Keith Buohl

David W. Siden
70 Deerfield Drive, Bridgewater MA 02324
Tel. [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Objective:

To become a member of the Bridgewater Veteran's Council

Professional Experience

Retired, US Govt. February 2024

US Government; Department of Veteran Affairs 2019-2024

Health Care Food Service Worker; Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VAMC Bedford, MA: 40 hrs per week

Beth Israel Lahey Hospital 2020

Counsellor Intern; Tewksbury Transitional Support Services: Part-time 16 hours per week

Crescent House Transitional Residence Program 2018-2021

Resident Manager; Lowell, MA: Part-time 30+ hours per week

Carpenter Local Union 107—(retired) 1986-2006

Journeyman Carpenter

United States Marine Corps 1978-1985

Infantry Sergeant; Central America, Asia

-Trained and lead Marine small units as part of deployable, large Marine Air Ground Task Forces
Mountain Warfare Instructor; MCMWTC Bridgeport, California

-Trained Marine infantry units up to battalion strength in mountain and cold weather combat operations.

Education

Middlesex Community College 2019-2020

Addictions Counselor Certificate Program; Bedford, MA: graduate

-A 29-credit state certified program meeting the education requirements for CADC certification and Massachusetts LADC II licensure in addictions counseling.

Kiva Center

2021

Certified Peer Support Specialist, Massachusetts

Additional Training/Certifications

Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital

2018

12 Week Whole Health: Taking Charge of Your Life, certificate.

- Trained to personally apply then mentor VA's approach to comprehensive patient-centered Whole Health Care.

Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport CA

1984

USMC Instructional Management School, Teaching Certificate

Mountain Leader Certification, (summer and winter) Certificate

Mountain Warfare Instructor, Certified

United States Army Ranger School Ft Benning Ga.

1982

Class: 14-82

Operation Blue Pride (non-profit SCUBA school for veterans)

2018

SCUBA Schools International (SSI) Open water certification

Emergency Oxygen Delivery, AED, First Aid, CPR, Search and Recover, Diver Stress and Rescue

KIVA Center

Peer Support Specialist suicide prevention training

Volunteer Work and Associations

VA Peer Support

US Marine Raider Association, (honorary life)

US Army Ranger Association, (life)

75th Ranger Regiment Association, (associate)

Online Form Submittal: Board/Committee/Commission Application

From noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

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Board/Committee/Commission Application

Board/Committee/Commission (B/C/C) Application

Select the Board,
Commission, or Committee
applying for

Other

If Other, Which B/C/C are
you applying?

Veteran's Council

Personal Information

First Name

David

Middle Name

Field not completed.

Last Name

Siden

Address1

70 Deerfield Drive

City

Bridgewater

State

MA

Zip

02324

Primary Number

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Field not completed.

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Are you presently, or have
you ever served on a Board,
Committees, or Commission
in Town of Bridgewater?

No

Are you Applying for
reappointment?

No

How did you hear about this vacancy?	Existing B/C/C member
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Please Attach Resume	DW Siden resume.pdf
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In addition to providing a resume, please detail below experience and skills relevant to the B/C/C to which you are applying. List work/volunteer experience, technical skills or other abilities which will make a positive contribution to the B/C/C.	As a disabled veteran, I am passionate about veteran causes and wish to volunteer to give back to my community. I believe that I have the knowledge and abilities to make a difference for veterans in Bridgewater. Thank you for your consideration.
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Please be advised that the applicants being considered for appointment to a B/C/C in the Town of Bridgewater, MA may be subject to background investigations and financial disclosure.

I understand that participation in a board or committee is strictly voluntary and is not subject to compensation. I further understand that the Town of Bridgewater does not discriminate its selection process for committee members based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, or genetic history.

Signing below indicates my understanding of the above disclosures and certifies that the information provided above to me is true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
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Electronic Signature	David Siden
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Date	9/25/2024
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**Bridgewater Citizen's Advisory Committee
Applicant Recommendation Form**

Name of Applicant: Estelle Wenson

Board/Committee/Commission Applied for: Disability Commission

Date of Interview: 11/13/24

Summary of qualifications the applicant will bring to the committee:

Candidate and her husband both are hearing impaired, and candidate also has a physical disability involving her leg. True life experiences in dealing with these issues in day-to-day life.

Summary of why the committee would like to recommend the applicant:

Candidate provided direct experience in town where things could have been handled differently when it comes to citizens with a disability. The candidate is very passionate about assisting all town citizens and businesses when it comes to managing and dealing with disabilities.

Were there other candidates to consider? If yes, how many? No

Additional Comments:

Date Citizen's Advisory Committee Vote Taken: 11/13/24

Vote Results: 4-0 to recommend

Completed by: Keith Buohl

Estelle F. Wenson
635 Conant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Home: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

B.S.
Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
cum laude
speech communication

M.S.
SUNY at Albany, Albany, NY
Teaching speech & English

Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA
Additional course work-speech, psychology, computer technology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1988 - 2020 **Bridgewater State College**, Bridgewater, MA
- VISITING LECTURER - COMMUNICATION STUDIES-28 YEARS
 - CREATED A PROGRAM FOR TARGETED “AT RISK” STUDENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
 - PRESENTED INSERVICE WORKSHOPS AND OFF-SITE WORKSHOPS ON IMPROVING TEACHING THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
 - TAUGHT AT LEAST 2 SECTIONS EACH SEMESTER AND FOR OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS- 3 SECTIONS EACH SEMESTER
- 2001 - 2021 **STONEHILL COLLEGE**, EASTON, MA
- ADJUNCT FACULTY—COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT
 - TAUGHT INTERPERSONAL AND PUBLIC SPEAKING EACH SEMESTER & ADVANCED INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION & STUDIES IN PERSUASION
 - 2008-2009 Learning Management System committee member
 - **2008-2009** LMS faculty mentor
- 2000 - 2011 **St. Thomas Aquinas RCC**, Bridgewater, MA
- WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR
 - ORGANIZE REHEARSALS, RESOLVE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE CLERGY AND THE FAMILIES, ACT AS LIASON FOR COUPLES AND THE CLERGY
- 1998 - 2000 **Massasoit Community College**, Brockton, MA
- ADJUNCT FACULTY-SPEECH COMMUNICATION
 - TAUGHT NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS AND AT-RISK STUDENTS

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND GROUP SKILLS

- 1993 - 1997 **Newbury College**, Taunton, MA
- ADJUNCT FACULTY-WRITING & RHETORIC
 - TAUGHT WRITTEN AND ORAL SKILLS. TO NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS & FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS WRITTEN AND ORAL SKILLS.
 - HELPED STUDENTS CREATE RESUMES, WRITE COVER LETTERS AND PREPARE FOR JOB INTERVIEWS
- 1993 - 1993 **Fisher College**, Taunton, MA
- ADJUNCT FACULTY-SPEECH COMMUNICATION
- 1992 - 1994 **Sacred Heart Junior High School**, Kingston, MA
- COACHED FORENSICS - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
 - TAUGHT PRESENTATION SKILLS
 - PREPARED STUDENTS FOR COMPETITION
 - JUDGED EVENTS AT TOURNAMENTS
- 1973 - 1978 **West Bridgewater High School**, West Bridgewater, MA
- TAUGHT SPEECH/ENGLISH & COACHED FORENSICS' TEAM

GRANTS

- Davis Educational Foundation Fellowship recipient - 1999-2000 & 2000-2001.
- Massachusetts CITI grant- course development. "Communication & Technology in the 21st Century." – 2001.
- Christmas in July grant-Bridgewater Senior Center/ Massachusetts GFWC 2023-24

HONORS

- Presenter-Campus Compact-Service Learning & Inclusion-2009 Amherst
- Volunteer – National Communication Association Convention-Nov.2005
- Presenter – Massachusetts Communication Association – Sept. 2002
- Selected for *International Who's Who of Professional & Business Women* 2000, 2001.
- Selected to present a program & sit on a panel - Nov. 2001 National Communication Association Convention.
- Presenter MECC conference - June 2001.
- Selected for NCA's convention **Spotlight** program - Nov. 2000.
- Presenter - BSC's CART Celebration. May 2000 & May 2001.
- Davis grant presenter - Technology subcommittee, BSC Board of Trustees March 2000.
- Presenter - Board of Higher Education Technology sub-committee fall1999.
- Participant-NCA Summer Technology Conference-summer 1999.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member search team for music director St. Thomas Aquinas parish
- Member Parish Baptism visitation committee
- SHINE counselor-MA certification-2008-2011 Senior advocate
- Coordinate & chair ARISE program-2008-2010
- Co-chaired - St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council
- Chaired-St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Mission Committee
- Volunteered - Bridgewater Relay For Life
- Chaired parish bazaar raffle committee – St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Chaired & co-chaired - Burnell Campus School Parent Advisory Board.
- Junior Great Books Leader-Burnell Campus School
- Hunt School Parent Advisory Committee member.
- Chaired - St. Thomas Aquinas Church Parish Festival raffle table (7 years) and counted proceeds from the Bazaar for the last 5 years.
- Developed & helped co-ordinate St.Thomas Aquinas CYO youth group.
- Co-chaired St.Thomas Aquinas Parish Center building fund committee.
- Chaired parish holiday & event celebrations – St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Recording secretary Catholic Women's Club
- President Catholic Women's Club
- Vice-President Ousamequin Club
- Facilitator Senior Center Water Color Wednesdays
- Director of Writing Group-Bridgewater Senior Center

REFERENCES

- Available upon request

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If Other, Which B/C/C are
you applying?

