



## **Town of Bridgewater** **Downtown Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee**

January 25, 2024

9:00 AM

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Perry called the meeting to order at 9:26am. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A and via Zoom.

Councilors Present: Councilor Perry and Councilor Linde.

Also in attendance was CED Director Robert Rulli and Town Manager Michael Dutton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Discussion of Downtown Revitalization

CED Director Rulli gave a brief update on vision for reality. Noted all inter-related; an e-newsletter is sent every two week and can see who opens the e-newsletter. MBTA platform is ongoing; DOC wastewater to prison is ongoing and need zoning in place. Housing is needed for young professionals and over 55. Micro-transit is the new thing. Historic preservation is a huge part; pld Town Hall valuable asset. Form based code does not apply to Central Square – Planning Board still has control. Campus Plaza biggest piece – will be done in phases.

Councilor Perry asked what the 2025 goals were.

Mr. Rulli noted that Broad Street and behind Bridgewater trophy would begin in 2025, traffic study would be funded, wastewater and MBTA will be discussed. Will do more with BSU. Perkins is 90% approved, could be Fall before anything happens.

Mr. Rulli also noted that affordable housing has a bad name, many do not understand. Bridgewater is a walkable community. Want local owned businesses, not big box. More housing will bring more retail and restaurants.

Councilor Perry noted that a resolution for traffic pattern will be taken up at the next meeting..

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Councilor Linde made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Perry.

A roll-call vote was taken and the results are recorded as follows: Linde – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent. Motion passes 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13a.m.

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Downtown Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on February 22, 2024, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.**