



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

December 17, 2024

7:00 PM

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, December 17, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

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

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

Councilor Perry held a moment of silence for all veterans and their families.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – None

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT – None

C. PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Bridgewater Raynham High School 2024 Fall Game Day Cheer Team - 2024 Game Day Cheer State Champions

Council President Perry read the Proclamation into the record and thanked the 2024 Fall Game Day Cheer Team for their hard work and dedication. There were a few members of the squad along with their coaches in attendance.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to take L. Legislation for Action out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Tina Larson: spoke as the Town Clerk and commented on Ordinance D-FY25-012, local election only Saturday Spring Break election to shorten the polling hours. State wants Towns to

do mail in ballots in local elections. State does not reimburse for postage. \$2,300 could be saved by doing shorter hours. Would like to mirror what Raynham does. January 6th nomination papers will be available.

- Corey Hughes: noted that her family getting zero help from the Conservation Commission. Trying to put an addition on their house and have gotten nowhere. Issue with dates of meetings, was told no new information but needed but then it was, meetings being cancelled.
- Ray Adjarian: Gave a Tree Committee update – applying for 2nd year of tree city. Need another member on the board, an Arborist. Need Tree Mitigation Schedule, sent to the past Town Manager. Need funds for Tree Survey. State requires all Towns have a Tree Warden.
- Jean Battiste, 360 Lakeside Drive: think it would have been better to wait until April for the replacement councilor but had some great candidates. Want someone who represents the citizens of Bridgewater. Pro-development but not for over development.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: hopefully you pick a councilor at large tonight. Disagree with Councilors Chase and Perry.
- John Donna, 261 South Street: appreciate hearing all the candidates. All have impressive backgrounds. Support Scott Pitta, does have experience on the Board. Find Charter somewhat confusing. Priority to look into the Charter that don't need to be there.
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: FY-033 placement of flag poles. Would like to see 3 flag poles. Concerned about right of first refusal, access to the park. Great candidates, what happens if there is a tie.
- Steve Black, 145 Legge Street: impressed with the candidates; David Michael is hard working honest, dedicated. Will throw himself into this position. Asset to his work and community.
- Mike Silvia, 48 South Street: noticed there are a lot of committees that have vacancies; if interested reach out to get involved.

E. APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Striggles made a motion to take E. Appointments out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Linde made a motion to take b), c) and d) out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

a) Vacant Councilor-At-Large 3 Minute Presentation:

1) Scott Pitta

Mr. Pitta introduced himself to the council and the residents. Noted that he is almost a lifelong resident of Bridgewater, currently works as General Council for the State of MA and was a prior Town Councilor.

2) David Michael

Mr. Michael introduced himself to the council and the residents. Noted that he is a Realtor, past 8 years with Jack Conway, is an engaged and invested member in the community, would bring a calm approach, is reliable and would listen to the needs of the residents.

3) Johnny Loreti

Mr. Loretti introduced himself and his wife to the Council. Noted that he owns Back Bay Fit and all share the same mission, better our community. Worked as a civil engineer prior to owning a business, interested in investing in the schools.

4) Michael Silvia

Mr. Silvia introduced himself to the council and the residents. Noted his experience, skills and commitment which makes him a strong candidate. Need to focus on a town that works for everyone.

5) Michael MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald did not attend the meeting.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to suspend the Council Rules and take Citizens Comments out of turn. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

After Citizen Comments the Town Council nominated and voted as follows:

Councilor Perry made a motion to appoint Scott Pitta to the vacant Councilor-At-Large position. This was seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – No; Perry – Yea; Linde – No; Chase – No; Striggles – No; McGrath – Yea; Motion Failed 4-4.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to appoint David Michael to the vacant Councilor-At-Large position. This was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – No; Ellenberg – No; Murphy – No; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yes; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – No; Motion Failed 4-4.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to appoint Johnny Loreti to the vacant Councilor-At-Large position. This was seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion Passed 8-0.