Disability Commission

Personal Information

First Name

Estelle

Middle Name

Frances

Last Name

Wenson

Address1

635 Conant Street

City

Bridgewater

State

MA

Zip

02324

Primary Number

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Are you presently, or have
you ever served on a Board,
Committees, or Commission
in Town of Bridgewater?

No

Are you Applying for
reappointment?

No

How did you hear about this vacancy?	Existing B/C/C member
Please Attach Resume	<u>Estelleresume2024.docx</u>
In addition to providing a resume, please detail below experience and skills relevant to the B/C/C to which you are applying. List work/volunteer experience, technical skills or other abilities which will make a positive contribution to the B/C/C.	I am hard of hearing and wear hearing aids in both ears, my husband has been totally deaf for many years and before that he was slowly losing hearing while suffering from severe vertigo for years. My son was born with a rare birth defect which taught me at an early age how to advocate for a child. I also suffer from severe osteoarthritis along with a life altering leg injury requiring the use of a cane so I do have a sound understanding of the needs of people with physical challenges. I bring with me almost 40 years of High School and College teaching experience in the field of Public Speaking and Interpersonal Communication along with about 5 years where I was also recruited to teach writing. These skills have the advantage of enabled me to write a few grants and provide assistance with writing some important letters when necessary, a skill that might come in handy. I understand the frustration and hopelessness that some citizens feel when dealing with the challenges of a disability and I am very good at researching ways to help.
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Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Estelle F. Wenson
Date	8/22/2024

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**Bridgewater Citizen's Advisory Committee
Applicant Recommendation Form**

Name of Applicant: Darwin Werthessen

Board/Committee/Commission Applied for: Board of Assessors

Date of Interview: 11/13/24

Summary of qualifications the applicant will bring to the committee: Current position as Manager of Valuation for CPA firm, 5 years as a valuation specialist, Educational degrees in Engineering and Environmental Geosciences

Summary of why the committee would like to recommend the applicant: We strongly feel Mr. Werthessen's educational and career background bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to this board. He is committed to helping serve the town.

Were there other candidates to consider? If yes, how many? No

Additional Comments:

Date Citizen's Advisory Committee Vote Taken: 11/13/24

Vote Results: 4-0 to recommend

Completed by: Keith Buohl



Darwin B. Werthessen, Jr., MAI, CMA

Economic geologist and commercial real estate appraiser with diverse industrial and professional experiences. My strengths are the understanding and investigation of the confluence between natural resources (water, minerals, energy, timber, and agriculture), their given markets, the marketability of discrete assets, and the accurate reporting of these disciplines in narrative and oral formats.

Certifications, Memberships, and Licenses:

Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI)

Certified Minerals Appraiser (CMA #2019-02) International Institute of Minerals Appraisers (IIMA)

Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, numerous states throughout the United States

International Right-of-Way Appraisal Certified (R/W-AC)

American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), YP-0552

Education:

M.Sc.	Mineral Engineering & Exploration	New Mexico School of Mines	08/2014-05/2016
B.Sc.	Environmental Geosciences	Bridgewater State University	09/2011-05/2014

Valuation Experience:

Senior Manager CohnReznick LLP, Boston, MA 1/2023 - Present
As a Manager in the Valuation and Advisory Services group, I focus primarily on real estate fair value reviews for Assurance services during the early part of the year. During the balance of the year, I provide specialized valuation services for natural resources, performing appraisals for resource-related and alternative assets for a variety of clientele and end purposes.

Senior Associate PwC, Boston, MA 11/2021 – 1/2023
As a Senior Associate in the Financial Markets – Real Estate Team, I complete property-level appraisals for financial reporting purposes, tax filings and audit responsibilities, and internal valuation modeling. I serve as a subject matter expert for natural resource assets including but not limited to timberland, agricultural assets, mineral and mining properties, and water rights.

Valuations Specialist Colliers International, Boston, MA 10/2016-1/2019; 1/2020 – 10/2021
Completed narrative appraisals on numerous property types including office, industrial, retail, laboratory, multifamily, vacant land, and special purpose properties. Assignment purposes for loan collateralization, litigation support, tax appeals, and condemnation proceedings. Completed several mineral appraisals including exploration-stage gold/silver properties, undeveloped and developed oil & gas interests for eminent domain proceedings and estate planning, and several prospective and operational sand and gravel quarries throughout the United States. Detailed list of assignments available upon request.

Geological & Mining Experience:

Geological Intern Round Mountain Gold, Round Mountain, Nevada 6/2015 – 9/2015
Under the direct supervision of Mr. Terry Jennings, I assisted the Technical Services team with day-to-day tasks including ore sampling, Rock Quality Designation (RQD), and core logging of infill drill holes. Organized and produced a comprehensive report on the specific gravity of the overburden located in the vicinity of the Phase W expansion zone, later incorporated into the geological model. This study was the basis for calculating overburden removal requirements, a direct input to the mine optimization plan and a factor in the decision to fund the Phase W expansion, which commenced in 2018.

Geological Intern ASARCO Ray Porphyry Copper Mine, Ray, Arizona 6/2014 – 9/2014
Under the direct supervision of Dr. Sterling Cooke, I assisted the Technical Services team with day-to-day tasks including ore sampling, Rock Quality Designation (RQD), and core logging of infill drill holes. Core geological project was the specific gravity measurement of several samples of the intrusive diabase sill material which was causing significant issues in the processing circuit. The results obtained were used for further refinement of the understanding of this material, and the longer-term solution which was identified.

Research Mineralogist New Mexico School of Mines 9/2014 – 5/2016
Conducted numerous mineral analyses on copper and iron-bearing sulfates as well as unidentified sulfides, sulfates, and hydroxides. Analyses were conducted utilizing a PANalytical X'Pert Pro Diffractometer. Samples were collected, prepared, and analyzed to distinguish paragenetic relationships between copper and iron-bearing sulfates and hypogene mineralization as well as minerals in different phases of hydration.

Publications

“The Geochemical Evolution of Copper-Bearing and Related Iron-Sulfates from the Fortuna de Cobre Porphyry System, Antofagasta, Chile”, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of M.Sc. in Mineral Engineering with Specialization in Mineral Exploration, New Mexico School of Mines, April 2016.

“Environmental Considerations of Small-Scale Hydroelectric Power Plants in Himachal Pradesh, India”, Bridgewater State University Undergraduate Review, Volume 10, Bridgewater State University, 2014.

List of Continuing Education Courses and Dates

- USPAP 7 Hour Update Course (2024), Appraisal Institute, December 2023
- Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA), Appraisal Institute, September 2023
- Appraisal of Conservation Easements, Appraisal Institute, August, 2023
- Subdivision Analysis, Appraisal Institute, April 2022
- USPAP 7-Hour Update (2022), Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers, January 2022
- Rates and Ratios, Appraisal Institute, November 2021
- Analyzing Operating Expenses, November 2021
- Pennsylvania Real Estate Appraisal Law Update, Calypso Education, May 2021
- Connecticut Real Estate Appraisal Law Update, McKissock Education, March 2021
- Advanced Concepts and Case Studies, Appraisal Institute, April 2020
- USPAP 7-Hour Update (2020-2021), Appraisal Institute, February 2020
- Advanced Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use, Appraisal Institute, August 2019
- Advanced Income Capitalization, Appraisal Institute, April 2019
- U.S. Mining Law, American Exploration & Mining Association Conference, December 2018
- General Appraiser Report Writing and Case Studies, Appraisal Institute, November 2018
- General Appraiser Site Valuation & Cost Approach, Appraisal Institute, October 2018
- General Appraiser Sales Comparison Approach, Appraisal Institute, September 2018
- General Appraiser Income Approach Part 2, Appraisal Institute, March 2018
- General Appraiser Income Approach Part 1, Appraisal Institute, February 2018
- Business Practices and Ethics, Appraisal Institute, January 2018
- General Appraiser Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use, Appraisal Institute, July 2017
- Geostatistics of Mineral Resources, SME Short Course, February 2017
- Basic Appraisal Procedures, Appraisal Institute, June 2016
- Valuation of Mineral Properties, AEMA Short Course, December 2016
- Real Estate Finance Statistics and Valuation Modeling, Appraisal Institute, June 2016
- Valuing Exploration-Stage Mineral Properties, AEMA Short Course, December 2015

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Board of Assessors

Personal Information

First Name Darwin

Middle Name B

Last Name Werthessen, Jr.

Address1 674 Summer Street

City Bridgewater

State MA

Zip 02324

Primary Number

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Field not completed.

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Are you presently, or have
you ever served on a Board,
Committees, or Commission
in Town of Bridgewater?

No

Are you Applying for
reappointment?

No

How did you hear about this
vacancy?

