



Town of Bridgewater **Budget & Finance Committee**

May 9, 2023
6:15 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building

Committee Members Present: Councilor George and Councilor Gallagher. Also present was Town Manager Michael Dutton.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

LEGISLATION REFERRED

a) Order O-FY23-053: Town Clerk's Salary

Councilor Gallagher noted that this is a request for a step increase.

Councilor George made a motion to amend the increase to \$49.7918 hourly or \$90,621.24 annually. This amendment was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-053 with the amendment. This amendment was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

b) Order O-FY23-054: AFSCME Contractual Ratification

Town Manager Dutton noted that this is a 3 year contract. First year no increase. Year 2 and 3 there will be a 5% step increase. Been a challenge finding qualified licensed DPW works.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-054, which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

c) Ordinance D-FY23-010: Establish Stabilization Fund - Opioid Legal Settlements

Town Manager noted that the town has received \$25k in opioid settlements to date, more to come. Need a fund established as funds have to be used for specific purposes.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY23-010, which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

d) Ordinance D-FY23-011: Special Purpose Stabilization Fund - Opioid Settlement

Town Manager Dutton noted that this is the second part of the opioid legal settlements needed.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY23-011, which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Councilor George made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows:
George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29p.m.