Mr. Loreti was sworn into the vacant At-Large Council seat by Town Clerk Tina Larson and will be seated at the Council table at the next Town Council meeting.

b) Planning Board:

Eric Costa (Annual Term)

Councilor Chase made a motion to appoint Eric Costa to the Planning Board, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

c) Republican Town Committee Appointment:

Suzanne Lincoln (2024 - 2026)

Councilor Chase made a motion to appoint Suzanne Lincoln as the Republican Town Committee appointment to the Board of Registrars, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

d) Democratic Town Committee Appointment:

Derek Bennett (2024 - 2027)

Councilor Linde made a motion to appoint Derek Bennett as the Democratic Town Committee appointment to the Board of Registrars, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

F. HEARINGS

- a) Petition P-2025-014: Petition for Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a/ NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England - Pole Request - 1185 Pleasant Street
Public Hearing 7:15: Advertised in the 12/3/24 Enterprise.

Councilor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 8:33pm.

The Petitioner noted that this was just to move one pole to the left and splitting and adding another pole, at the request of the town.

Councilor Perry asked if there were any questions from the public – none were asked.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone wished to speak in favor – no one spoke.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition – no one spoke.

Councilor Perry asked if there were any Council questions – no questions were asked.

Councilor Perry closed the public hearing at 8:34pm.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-014, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

- b) Proposed General Ordinance D-FY25-007: Acceptance of MGL c.33, Section 59 Military Service on Salary, Seniority and Leave Allowances for Public Employees
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 12/3/24 Enterprise. Rules & Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend at their 11/13/24 meeting.

Councilor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 8:35pm.

Councilor Perry noted that this is to get the town caught up on salary for military service pay.

Councilor Perry asked if there were any questions from the public – none were asked.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone wished to speak in favor:

Scott Pitta thanked the council for bringing this forward and noting that Bridgewater was well ahead of the curve. Mr. Pitta also noted that it is important to provide salary protection for reserve members in Town.

Councilor Perry asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition – no one spoke.

Councilor Perry asked if there were any Council questions – no questions were asked.

Councilor Perry closed the public hearing at 8:38pm.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY25-007, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

At 8:36pm, Councilor Linde made a motion to recess for five minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting returned to session at 8:44pm

- a) Petition P-2025-007: The Annual Licensing of a Common Carrier/Taxi Service Business
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-007, which was duly seconded by Councilor Chase.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

- b) Petition P-2025-008: The Annual Licensing of Second Hand Gold/Pawn Shops
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-008, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

- c) Petition P-2025-009: The Annual Licensing of Automatic Amusements (in establishment without alcohol)
Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-009, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

- d) Petition P-2025-010: The Annual Licensing of Lodging Houses
Councilor Chase made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-010, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

- e) Petition P-2025-011: The Annual Licensing of Common Victualler Establishments (Non-Alcohol)
Councilor Chase made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-011, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

- f) Petition P-2025-012: The Annual Licensing of Class I, Class II and Class III Auto Dealers
Councilor Chase made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-012, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg..

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

- g) Petition P-2025-013: The Annual Licensing of Establishments with Alcohol and Attendance Licenses
Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-013, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

H. PRESENTATIONS

a) Vision to Reality Update: Bob Rulli, CED Director

CED Director Bob Rulli gave an update on Vision to Reality, noting that quite a bit has been done over the past two years. Perkins Foundry: Town Project approvals received, Currently under MEPA Review, 150 residential units (10% will be affordable); 22,062 commercial space, Town to receive \$200k in unrestricted mitigation funds.

60-88 Broad Street (Former Friendly's): 4 parcels, purchased by Churchill James. 2.3 acres; in Central Business District. 8 Town Homes for sale, 66 apartments (44 – 1 bedroom and 22 – 2 bedroom). First project seeing under the Form Based Code. Zoning Board hearing on 1/8/25.