Other

If other How did you hear about this vacancy?	Shelley McCauley
Please Attach Resume	Werthessen CV 2024.pdf
In addition to providing a resume, please detail below experience and skills relevant to the B/C/C to which you are applying. List work/volunteer experience, technical skills or other abilities which will make a positive contribution to the B/C/C.	I am intimately familiar with many forms of real estate valuation including AVM's, assessment techniques, and the real estate tax appeal process.
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Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Darwin B. Werthessen Jr.
Date	10/9/2024

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Monthly Project Memo

Project Updates: Month of November 2024

- **Site & Building Progress**
 - Steel erection complete for Sequences 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - Detailing/ welding ongoing for all sequences.
 - Metal decking installation has commenced and ongoing for Sequences 1 and 2, Mezzanine.
 - Third Party inspections continue weekly, reports continue to be submitted.
 - Beam signing ceremony took place successfully on 11.20.2024.
- **Utilities**
 - Building and site drainage, water and fire line installation ongoing, team prepping for tie-in to street.
 - Coordination with Town and Utility Companies ongoing for traffic and utilities.
 - Work Order is in for temporary power and pole relocation. The Project Team continues to track weekly.
- **Safety**
 - Safety measures continue to take place on site. If available to visit the site, please notify CHA.

Next Steps

- Steel erection will continue through end of November.
- Concrete slab placements.
- Water tie-in to street.
- Weekly Meetings with M. O'Connor Construction and JHA Architecture.

Risk Log

- Budget
 - Team continues to track budget / potential change orders.
- Schedule
 - Team continues to track schedule with Contractor.

Project Meetings

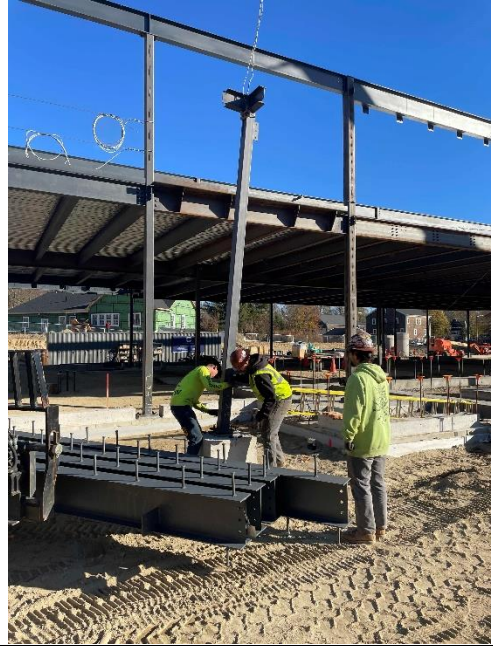
- Weekly OAC meetings Wednesdays at 9:00 am.
- Weekly RFI/Submittal Meetings Mondays at 1:30pm.
- Monthly CORE Meetings, First Wednesday of every month 9:00am.

Progression Photographs

Bridgewater Fire Headquarters



11.12.24 Galvanized Steel Delivery



11.12.24 Setting Column at A2/6



11.14.24 Sequence 3 and 4 Steel Erection

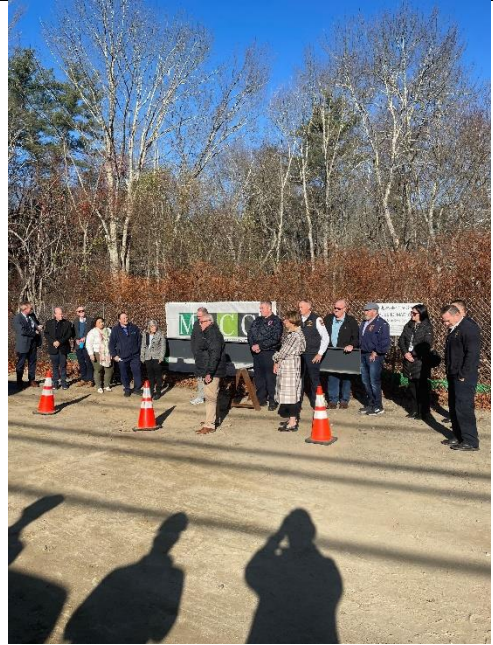


11.20.24 Steel Door Frame Install

Bridgewater Fire Headquarters



11.20.24 Town Beaming Signing



11.20.24 Town Beaming Signing



11.21.24 Metal Decking Detailing



11.21.24 Training Tower



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
Date Introduced: 10/15/2024
First Reading: 10/15/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-018: Acceptance of Grant Funds - Police Municipal Road Safety 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 a Grant of \$40,000 from the State Office of Grants & Research for \$40,000. 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 the Grant of \$40,000 from Municipal Road Safety Grant (MRSG) and to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The programs utilize federal funding awarded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The funds are managed and administered in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR). This Grant will support the Bridgewater Police to address road safety concerns.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: 1. OGR FFY25 Traffic Safety Awards Press Release



For Immediate Release

September 25, 2024



Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards Over \$12.4 Million to Improve Road Safety

Grant funding will support nonprofits, municipal police and state agencies

BRAINTREE – The Healey-Driscoll Administration has awarded more than \$12.4 million in federal traffic safety funding to promote safer roads in communities across Massachusetts.

A total of **\$12,419,715.75** in grant funds were awarded through three grant programs – the **Municipal Road Safety Grant Program**, **State Agency Traffic Safety Grant Program** and **Underserved Communities Traffic Safety Grant Program**, which was introduced for the first time this year. The programs utilize federal funding awarded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The funds are managed and administered in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR).

“Everyone deserves to be safe on Massachusetts streets, whether traveling by car, foot, public transportation or bike. As individual communities work to address their unique traffic safety concerns, these programs provide resources and supports that will ensure they have the tools they need to protect road users,” said **Governor Maura Healey**.

“These programs, taken together, represent a holistic approach to addressing road safety concerns. No one agency or approach can resolve these issues, but the combination of prevention, enforcement, education and outreach initiatives funded through these grants will ensure safer roads for all in Massachusetts,” said **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll**.

The newly created Underserved Communities Traffic Safety Grant Program will deliver \$282,378.92 to support outreach and educational programs directed toward low-income communities and specifically [Environmental Justice Populations](#). This marks the first time that OGR has offered a traffic safety grant program strictly for nonprofit organizations. Funded nonprofits will provide programs focused on improving pedestrian safety, programming for teen drivers, impaired driving prevention, distracted driving awareness and other areas of need.

Funds awarded to municipal police departments through the Municipal Road Safety Grant Program will allow the departments to afford initiatives that include conducting traffic safety enforcement, bicyclist and pedestrian safety enforcement, non-enforcement activities such as trainings or community events, and purchasing traffic safety equipment or safety items to distribute in the community such as bike helmets. This year, OGR awarded \$5,637,336.83 to 191 departments – a record number of recipients for the program.

In addition, six state agencies will receive grants totaling \$6.5 million through the State Agency Traffic Safety Grant Program. Funding will support projects including training, educational and outreach programs, enforcement and crash prevention efforts.

“The initiatives funded through these grant programs will ensure that drivers in communities across the state are better informed and safer behind the wheel. These grants promote strong partnerships between nonprofits, community members and public safety officials. Those relationships are key to our public safety strategy,” said **Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy**.

“These grants fund critical initiatives that will help us toward our goal of reducing traffic crashes, serious injuries and fatalities in Massachusetts. We’re proud to work with local, state, federal and nonprofit partners as well as community stakeholders to improve traffic safety for all road users,” said **OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton**.

“MassDOT is pleased to work collaboratively with municipal leaders, non-profits, and other partners to further improve road safety,” said **Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt**. “Reducing traffic deaths and injuries requires a whole-of-government approach and MassDOT will continue to engage stakeholders in support of public education, the development of safety action plans, and the installation of infrastructure to make travel safer for everyone in our cities and towns.”

“The federal funding will support steps to reduce injuries and deaths on our roadways,” said **Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie**. “All of us in the transportation field and the public sector are grateful for additional resources that help to prevent impaired driving and raise awareness about the danger of distracted driving so that we can have safer roads for our residents and everyone passing through Massachusetts.”

“Education, training, and partnerships are all important elements to helping improve the safety of everyone on our roads,” said **Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver**. “We are grateful that these grant programs are awarding millions of dollars across the state as the funding will help expand safety initiatives and give municipal leaders and partners additional resources to work with.”

