



Town of Bridgewater

Finance Committee

May 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85028858024>

Meeting ID: 850 2885 8024

MEETING AGENDA

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 June 30, 2027, 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**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) May 2nd, 2025
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
- E. New Business**
 - a) Order O-FY25-060: Capital Plan Transfers for FY2026
 - b) Order O-FY25-061: Contractual Buyouts
 - c) Order O-FY25-062: Loan Authorization: Plymouth Street Wells Project
 - d) Budget Order O-FY26-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2026
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**



Town of Bridgewater Finance Committee

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) March 31, 2025

Derek Bennett motioned to approve the March 31, 2025 meeting minutes which was duly seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 1 member abstaining, the motion was approved.

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

a) Budget Order O-FY26-001: FY2026 Annual Town Budget

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY26-001 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Budget Order O-FY26-002: FY26 Water Enterprise Fund

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY26-002 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Budget Order O-FY26-003: FY26 Sewer Enterprise Fund

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY26-003 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

d) Budget Order O-FY26-004: FY26 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY26-004 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

e) Budget Order O-FY26-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds

Mark Thomas motioned to approve O-FY26-005 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. New Business

a) Order O-FY25-057: BAA Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY25-057 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Order O-FY25-058: BAA Collective Contract Appropriation Transfer

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY25-058 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c) Order O-FY25-059: Acceptance of Hanson Farm Conservation Restriction

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve O-FY25-059 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 5/6/2025
 First Reading: 5/6/2025
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY25-060: Capital Plan Transfers for FY2026

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

FUND	SOURCES OF FUNDING		Amount
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	Capital Stabilization Trust Funds	\$ 543,127.74
8010	AMBULANCE RRA	ARRA	\$ 90,103.19
Total			\$ 633,230.93
Project#	USES OF FUNDING		Amount
220.45	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Engine (E3) Lease Pay 2/5	\$ 166,565.75
220.15	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Radio Equipment Lease Pay 4/5	\$ 95,521.84
220.32	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Ambulance (A1) Lease Pay 2/5	\$ 90,103.19
210.20	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Police Body Worn Camera System 4/5	\$ 65,318.00
300.00	Bldgs & Property	Town Raynham Old High School Purchase 5/12	\$ 70,000.00
420.09	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW John Deer Loader - Lease Payment 3/5	\$ 48,520.91
420.13	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-24 Freightliner 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 4/5	\$ 48,600.62
420.14	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-26 Freightliner 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 4/5	\$ 48,600.62
			\$ 633,230.93

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Explanation:

This transfer will fund Capital leasing/financing obligations in FY2026

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



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Third Reading:
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Order O-FY25-061: Contractual Buyouts

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate \$118,700 to below schedule:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	<u>\$118,700.00</u>
Total:			\$118,700.00
<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>GL Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries Fire	02205001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$113,500.00
Salaries Library	06105001-510000	Contractual Payout	\$ 2,500.00
Salaries Library	06105001-510001	Contractual Payout	<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>
Total			\$118,700.00

Explanation:

Contractual Buyouts for Retirements FY25/FY26

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



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Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
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Order O-FY25-062: Loan Authorization: Plymouth Street Wells Project

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

ORDERED, that, \$7,400,000 is appropriated, to be expended, for the purpose of financing the Pump/Well Upgrades, to Wells 10A and 10B on Plymouth St; installing a new raw water transmission main that connects these two wells with the High Street Water Treatment plant; including without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow said amount and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project

Explanation:

The DPW/Water Supply Division has been experiencing elevated levels of iron in the groundwater at Wells 10A and 10B. In June 2023, the Water Supply Dept began receiving significant customer complaints regarding the watercolor and staining. Since the introduction of the High Street WTP, the Department has also had difficulties running the wells and overcoming the increase in system head from the WTP operation. Replacing the pumps for wells 10A and 10B and installing a new raw water transmission main that connects these two wells with the High Street water treatment plant-this will recover lost supply capacity and will allow for an easier accommodation of the upcoming USEPA MCL for PFAS without needing to add separate treatment at the Plymouth Well site. This project is approved for low interest, and/or loan forgiveness, through MCWT. The Town is actively seeking grant funds from the state in the One-Stop Community Growth program.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Budget Order O-FY26-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2026

ORDERED, Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY2026 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$1,035,000 to meet the administrative expenses, and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

And further,

To reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund FY2026 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$103,500 for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; \$103,500 for acquisition, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources; and \$103,500 for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing.

And further,

To appropriate \$51,750 to Administrative Expenses and \$320,778.75 to Budgetary Reserves.

And further,

To appropriate \$318,600 for the payment of debt related to the Academy Building renovation from FY2026 estimated revenues.

And further,

To appropriate \$33,371.25 for the payment of debt related to the Keith Homestead purchase from FY2026 estimated revenues.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: 1. CPA Recommended Budget

Town of Bridgewater

Community Preservation Fund FY 2026 Recommended Budget

Sources & Uses of Funds		FY 2026
Revenue Estimates		
CPA Surcharge 2%		900,000.00
State Match		135,000.00
Total Estimated Revenue		1,035,000.00
Total Sources of Funds		1,035,000.00
Reserves		
Community Housing Reserve	(Min 10%) 10%	103,500.00
Open Space Reserve	(Min 10%) 10%	103,500.00
Historical Resources Reserve	(Min 10%) 10%	103,500.00
Total Required Reserves		310,500.00
Administrative Expenses (Not >5%) \$		
Administrative Expenses		51,750.00
Total Administrative Budget		51,750.00
Debt Service - Due FY26		
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-PRINCIPAL		240,000.00
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-INTEREST		78,600.00
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-PRINCIPAL		33,000.00
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-INTEREST		371.25
Total Debt Service		351,971.25
BUDGETARY RESERVES		320,778.75
Total Use of Funds		1,035,000.00
Total Surplus (Deficit)		0.00