106 Hale Street: One by Commonwealth of MA on behalf of BSU. DCAM putting out an RFP/RFQ for private developers to develop the site. Subject to Form Based Code. 1.55 acres.

Out of the 6 sites identified 3 sites are being looked at.

Pathways to Progress 2nd meeting will be held 1/16/25 at 6:30pm at the Moakley Center/BSU.

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Fire Station Update

CED Director Rulli noted that the Fire Station is ahead of schedule, weather has been our friend. Purchased steel before any potential tariffs. Weekly meetings with general contractor, making sure staying on schedule and on budget.

Councilor Murphy noted that the information given on the report does not look accurate and Mr. Rulli noted that he would raise the issue to the OPM at the next meeting.

Dr Perry asked if there was any idea when walls will be up and Mr. Rulli noted steel work and decking being completed. Still anticipating 3rd quarter 2025 substantially completed.

b) Municipal Aggregation

Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that the State approved the Town's municipal aggregation plan. Next step is to work together with the consultant to figure out what options to offer Bridgewater residents and businesses. Hopefully programs in place by May/June.

Acting Town Manager Robinson further noted that she has asked the Town's IT department to remind all clerks to let them know when Zoom recordings are ready for uploading to YouTube.

Councilor Striggles asked that the Acting Town manager help the Hughes family as the application does not sound like it should be held up.

Councilor McGrath asked about the conversion of the EV charges at Town Hall to a pay system. Acting Town Manager Robinson noted that she would speak with the Town Manager's Assistant.

Councilor Ellenberg would like Acting Town Manager Robinson to give a brief summary of the

Old Town Hall discussion.

Councilor Murphy asked that the Acting Town Manager give an update on the background information on the Tree Warden we currently have and the tree mitigation schedule update.

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Murphy noted that the Town Manager Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 7:30pm to discuss the results of survey; position description.

Councilor Linde noted that the only citizen input is the survey. Councilor Murphy noted that he himself held two forums this past summer, an Email address was set up and a few emails have been received and there have been several Ad Hoc Committee meetings that have taken place and any citizen that wished to attend and make comments could attend.

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

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

Councilor Perry noted that he brought forth this Order to fill the vacant council seat.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-031, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles for discussion.

Councilor Striggles noted that she is conflicted and would like to hear from the candidates and residents.

Council McGrath noted that Article I Section 2 has a great detail on how to fill at large vacancy, if we do not fill we are choosing not to follow out town code. Councilor Perry noted that the council has the option to fill it.

Councilor Chase noted that Councilor Linde and himself were appointed for a short time to fill a vacancy, but they were district councilors and before the council tonight is to fill an at large seat. District seat should be filled because residents of the districts should have representation in their district.

Councilor McGrath noted that residents want a 9 council, important we follow the Town Code and fill the seat.

Councilor Linde noted that he is in agreement with Councilor McGrath, Town Code should be followed.

Council Ellenberg noted that she would like to hear from the candidates first and then the audience as to what they think about the candidates.

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

Murphy – No; Perry – No; Linde – Yea; Chase – No; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 5-3.

b) Resolution R-FY25-004: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2025

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.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY25-004, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

c) Ordinance D-FY25-009: Veterans Volunteer Services Program (Work-off)

Refer to Advertising: Rules & Procedures meeting 12/12/24.

Councilor Chase noted that Rules and Procedures met and approved the ordinance with amendments 3-0 and noted those amendments.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-009 with amendments to advertising. This motion was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-012: Proposed Amendment to Part II – Administrative Code: Chapter 60, Article I, Section 1 – Elections

Councilor Perry noted that he sponsored this on behalf of the Town Clerk and it would only be based on Town Elections.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-012 to Rules and Procedures, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to amend to read that polls remain open no later than 8pm in the evening. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to table Ordinance D-FY25-012. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilor Linde wants it on record stating that people have different schedules. Do not want to see it reduced. \$2,300 is not a lot of money.