FFY25 Underserved Communities Traffic Safety Grant Program Award Recipients:

Award Recipient	Award Amount
WalkMassachusetts	\$59,936

Award Recipient	Award Amount
In Control Family Foundation	\$75,000
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)	\$74,999.46
Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc. (PAACA)	\$72,533.46
Total	\$282,468.92

FFY25 State Agency Traffic Safety Grant Program Award Recipients:

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission	\$325,000
Hampden County Sheriff's Office	\$17,140.79
Massachusetts District Attorney's Association	\$203,035.89
Massachusetts State Police	\$5,012,940.74
Municipal Police Training Committee	\$926,670.08
Office of the Trial Court	\$15,212.50
Total	\$6,500,000

FFY25 Municipal Road Safety Grant Program Award Recipients:

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Abington	\$29,984.22
Acton	\$39,995.40
Agawam	\$37,109
Amesbury	\$29,640
Amherst	\$33,800
Andover	\$25,770
Arlington	\$42,901.08
Ashburnham	\$19,982
Athol	\$19,680
Attleboro	\$56,360.62
Auburn	\$12,234.62
Ayer	\$4,224
Barnstable	\$60,000
Barre	\$19,819.80
Becket	\$18,521
Belchertown	\$29,960.89
Bellingham	\$29,640
Berkley	\$9,811.15
Beverly	\$59,063

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Billerica	\$59,580.38
Boston	\$56,890.04
Bourne	\$39,688.13
Boxborough	\$19,238.88
Boylston	\$19,759.44
Braintree	\$39,047.84
Bridgewater	\$40,000
Brockton	\$60,000
Brookline	\$31,080
Burlington	\$38,929.61
Cambridge	\$59,982
Canton	\$27,529.72
Carlisle	\$17,982.74
Carver	\$20,000
Charlton	\$30,000
Chelmsford	\$26,651.40
Chelsea	\$55,000.56
Cheshire	\$19,180
Chicopee	\$59,790

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Cohasset	\$20,000
Conway	\$11,752.50
Dalton	\$17,395.92
Danvers	\$35,786.66
Dartmouth	\$39,981.15
Dedham	\$25,337
Dighton	\$20,000
Dover	\$18,440.78
Dudley	\$19,780.32
East Bridgewater	\$29,998.80
East Brookfield	\$20,000
Eastham	\$9,119.52
Everett	\$56,000
Fairhaven	\$29,119.26
Fall River	\$60,000
Falmouth	\$40,000
Fitchburg	\$28,732
Foxborough	\$22,489.72
Framingham	\$58,673
Gardner	\$29,483
Georgetown	\$17,300
Gill	\$17,358.31
Gloucester	\$26,064
Granby	\$19,985
Greenfield	\$29,799.68
Groton	\$19,730.29
Groveland	\$13,556.79
Hamilton	\$11,488
Hanover	\$28,133
Hardwick	\$14,200
Harvard	\$19,046
Harwich	\$29,785
Haverhill	\$59,967.21
Hingham	\$32,674.66
Holden	\$28,269.52
Holliston	\$27,178.58
Holyoke	\$39,600
Hopedale	\$19,999.03
Hubbardston	\$19,999.96
Hudson	\$36,689.32
Ipswich	\$30,000
Lancaster	\$19,940.70
Lawrence	\$52,373
Leicester	\$17,627.86

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Leverett	\$12,102
Lincoln	\$19,997.99
Littleton	\$19,863.50
Longmeadow	\$16,563.50
Lowell	\$60,000
Ludlow	\$30,223.49
Lynn	\$59,959
Malden	\$52,223
Mansfield	\$15,384.85
Marblehead	\$34,851
Marlborough	\$60,000
Mattapoissett	\$20,000
Medford	\$60,000
Medway	\$18,088.40
Melrose	\$14,662
Merrimac	\$19,986.84
Methuen	\$39,110.86
Milford	\$38,214.25
Millis	\$19,825.50
Milton	\$39,219.84
Montgomery	\$19,957.60
Nahant	\$19,993.50
Natick	\$35,460.05
New Bedford	\$58,565
New Marlborough	\$13,862
Newton	\$53,015.90
Norfolk	\$19,430.48
North Brookfield	\$16,402
Northampton	\$34,583.26
Northborough	\$21,334
Northbridge	\$22,790.88
Norton	\$29,948
Norwood	\$23,670
Oakham	\$12,388
Oxford	\$22,556.19
Palmer	\$30,000
Paxton	\$19,829.20
Pembroke	\$27,602
Petersham	\$14,400
Pittsfield	\$59,977.50
Plainville	\$19,997.92
Plympton	\$17,620.75
Princeton	\$17,054
Quincy	\$50,100

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Randolph	\$34,831
Raynham	\$24,867
Reading	\$10,032
Rehoboth	\$25,050
Revere	\$59,912.01
Russell	\$19,992.30
Rutland	\$19,791.66
Salem	\$35,174.80
Salisbury	\$19,976
Sandwich	\$39,683.88
Scituate	\$29,946.29
Seekonk	\$20,180.30
Sharon	\$29,900
Sherborn	\$11,680.96
Shrewsbury	\$40,000
Somerset	\$28,643.25
Somerville	\$60,000
South Hadley	\$23,950
Southampton	\$18,744.22
Southborough	\$16,687.08
Southbridge	\$29,400
Springfield	\$59,999.94
Sterling	\$16,323.36
Stoneham	\$36,087.42
Stoughton	\$27,759.60
Stow	\$19,500
Sturbridge	\$19,907.62
Sudbury	\$29,269.90
Sunderland	\$9,617.72
Sutton	\$12,522.08
Swampscott	\$27,040
Swansea	\$23,810.30
Taunton	\$45,853.08
Tewksbury	\$39,447.73
Topsfield	\$19,854.04

Award Recipient	Award Amount
Townsend	\$18,412
Truro	\$19,995.25
Tyngsborough	\$24,803.04
Upton	\$19,731.60
Uxbridge	\$25,200
Wakefield	\$39,536.77
Walpole	\$39,999.84
Waltham	\$59,990
Warren	\$13,530.24
Warwick	\$9,199
Washington	\$15,562.42
Watertown	\$28,600
Wayland	\$10,560
Webster	\$30,000
Wellesley	\$5,847.96
West Brookfield	\$11,347
West Springfield	\$39,746
West Tisbury	\$20,000
Westborough	\$21,238.86
Westfield	\$59,972.80
Westford	\$18,656
Westminster	\$13,705.54
Westport	\$18,148.06
Westwood	\$24,045.02
Weymouth	\$60,000
Wilbraham	\$28,318.99
Wilmington	\$28,580
Winthrop	\$19,258.80
Worcester	\$59,863.79
Yarmouth	\$35,555
Totals	\$5,637,336.83

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Bridgewater Town Council

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Date Introduced: 10/15/2024
First Reading: 10/15/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-019: Acceptance of Gift - Town River Landing Pavilion

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 a gift from Marilyn's Landing (Macdonald Industries) for \$20,000. 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 the gift and to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

MacDonald Industries, aka Marilyn's Landing, has generously donated funds to assist with the construction of a Town Pavilion, on the Town River Landing site. This exciting community project known as the Town River Landing Park Revitalization project, will utilize the student skill building assistance with the Town's partnering with Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School, and outstanding volunteers from Fire for Effect Foundation, a non-profit organization helping veterans and first responders.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
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Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-020: Acceptance of Grant - Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC)

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 \$500,000 from the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs for the Summer St Park Project. 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 town applied for PARC funding in early July to fund the completion of design and renovation of the Summer Street property into a park.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: 1. bridgewater #2 FY25 PARC grant award letter



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September 23, 2024

Michael Dutton
Town of Bridgewater
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Summer Street Park, PARC #2

Dear Mr. Dutton:

I am pleased to officially confirm that the Summer Street Park project has been selected by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to receive up to \$500,000 in state Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant assistance.

Project deadline is June 1, 2026

Be advised that the sum of \$33,000 for design costs has been set-aside for encumbrance and expenditure in FY25. Please note that this figure is solely for expenditure in FY25. The remaining \$467,000 for construction will be executed for encumbrance of funds in FY26, which begins July 1, 2025. All construction work must be completed and closed out by June 1, 2026. PARC grants work on a reimbursement basis. Your community's reimbursement rate is 66%. We can only reimburse your community for 66% of what you spend as demonstrated through canceled municipal checks during the contract period, even if this figure does not reach the maximum value of the grant award for that specific fiscal year.

The project must be completed by June 1, 2026 because your grant award amount has been budgeted by EEA in the fiscal years requested in your application. If you anticipate any difficulties in meeting this spending target and schedule at any time, please contact me without delay. I can be reached at melissa.cryan@mass.gov or (857) 274-7173.

Next Steps

1. Take a **City Council or Town Meeting vote** if you have not done so already. I must have an electronic copy of the certified vote in hand no later than December 31, 2024. If you have not yet had me review the vote language, please do so immediately.
2. Execute the **PARC Project Agreements**. The PARC Project Agreement will be signed by your Chief Executive Officer and a majority of the Park or Recreation Commission members. Review the

agreement carefully to be sure that the project has been correctly described and contact me immediately if any changes or updates need to be made. If the document is correct, please have **two copies signed** and mail them to me for signature by Rebecca Tepper, Secretary of EEA. One original will be returned to you to record, along with the town meeting or city council vote, property deed, and boundary map, at the Registry of Deeds, and to be copied for your audit file. The recorded Project Agreement must be returned to me no later than August 1, 2025.

3. Execute a **State Standard Contract**. This document allows our fiscal department to establish an account for your project. No reimbursement request can be honored unless the State Standard Contract, including the [Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing](#), are signed and returned to me. The Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing Form should be signed by whoever signed the contract.
4. After the state contract has been signed and returned to you, you may proceed with the final design of your project. You may not start construction until July 1, 2025, and are expected to begin construction on that date. If you cannot, you must explain why. Please note that we are unable to reimburse your community for any costs incurred prior to the execution of the State Standard Contract.

