



Town of Bridgewater

Rules and Procedure Committee

August 28, 2024

7:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 833 9883 7053

MEETING MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Chase called the Town Council Rules & Procedures Committee meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Council Members Present:

Councilor Chase

Councilor Murphy

Councilor McKinnon

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – None

ITEMS REFERRED

a) Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY24-003: Chapter 7.7 - Specialized Energy Code

Councilor Chase noted that the proposed zoning ordinance was introduced to the council on 11/21/23 and that it was referred to Rules & Procedures at the 3/26/24 meeting. This ordinance was brought forward because of Dr. Hunt, who is the chair of the Energy Committee. This is an opt-in process, Bridgewater has already adopted the Stretch code. Noted that at the July council meeting a presentation was done and that the mission is to achieve net zero emissions.

Councilor Murphy noted that he would prefer to put this on a town ballot as a question.

Councilor McKinnon noted that the negatives of this ordinance outweigh the positives.

Councilor Chase noted that Rules could return the ordinance to council with no action, not taking a position. Councilor McKinnon was in favor of this.

Councilor Murphy made a motion to return Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY24-003 back to Town Council with no action. This motion was seconded by Councilor McKinnon.

A voice vote was taken and the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Chase – Yea. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

A voice vote was taken and the results recorded as follows: McKinnon – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Chase – Yea. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Rules & Procedures Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on October 8, 2024, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.