A voice vote was taken for Councilor Striggles motion to refer to Rules and Procedures and the

results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-013: Proposed Amendment to Part II – Administrative Code: Chapter 290, Article I, Section 1 Shade Trees

Councilor Perry noted that he sponsored this ordinance to update that particular chapter in the Town Code.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-013 to Rules and Procedures, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken and the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

- c) Order O-FY25-033: An Order for the Placement of Flagpoles

Councilor Chase noted that he is proposing to add a second flag pole. The existing flag pole be moved to the center of the fountain directly across from the 9/11 flag pole. The flag of the Town would be flown on one and the US and POW Flag would fly on the other. When the council approves a citizens request to fly a flag the other flag would be flown beneath the Town Flag. Grateful to Councilor McGrath for joining this.

Councilor Linde asked where the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag would fly and Councilor Chase noted that some have suggested a third flag pole be considered.

Councilor Perry noted that he spoke with the Veterans Agent, Greg Martin about the potential of 3 flag poles, would like to see costs.

Attorney Rawlins noted that when it goes to committee he would recommend that the Committee look at the verbiage. Investigate the situation and submit a report, only the Council can appropriate funds. Under the Charter it is up to the Town Manager for the use of the property. You want it to be a directive to the Town Manager and to produce options and costs. Once that is produced an appropriation can be brought forward.

Councilor McKinnon suggested that a sign indicating that the Town Hall is the Academy Building also be looked at.

Councilor McGrath asked if the Ordinance that she brought forward a few months ago could be voted on in Rules and Procedures and Councilor Chase noted that the Rules Committee voted to continue that matter at their last meeting but will bring it up at the next meeting.

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to retain Order O-FY25-033 at council level, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

- d) Order O-FY25-034: Right of First Refusal - Oldfield Estates n/k/a Oldfield Preserve
Councilor Chase noted that the town has the right to purchase this but there is no compelling interest for the town to exercise that option.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-034 to Community and Economic Development, which was duly seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

Councilor Ellenberg asked where the property was, what it was and what is it going to be. Councilor Chase noted that it is a residential subdivision built and pursuant to it's original plan there was a portion of common land and the decision of the trustees of the homeowners trust was to donate the portion of the land and the town has to waive it's right of first refusal.

A voice vote was taken and the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea;
Motion passed 8-0.

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Laurene Powers, Sunrise Drive: thanked the councilors for working together on the initiative.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: noted that the Town should just get 3 flag poles, has trouble with the website in finding committee meeting and the election times should not change.
- Ray Ajamian: Trees are important. Tree committee can do a presentation on why trees are important. Want to educate the public.
- Chrstine Ajamian: exciting to see new faces; look forward to the election in April.
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: historic district commission oversees the changes in that district. Highway Department does not have a bucket truck, been a problem for years.

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor McKinnon: Happy holidays to everyone.
- Councilor Ellenberg: congratulations to Johnny and Happy holidays.
- Councilor Murphy: thanked everyone who presented tonight, great candidates.
- Councilor Linde: Happy holidays. Encourage people to put their name forward
- Councilor Chase: congratulated Johnny Loreti, thank you for your words tonight. Thanked all of the candidates who came to speak. Expect many of them to seek nomination papers.
- Councilor Striggles: congratulated Councilor Loreti. Thanked Chief of Police for his help with a situation and to congratulate him on being installed as President for the Police Association.
- Councilor McGrath: attended the installment for the Police Chief and it was a moving ceremony, BSU sponsored event. Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
- Councilor Perry: congratulations to Councilor Loreti and thank you to the candidates who stepped up. Great crowd. Encourage all the candidates to pull papers and run in April. Chief Delmonte was honored. Safe and happy holidays.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McKinnon made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-009 with amendments to advertising. This motion was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; Chase – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Motion passed 8-0.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.