Reimbursement Procedures

The reimbursement procedures will be discussed in detail at the Grants Management Workshop (information below). A **quarterly report form** is also enclosed, which is due the first business day of December, March, June, and September while the project is active.

Reimbursement will be contingent upon satisfying the following conditions:

1. Submit **final designs and specifications** before going to bid, together with required permits for the construction phase, and final billing for design work by June 1, 2025.
2. A copy of the **PARC Project Agreement**, which has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds (along with the town meeting or city council vote for the project and boundary map) and a marginal notation entered on the deed to the property, is returned by August 1, 2025.
3. The construction must be started on July 1, 2025 and closed out by June 1, 2026. If you do not begin construction on July 1, 2025, you must explain why and submit a schedule demonstrating how your project will meet the June 1, 2026 deadline.
4. Completion of outstanding Conservation Restrictions on parcels acquired with the use of Community Preservation Act funds. Applicants that have purchased real property interests for open space or recreational purposes using CPA funds must have all CRs required by Section 12 of Chapter 44B approved by the Secretary of EEA and recorded prior to receipt of project reimbursement from EEA. Please submit to DCS documentation showing the conveyance of approved CRs to an appropriate entity. Documentation should include the grantee, date of conveyance, and registry book/page of the CR document.

Legally Protected Recreation Land – Bridgewater’s Commitment

Please remember that according to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, acceptance of the state grant requires that this site remain open to the general public and prohibits any other use other than public outdoor recreation.

Project Sponsor’s Workshop

Please carefully review all the enclosed information, and plan to attend the Project Sponsor’s Workshop. This is a short (around an hour), but important, mandatory meeting to review how to prepare your reimbursement request(s). If you cannot attend, please send someone to represent you since it would be very difficult to meet individually with each project sponsor. It will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 9:30 am. Upon RSVPing to me at melissa.cryan@mass.gov, the login information will be provided.

Congratulations on your successful application to the PARC Grant Program!

Sincerely,

Melissa Cryan
Grant Programs Supervisor

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Paul Murphy
Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-021: Renaming of the Bridgewater Middle School

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 school year marks the 65th anniversary of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District and the 30th anniversary of the district fully regionalizing preK-12; and

WHEREAS, in honor of this and to recognize a tremendous educator who was a driving force in creating B-R as we see it today, the Town Council at the request of the School Committee, would like to rename the current Bridgewater Middle School to the “Edward O’Donoghue Middle School”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Donoghue worked tirelessly at B-R as a teacher, attendance supervisor, assistant headmaster and superintendent, where he was instrumental in the influx of new technology to the school district, keeping B-R on the leading edge of a new wave of education; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 1985 honored Mr. O’Donoghue by dedicating their yearbook to him because of his ability to encourage them and make the best of their high school years; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the B-R School Committee dedicated the Bridgewater Middle School to Mr. O’Donoghue for always putting the educational needs of the children his highest priority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Donoghue served a long and honorable career, bringing together a school district and countless individuals and left his mark on the Towns of Bridgewater and Raynham.

NOW THEREFORE, because of Mr. O’Donoghue’s lifetime commitment to educational excellence and the community, the Town Council votes to rename the Bridgewater Middle School to the “Edward O’Donoghue Middle School”.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Referral(s)
• This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.

Attachments:

None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-022: Reappointment - Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson

Whereas, in accordance with Section 4-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, on September 17, 2024 the Town Council voted to appoint Blythe Robinson as Acting Town Manager for a period of 90 days; and

Whereas, those 90 days were for the period of September 5, 2024 to December 3, 2024; and

Whereas, Ms. Robinson has demonstrated her ability to understand and address the needs of the Town and the Town Council; and

Whereas, Ms. Robinson is committed in continuing her role as Acting Town Manager.

Ordered, in accordance with Section 4-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council, assembled, vote to re-appoint Blythe Robinson as Acting Town Manager for a period of 90 days effective Decemeber 4, 2024 and ending March 4, 2025.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-023: FY2025 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor

ORDERED that, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 56, the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt a residential factor of 1 for fiscal year 2025.

Explanation:

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

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24
Finance Committee	11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-025: Acceptance of Donation - Oliari Charitable Foundation

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 a Donation award from Oliari Charitable Foundation for \$7,500 for the Bridgewater Public Library to fund the library's Sy Montgomery Author Event.

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 Oliari Charitable Foundation., has graciously donated \$7,500 for the Bridgewater Public Library to fund the library's Sy Montgomery Author Event set to take place on January 25, 2025 at the Moakley Auditorium at Bridgewater State University.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: 1. Oliari Charitable Foundation

30 October 2024

Blythe Robinson
Acting Town Manager
Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Ms. Robinson:

This letter is to attest that The Oliari Charitable Foundation is making a donation in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the Bridgewater Public Library to fund the library's Sy Montgomery Author Event. This event is set to take place on January 25, 2025, at the Moakley Auditorium at Bridgewater State University. These funds are for this expressed purpose only.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm Regards,



Danielle M Oliari
Board Chairperson
Oliari Charitable Foundation
Danielle.oliari@cntdep.com



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-026: General Fund Free Cash Allocation

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 \$3,517,736 below schedule:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GF UNDESIGNATED	09905990-596000	TRANSFER OUT	<u>\$3,517,736.00</u>
Total:			\$3,517,736.00
<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	\$2,349,787.00
OPEB STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80114-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 100,000.00
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND	80044-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 200,000.00
ONE TIME/UNFORESEEN FUND	80134-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	<u>\$ 367,949.00</u>
Total			\$3,517,736.00

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 11/26/24
• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-027: Transfer Order - Legal Employment and Collective Bargaining Agreement

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 and transfer \$75,000 below schedule:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Other One Time Unforseen Fund	80135-596100	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
Total:			\$75,000.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Employment Legal Consulting	01515030-530200	Legal Fees	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
Total			\$75,000.00

Explanation:

Transfer funds for Collective Bargaining Negotiations for CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreements). and Employment Legal Expenses.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24
Finance Committee	11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments: None



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Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-028: Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer

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 and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer Retained Earnings	6100-596110	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$704,600.00
Total:			\$704,600.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer Phase 2 WWTF Upgrade	TBA	Phase 2 OPM Services	\$704,600.00
Total			\$704,600.00

Explanation:

This transfer will appropriate Funds for engagement of Environmental Partners to proceed with the planning and development of Phase 2 Phosphorus Removal Upgrade.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

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Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
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Order O-FY25-029: Transfer Station Retained Earnings

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 and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TS Retained Earnings	6400-359000	Transfer Station Retained Earn	<u>\$51,800.00</u>
Total:			\$51,800.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TS Salary	64005001	Salaries & Wages	\$26,800.00
TS Repairs & Maintenance	64005012	Expenses	\$25,000.00
Total			\$51,800.00

Explanation

This transfer will fund employment contract as well as additional funding for a part time attendant in salaries. Also major repairs to older equipment is necessary and was not in operations budget.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager
Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-030: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Plan Transfers

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 and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SOURCES OF FUNDING</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	80105-596110	Transfer to Capital	\$ 1,017,446.00
Total				\$ 1,017,446.00
	<u>USES OF FUNDING</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000	BRRSD SCHOOL CAPITAL	10300225-580000	BRRSD Capital	\$ 1,017,446.00
Total				\$ 1,017,446.00

Explanation:

This transfer will fund requested BRRSD School Capital Outlay projects as outlined and Approved by the Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Committee.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 11/26/24

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend
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Attachments: 1. DESCRIPTION OF APPROPRIATION

DESCRIPTION OF APPROPRIATION

Town of Bridgewater FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program					
Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Funding Requirements FY 2025					
Location of Project		Project#	Description		Amount
2025	300	Bridgewater Middle School	300.72	BMS Camera System Upgrade - Building Security	\$75,000
2025	300	Bridgewater Middle School	300.07	BMS LED Lighting Upgrade	\$200,000
2025	300	Bridgewater Middle School	300.00	BMS Replace Front Doors	\$55,000
2025	300	Bridgewater Middle School	300-00	BMS Replace office area carpet	\$30,000
2025	300	District Wide	300.00	DW Air Conditioning upgrade	\$24,468
2025	300	High School	300.25	HS Crack Fill, Sealcoat, Reline Asphalt	\$131,516
2025	300	High School	300.00	HS Softball field - infield for girls softball	\$21,410
2025	300	High School	300.75	HS PA System Replacement	\$55,053
2025	300	Williams Intermediate School	300.71	WIS Camera System Upgrade - Building Security	\$125,000
2025	300	Williams Intermediate School	300.52	WIS HVAC System Upgrade Package Units (R22 Refrigerant)	\$275,000
2025	300	Williams Intermediate School	300.00	WIS Rear Lower gym roof replacement	\$25,000
BRRSD SCHOOL			Total		\$1,017,446



Bridgewater Town Council

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Date Introduced: 11/12/2024
First Reading: 11/12/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
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Resolution R-FY25-003: FY2026 Budget Resolution

WHEREAS: A methodical and disciplined approach to the operating budget is warranted.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to establishing guidelines and priorities for the Town Manager to develop the Annual Budget, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following Policy Guidelines for the Town Manager to use in creating the FY2026 Budget:

The Town Council is adopting these budget policy guidelines pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. Based on these guidelines, the Town Manager will develop budgetary goals and the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that commences on July 1, 2026.

