



## Town of Bridgewater Rules and Procedure Committee

December 2, 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 Monday, December 2, 2024. The meeting took place via Zoom.

#### Council Members Present:

Councilor Chase  
Councilor Murphy  
Councilor McKinnon

Also present was: Shelley McCauley, Chief Assessor; Laurie Guerrini, Finance Director; Blythe Robinson, Acting Town Manager and Greg Martin, Veterans Agent

#### B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

#### C. LEGISLATION REFERRED

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

Councilor Chase read the Statute into the record.

Councilor McKinnon asked who was setting the hourly rate and Ms. McCauley noted that the State sets the rate to \$15 per hour.

Councilor Chase inquired about other benefits they may receive and Ms. Robinson noted that they would receive no benefits but if they got hurt during their shift then they would be covered under Workmen's Compensation.

Councilor Chase then inquired about legal expenses and Ms. Robinson noted that it would depend on the situation, but a person would not be put into a position that would have any issues.

Ms. McCauley noted that the Town has been doing the SAVE Program since 1997 and there have been no issues.

Councilor Murphy inquired as to how does the Town confirm if the Veteran lives in the town or owns property. Ms. Robinson noted that the veteran needs to be a property owner. Ms. McCauley added that the veteran would need to own their home and be the person responsible for the property tax bill.

Councilor Chase asked if the veteran is eligible under this would they be able to secure the SAVE program also.

Ms. McCauley was unsure and there were a few questions that the councilors wanted to get answered so they asked Ms. McCauley to reach out to the DOR for the answers.

Ms. McCauley will reach out to the DOR and get back to the councilors.

*Councilor Murphy made a motion to continue Ordinance D-FY25-009, to the next Rules and Procedures Committee meeting. This was seconded by Councilor McKinnon.*

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

**D. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

*Councilor McKinnon made a motion to adjourn, 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

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.