



## Town of Bridgewater Rules and Procedure Committee

November 13, 2024  
7:00 PM

### 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.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Chase called the Town Council Rules & Procedures Committee meeting to order at 7:00pm pm Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The meeting took place via Zoom.

#### Council Members Present:

Councilor Chase  
Councilor Murphy  
Councilor McKinnon

#### B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
*Councilor McKinnon made a motion to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilor Murphy.*

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

#### C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

#### D. ITEMS REFERRED

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-006: Bridgewater Town Charter Amendment for Gender Neutral Language

Councilor Murphy noted that he sponsored this ordinance to change the language to be gender neutral.

*Councilor McKinnon made a motion to recommend Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-006, which was seconded by Councilor Murphy.*

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

- 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

Councilor Chase noted that the passage of this ordinance would enable the Town to compensate military employees up to 40 days per year. Benefits, pay and seniority would not change.

*Councilor McKinnon made a motion to recommend Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-007, which was seconded by Councilor Murphy.*

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

**E. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

*Councilor McKinnon made a motion adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Chase.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

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 December 12, 2024, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.