Introduction

The following financial principles set forth the framework for our overall fiscal planning and management of the Town of Bridgewater's resources and are designed to ensure the Town's sound financial condition, now and in the future.

Sound Financial Condition is defined as:

- Cash Solvency – the ability to pay bills in a timely fashion
- Budgetary Solvency – the ability to annually balance the budget
- Long Term Solvency – the ability to pay for future costs
- Service Level Solvency – the ability to provide needed and desired services
- Reserve Solvency – the ability to adapt and respond to economic conditions
- Capital Solvency – the ability to assess, maintain, and replace our capital assets
- Bond Rating – maintain or improve current bond rating Aa3.

To this end we will adhere to the following financial policies.

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Financial Policies and Guidelines:

The Town will adopt a Multi-year forecast for fiscal years 2026 – 2030 and a Capital Improvement Program, prior to submission of the Town Manager's FY2026 Budget. This will give the Town a broader more forwarding looking perspective to better understand the budgetary cost drivers and our revenue capacity. Projecting forward will allow us to foresee where a structural deficit may exist when building out our operating budget for the ensuing year.

The following will be applied in preparing the FY2026 Budget.

1. The town will avoid budgetary practices that balance current expenditures at the expense of meeting future year's expenses, such as postponing maintenance and upkeep of our facilities and equipment.
2. Recurring operating costs will be funded by recurring sources of revenue. In addition, to budget prudently and plan for contingencies, the town sets the following reserve objectives for FY 2026:
 - a. Unreserved Fund Balance (free cash) for FY 2026 (07/01/2026) will be targeted at 2% of the 2026 operating budget and used only for one-time expenditures such as capital improvements, capital equipment, unexpected or extraordinary expenses such as unbudgeted snow and ice removal expenses and/or to meet the stabilization reserve policy objectives
 - b. The Town will maintain a Stabilization Fund as its main financial reserve in the event of an emergency, unforeseen circumstances, or an extraordinary need. It shall be the goal of the town to achieve and maintain a balance in the Stabilization Fund equal to 10% of its operating budget.
3. Revenue:
 - a. Revenue Estimating: the revenues will be estimated conservatively, using an objective analytical approach. The goal is to predict revenues as accurately as possible while erring on the side of caution
 - b. The Town will use methodologies established that best fit the accuracy of specific forecasting, in other words, different methods for different revenue types: Property Tax, Local Aid, Local Receipts, and Other Available Funds.
 - c. Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: A five-year forecast will be used to determine available funds to support, proportionately, the ensuing year's Fire Department operating budget and capital requirements for the Ambulance Fleet.
 - d. For FY2026 the projected revenue surplus shall be set at 2% of the 2026 operating budget. Revenue surpluses are essential to continue the annual funding of the Stabilization Fund at the 10% level, fund capital purchases of machinery, equipment, and vehicles, capital building improvement, infrastructure and engineering costs, unfunded sick leave buyback, and outstanding OPEB liability.
4. Expenditures:
 - a. Estimating Major Cost Drivers: This compilation will address the increases necessary to fund the major budgetary cost drivers – salaries and benefits – which support our current service levels.
 - b. Maintenance of Capital Assets: The Town will compile a budget that will maintain capital assets and infrastructure to protect the town's investment. The Town will compile a budget that will maintain our assets to protect the Town's investment, support and provide services, community, and economic development. Specifically:
 - Mach/Equip/Vehicles
 - Software

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

- Infrastructure
- Land & Land Improvement
- Building & Building Improvements

c. New Program or Initiatives: The Town will budget for new programs or initiatives only after fully funding existing major cost drivers and the maintenance of capital assets.

FY 2026 Town Manager's Budget Objectives

1. Continue the Town's efforts within all departments to obtain grant funding from federal, state, and other sources in order to offset capital expenditures and major initiatives
2. Review cost implication of contracted services vs. staffing in various departments
3. Continue to enhance the Town's website and use other technologies as cost-effective means for delivering information and services, increasing public awareness, and encouraging public feedback.
4. Submit a budget which maintains the Town's current service level and a budget which will meet the Town Manager's services priorities.
5. Develop a plan that will improve Town (within projected funds) owned roads that are in need of improvements. Understanding that a great deal of roads are in need of repair, present a priority of what road(s) will be a priority for FY26, where funding will include projected Chapter 90 funds, State/Federal grants, and capital funds.
6. Continue to develop and complete the Town's parks/trails and indicate which ones may be completed in FY26 for the residences of the community.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 11/26/24
• Finance Committee	• 11/18/24: Voted 5-0 to recommend

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced: 8/13/2024
First Reading: 8/13/2024
Second Reading: 11/26/2024
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-002: Revisions to the Administrative Code

ORDERED, that the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the attached revisions to the Administrative Code as required by the Town of Bridgewater, Home Rule Charter Section 5-1.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules & Procedures	10/8/24: Vote 3-0 to recommend with amendments.

Attachments: 1. Proposed Ordinance Revisions to the Administrative Code - Amendments by Rules and procedures

Rules and Procedures recommended one change:

Part II. Administrative Code

Chapter 1. Boards, Committees and Commissions

Article II. Elective Bodies

Section 1. Offices and Standards

- D. Term of office. The term of office of all elective Town officers shall be three years beginning on the second Monday following the election and continuing until their successors are qualified, except that the term of office for councilors shall begin, **once duly sworn** on the next business day following the election. Terms of office of Town Councilors shall be so arranged that the terms of three of the Councilors shall expire at each annual Town election.

Section 2. Bridgewater Town Council

- A. Composition and authority. There shall be 9 members of the Bridgewater Town Council, one Councilor elected from each districtprecinct and the remainingtwo elected at-large. The Bridgewater Town Council shall exercise all of the legislative powers of the Town.

Rules and Procedures voted to recommend as printed.

Article III. Multiple Member Appointive Bodies

Section 1. Offices and Standards

I. Eligibility for service. Unless otherwise defined within this Administrative Code, aAny registered voter of the Town of Bridgewater, except those who are: (1) an elected official; (2) whose written contract with the Town bars them from holding any other elected or appointed position with the town; or (3) who would be ineligible to serve under Massachusetts General Laws c. 268A and/or the Town of Bridgewater Town Charter, are eligible for appointment to Multiple Member Appointive Bodies. An eligible candidate for a Multiple Member Appointive Body as stated in sentence one herein, shall not serve on more than one Multiple Member Appointive Body at a time unless that candidate has been: (1) recommended by the Town Manager to the Town Council to do so; and (2) is then ratified by the Town Council. Membership on a multiple member appointive body shall terminate forthwith upon the members ceasing to be a resident of the Town or otherwise ceasing to be a registered voter. Unless otherwise noted, members shall serve without compensation

Rules and Procedures voted to not take up this section, need further clarification.

Section 2. Affordable Housing Trust Committee

A. Establishment and Term of Office. There shall be an Affordable Housing Trust Committee consisting of five member trustees. Pursuant to MGL c.44, section 55C, the Town Manager, as chief executive officer, or his designee, shall be an ex officio Trustee. The remaining Trustees shall be appointed by the Town Manager for staggered two year terms.

B. Authorities and responsibilities. The CommitteeTrust shall provide for the creation and preservation of affordable quality housing for the benefit of all, but especially low and moderate income households. The CommitteeTrust has the authority to acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise real estate and personal property, both tangible and intangible, of every sort and description, and to use such property in such a manner as the committeetrustees shall deem most appropriate to carry out its purpose of creating and preserving affordable housing for the residents of the Town. The Committee facilitates the coordination of the factors that affect equal access to housing and issues relating to the development of affordable housing. The Committee seeks to implement the Town's policy statement and program for fair housing, and the promotion of equal choice and access to housing for all people as is outlined in the federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the Commonwealth's Fair Housing Law, MGL c. 151B. The Committee also provides advice to the Town Manager regarding the Town's policies and programs for meeting its requirements for subsidized housing under MGL c. 40B. The Committee reviews all Local Initiative Program (LIP) applications and recommends to the Town Manager either acceptance or denial of LIP applications. The Affordable-Housing Trust Committee is and advisory, regulatory, and ministerial committee of the Town.

C. Interrelationships. (1) Town Council: The Affordable-Housing Trust Committee interacts with the Town Council for the purpose of advising the Council on Affordable Housing Trusthousing activities and affordable housing issues generally. (2) Town Manager: The Town Manager is a membertrustee of the Affordable-Housing Trust Committee, and meets regularly with the Committeetrustees to conduct CommitteeTrust business. (3) Other Bodies: The Committee meets as necessary with any multiple member body of the Town, to effectuate accomplishment of its mission, particularly the Community Preservation Committee.

Reference: Bridgewater Affordable Housing Trust, Part III, Chapter 4, Article III of the Code.

Rules and Procedures noted that this would be taken up only if Section 2 above changed. Rules and Procedures voted to take no action.

Section 7. Community Preservation Committee

A. Establishment and term of office. There shall be a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine members. The Town Manager shall, based upon recommendation from the respective committees, appoint the following: one member of the Conservation Commission; one member of the Bridgewater Historic District Commission; one member of the Historical Commission; one member of the Planning Board; one member of the ~~Affordable~~ Housing Trust Committee; one member of the Housing Authority; one member of the Open Space Committee; and one member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. These appointees will not require ratification from the Town Council. The Town Manager shall appoint one at-large member, whose appointment shall be ratified by the Town Council. Members will serve for three year staggered terms.

B. Authorities and responsibilities.

(1) Acquisition and preservation.

(a) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Council for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is reacquired or created as provided in MGL c.44B. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, whenever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites. Annually, the Committee, with the assistance of the Finance Director, shall make budget recommendations to the Town Manager for inclusion in the annual Town budget.

(b) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Council a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund. The Committee may recommend to the Town Council that funds be borrowed and repaid with Community Preservation funds to accomplish Community Preservation objectives.

(c) In considering its recommendations, the Community Preservation Committee shall use as a guideline local and regional open space plans, housing plans, 59 and the Master Plan. The Committee may develop its own guidelines concerning Community Preservation expenditures with the active participation of other Town multiple member bodies as well as public participation. The Community Preservation Committee is a ministerial committee of the Town.

(2) Needs study. Annually, the Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall

consult with existing Town multiple member bodies, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Open Space Committee, the Planning Board, Parks and Recreation, and the Housing Authority, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and on the Town's web site two weeks prior to the scheduled public informational hearing.

(3) Monitor. The Community Preservation Committee shall monitor progress of CPA funded projects.

(4) Management. Real property interests acquired with community preservation funds shall be owned and managed by the Town unless otherwise specified by vote of the Town Council.

C. Interrelationships.

(1) Town Council: The Committee shall meet at least annually with the Town Council to discuss issues pertaining to acquisition and preservation pursuant to the Community Preservation Act.

(2) Town Manager: The Committee meets as necessary with the Town Manager and all municipal departments and other administrative staff to effectuate accomplishment of its mission.

(3) Other Bodies: The Committee meets as necessary with any Board, Commission or Committee of the Town, particularly the Affordable Housing Trust and the Financial Committee, to effectuate accomplishment of its mission.

Reference: MGL c. 44B

Rules and Procedures voted to recommend as printed.

Section 12. Elder Affairs Commission

A. Term of Office. There shall be an Elder Affairs Commission consisting of nine regular members and two associate members appointed for three year staggered terms. The associate members may serve on committees, but have no voting privileges if a regular member is absent.

B. Authorities and responsibilities. The purpose of the Elder Affairs Commission is to advocate on behalf for the needs of ~~the elderly people~~older adults residing in the Town of Bridgewater. The Elder Affairs Commission is dedicated to ensuring that the older adult population lives and ages well in their community of choice. ~~surveys the elderly population to better determine their needs problems and concerns. It develops criteria for program and supportive services development based upon an assessment of needs and participates in programs offered by the Commonwealth's Department of Elder Services.~~ The Elder Affairs Commission helps identify goals and objectives and supports staff in implementing and promoting the Elder Affairs Commission's mission.

The Elder Affairs Commission assists in the collection of facts and statistics affecting the health and welfare of older adults; encourages the development of programs for older adults; identifies the pertinent needs of the community's older adult population; educates and to enlist the support of the community on the needs of older adults; performs such other duties as may be prescribed by law, or as directed by the Town Manager.

~~The Elder Affairs Commission members also serve as Trustees of the Senior Center Funds. The Commission makes recommendations to the Director of Elder Affairs and the Department of Public Works Director regarding the maintenance of the Senior Center facility, capital needs and minor repairs, supplies related to operation of the building, and replacement of necessary items to maintain the building in good condition. The Commission recommends capital spending from the Senior Center Trust Funds. The Elder Affairs Commission is an advisory and ministerial committee of the Town.~~

C. Interrelationships.

(1) Director of Elder ~~Affairs~~Services: The Elder Affairs Commission interacts primarily with the Director of Elder Affairs. The Elder Affairs Commission provides advisory information to the Director of Elder Affairs concerning program and supportive services for older adults delivery as well as financial management issues. The Director of Elder Affairs provides information to the Elder Affairs Commission about the Department can community needs~~needs and requirements of the Senior Center.~~

(2) Town Manager: The Elder Affairs Commission interacts with the Town Manager and the administrative organization primarily through the Director of Elder Affairs. The Director of Elder Affairs regularly apprises the Town Manager of current activities and concerns of the Elder Affairs Commission and the elderly population. The Director of Elder Affairs works with the Town Manager to develop policies and legislation concerning the issues and needs facing the town's elderly. The Director of Elder Affairs regularly apprises the Town Manager about the status of the Senior Center as well as short and

long term capital needs. The Director of Elder Affairs works with the Town Manager to develop policies and legislation concerning the [Department and the Senior Center building and the Trust Funds](#).

(3) Town Council: The Town Manager keeps the Town Council apprised of the needs and concerns of the [older adultelderly](#) population. The Town Manager introduces policies or legislation to the Town Council for action when appropriate.

Reference: MGL c. 40, Section 8B [Article 22 of the annual town meeting warrant voted June 21, 1993 Chapter 233 of the Acts of 1994, establishing a Senior Center Trust Fund Special Town Meeting Warrant, Article 2, November 10, 1997 Special Town Meeting Warrant, Articles 3 and 7, November 8, 2010](#)

Section 17. Historical Commission

A. Term of office. There shall be a Historical Commission consisting of five regular members and two alternate members. The alternate members may serve on committees, and shall be voting members in the absence of a regular member.

B. Authorities and responsibilities.

(1) The purpose of the Historical Commission is to preserve, protect, and develop the historical and archaeological assets of the Town. The Commission may conduct research for places of historic and archaeological value, and shall cooperate with the State Archaeologist in conducting such research. It seeks to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may, subject to appropriation and approval by the Town Manager, advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which it deems necessary for its work.

(2) The Historical Commission, for the purpose of protecting and preserving such places may make such recommendations as it deems necessary to the Town Council, and, subject to the approval of the Town Council, to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, that any such place be certified as an historical or archaeological landmark.

(3) The Historical Commission may hold hearings, may recommend to the Town Manager execution of contracts with individuals, organizations and institutions or services furthering the objectives of its program, may recommend to the Town Manager execution of contracts with local or regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering its program, and may, with the approval of the Town Council, accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations and from federal, state or other governmental bodies for the purpose of furthering its programs. The Commission may recommend to the Town Manager acquisition of property by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease or otherwise a fee or lesser interest in real or personal property of significant historical value and, upon approval by the Town Manager, may be directed to manage the same, may make and execute any agreement and may do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this section.

(4) The Historical Commission surveys and compiles a listing of all historical sites and buildings within the Town, public and private; determines the functions and structures of all historical organizations within the Town; and holds correlative seminars with historical organizations. It further determines the requirements for repair, reconstruction, and protection of historical landmarks and assists and cooperates with public commissions in the conduct of public historical events.

(5) The Historical Commission is an advisory and ministerial committee of the Town.

C. Interrelationships.

(1) Town Council: The Historical Commission interacts with the Town Council to advise the Council on policies and legislation concerning the preservation, protection and development of historical or archaeological assets in the Town.

(2) Town Manager: The Historical Commission interacts with the Manager primarily for the purposes outlined to effectuate publication of its activities and/or acquisition of interests in historical properties within the Town. The Commission receives such assistance through the Library Department of the Administrative Branch.

(3) Other Bodies: The Historical Commission shall, with respect to matters or actions affecting the historical or archaeological assets of the Town, coordinate with state boards and agencies, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Archaeologist and interact with Town multiple member bodies existing now or in the future, as necessary to better coordinate the activities of these bodies in instances where properties of either a historical or archaeological value are under consideration by these bodies.

Reference: MGL Chapter 40, section 8D

Section 19. Housing Partnership Committee

A. Term of office. There shall be a Housing Partnership Committee to be composed of five members, two whom shall be appointed by the Town Manager, one member appointed by the Affordable Housing Trust from among its members, one member appointed by the Water and Sewer Board from among its members, and one member appointed by the Planning Board from among its members.

B. Authorities and responsibilities. The Housing Partnership Committee facilitates the coordination of the factors that affect equal access to housing and issues relating to the development of affordable housing. The Committee seeks to implement the Town's policy statement and program for fair housing, and the promotion of equal choice and access to housing for all people as is outlined in the Commonwealth's Fair Housing Guidelines, 301 CMR § 50.19. The Committee also provides advice to the Town Manager regarding the Town's policies and programs for meeting its requirements for subsidized housing under MGL c. 40B. The Housing Partnership Committee reviews all Local Initiative Program (LIP) applications and recommends to the Town Manager either acceptance or denial of LIP applications. The Housing Partnership Committee is an advisory committee of the Town.

C. Interrelationships:

(1) Town Council: The Housing Partnership Committee interacts with the Town Council to provide advice on the Town's efforts in the promotion of fair treatment and equal opportunities for safe, sanitary and affordable housing for citizens of the Town, regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, welfare status, marital status, national ancestry, sexual preference, physical or mental disability.

(2) Town Manager: The Housing Partnership Committee interacts with the Manager to ensure implementation of the Fair Housing Plan. The Housing Partnership Committee also advises the Town Manager regarding the resolution of conflicts that may arise among Town departments, multiple member bodies and officials relative to proposals for the development of subsidized housing in Bridgewater. The Manager provides staff support to the Committee through the Community and Economic Development Department, and other appropriate staff.

(3) Other Bodies: The Housing Partnership Committee meets as necessary with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Advisory Council of Health, and the Housing Authority, to ensure compliance with the fair and affordable housing policies of the Town.

Reference: MGL 40B

Section 20. Master Plan Committee

A. ~~Term of Office.~~ There shall be a Master Plan Committee consisting of three members appointed for three-year terms.

B. ~~Authorities and Responsibilities.~~ The Master Plan Committee is responsible for facilitating the implementation and updating of the Master Plan. The Committee is an advisory committee in the Town.

C. ~~Interrelationships.~~

(1) ~~Town Council.~~ The Master Plan Committee interacts with the Council for the purpose of advising the Council on matters related to the Master Plan.

(2) ~~Town Manager.~~ The Master Plan Committee interacts with the Town Manager and administrative organization primarily through the Community and Economic Development Department.

(3) ~~Other Bodies.~~ The Master Plan Committee interacts with the Planning Board and other multiple member bodies as necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Rules and Procedures voted to recommend as printed.

Section 26A. Tree Committee

A. Establishment and Term of Office. There shall be a Tree Committee consisting of seven members: five voting members and two non-voting members. The Town Manager shall, based upon recommendation from the respective committees, appoint the following voting members: one member of the Planning Board; one member of the Open Space Committee; and one member of the Bridgewater Improvement Association. The Town Manager shall appoint two voting members-at-large, at least one of which shall be a certified arborist, landscape architect, or an individual with comparable experience and training. [The seat held by the certified arborist, landscape architect, or an individual with comparable experience and training may be filled by a non-resident if no qualified resident is available and willing to fill the seat.](#) The Bridgewater Tree Warden and the Bridgewater Roadways Superintendent, or his designee, shall serve as non-voting members.

B. Authorities and Responsibilities. The Committee shall advise town officials, multiple member appointive bodies, and the general public to promote activities that encourage the planting, care, and management of all existing and new public trees. The Committee shall advise town officials and the Town Council, as the appropriating authority, on the use of monies collected through any tree cutting mitigation funds the Town may receive.

C. Interrelationships.

(1) Town Manager: The Tree Committee interacts with the Town Manager to communicate recommendations on Town procedures and policies.

(2) Town Council: The Committee reports its activities to the Council through the Town Manager.

(3) Other Bodies: As necessary, the Committee interacts with other multiple member bodies within the Town on issues of mutual concern, including the Agricultural Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Board, Transportation Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 27. Water and Sewer Board

A. Term of office. There shall be a Water and Sewer Board consisting of three members who have engineering or public health experience. The members shall serve for staggered three year terms.

B. Authorities and responsibilities. The Water and Sewer Board is responsible for recommending ~~all~~ improvements to the municipal water pollution control facilities and water treatment and distribution facilities in the Town, and serves as an advisory board to the Public Works Director for establishment of rules and regulations governing the operation of all Town water pollution control facilities and water treatment and distribution facilities. The Water and Sewer Board ~~recommends~~establishes user rates to the Town Manager subject to Town ~~Council~~Manager ratification approval. The Water and Sewer Board is an advisory committee of the Town.

C. Interrelationships.

(1) Town Council: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with the Town Council concerning policies and legislation governing operation of water pollution control and collection facilities and the water treatment and distribution facilities.

(2) Town Manager: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with the Town Manager concerning implementation of the rules and regulations referenced, as well as ensuring that adequate administrative personnel are available to ensure the effective operation of such facilities.

(3) Other Bodies: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with the Open Space Committee, the Economic Development Committee, and other multiple member appointive bodies as necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Rules and Procedures voted to amend

Part II. Administrative Code Chapter 2. Operational Entities Article II Town Council Rules and Procedures

Section 14. Citizen Comments

The Bridgewater Town Council encourages citizens to attend its meetings and welcomes their views on issues of import. A Citizen Open Forum will be placed on each Council agenda, and a citizen comment period will be included at the end of each agenda. Anyone may comment at this time for up to three minutes. Comments and/or inquires should be made in a respectful manner and not cast aspersions on individual council members or the council as a whole. ~~All~~ To strictly comply with the Open Meeting Law, inquires ~~shall~~ ~~ould~~ be responded to if appropriate when deemed necessary, ~~if the information is available at the time or a public response should be forth coming~~ at a future meeting of the Town Council where the inquiry response has been added to the agenda under Town Manager's Report or Announcements from the President. ~~Responses shall be limited to the question at hand and are limited to three minutes. The President shall have the discretion to declare any question or comment duplicative. Such a declaration may be overruled with a two-thirds vote of the Council.~~

Non-residents may speak only with the approval of a vote of the Council. A non-resident of the Town desirous of an opportunity to address the Town Council during a "Citizen Open Forum" or "Citizen Comments" period of a meeting of the Town Council shall be permitted to do so, subject to compliance with the following provisions:

1. Not less than six (6) hours prior to the designated time of commencement of the meeting of the Town Council at which the non-resident wishes to speak, a written request to address the Town Council must be received by the Town Council Clerk from such non-resident via email (addressed to towncouncilclerk@bridgewaterma.org , which shall include:
 - a) The name and street address of said non-resident.
 - b) The name and street address of a resident of the Town who shall be deemed to have invited the non-resident to address the Town Council.

- c) A brief description of the subject matter upon which the non-resident shall speak.
 - d) If applicable, a non-resident may include a brief statement of the educational, occupational or other training, experience or qualification upon which basis the non-resident professes information, knowledge or expertise, if any, to opine on the subject matter.
2. Within six (6) hours prior to the designated time of commencement of the specific meeting of the Town Council at which the non-resident wishes to speak, but in no case less than two (2) hours prior to such designated time, the Town Council Clerk shall electronically forward to each member of the Town Council a copy of the written request received from such non-resident.
 3. During the “Citizen Open Forum” or “Citizen Comments” periods of the meeting, the Town Council assembled shall consider a motion, duly made and seconded, to permit said non-resident to address the Council. An affirmative vote by a majority of the Council members present and voting shall be required to permit the non-resident to address the Council.

Business Owners and Real Property Owners

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner of record of a business, real property or leasehold interest in real property located within the Town who is a non-resident of the Town shall be permitted to address the Town Council.

All other provisions of this Section 14 shall be applicable to non-residents.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Fred Chase, Councilor
Mark Linde, Councilor
Date Introduced: 11/26/2024
First Reading: 11/26/2024
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-024: An Order to Raise the POW/MIA Flag

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2024, the Town of Bridgewater observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, by proclamation, approved the raising of the POW/MIA Flag in commemoration of the plight of American military personnel held captive or deemed missing in action on foreign shores; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024 the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater adopted a Resolution to raise the POW/MIA Flag on Town property at all times to show respect and gratitude to those Americans who are classified as prisoners of war or missing in action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 2-2 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, the Town Council assembled does hereby direct and order that the POW/MIA flag be raised at the War Memorial on the Town Common, to fly at all times hereafter together with the flag of the United States of America.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Town Council	11/12/24: Charter Objection by Councilor McGrath

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced: 11/26/2024
First Reading: 11/26/2024
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-031: Appointment To A Vacant Councilor-At-Large Seat

ORDERED: In accordance with Section 2-5 of the Towns Charter - Filling of Vacancies, Section (c) "The Town Council shall fill the vacant Councilor-at-Large seat with the Remaining Councilors", the Town Council shall seek applications from interested voters from the Town and make an appointment to that vacant seat.

Explanation:

A Councilor-at-Large seat has become vacant as of November 12, 2024. The intent of this order is to fill the vacant Councilor-at-Large seat until the term expires April, 26, 2025.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Kevin Perry, Councilor
Date Introduced: 11/26/2024
First Reading: 11/26/2024
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Resolution R-FY25-004: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2025

WHEREAS: The Bridgewater Town Council Rules and Procedures, Section III Meetings states, “The Town Council will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. In the months of June, July and August, the Council will meet monthly on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday”; and

WHEREAS: Adoption of this Resolution, establishes regular meeting dates which are an exception to the aforementioned rule; and

RESOLVED: The following dates are established as regular meetings for the calendar year 2025 and regular meetings will be held in the Academy Building, Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater MA, to the greatest extent possible, beginning at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

January 7, 2025	June 17, 2025
January 21, 2025	July 15, 2025
February 4, 2025	August 12, 2025
February 18, 2025	September 2, 2025
March 4, 2025	September 16, 2025
March 18, 2025	October 7, 2025
April 8, 2025	October 21, 2025
April 22, 2025	November 4, 2025
May 6, 2025	November 18, 2025
May 20, 2025	December 2, 2025
June 3, 2025	Deember 16, 2025

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

Attachments: None