Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

May 20, 2025
7:00 PM
66 Central Square
Academy Building
Council Chamber - Second Floor
The Town Council meeting was streamed Live via You Tube.

MEETING MINUTES

Due to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirements, discussions will not take place during Public Comment periods. If appropriate, responses to questions and concerns will be given by the Town Manager at a future Town Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Loreti called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

Present: Sean Kennedy, Adelene Ellenberg, Sonya Striggles, Mary McGrath, Johnny Loreti, Paul Murphy, Marilee Hunt and Mark Linde.

Absent: Dr. Kevin Perry

Also in attendance was Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson, Town Attorney Jason Rawlins and CED Director Bob Rulli.

Councilor Loreti read the name of veteran who recently passed away and held a moment of silence:

- David L. Smerz. US Army. Passed away on April 26th

A moment of silence was also held for Councilor Ellenberg's mother who passed away on May 18th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) May 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Councilor Kennedy made an amendment to change the meeting minutes of 5/6/25 under New Business School Budget Resolution: Councilor Ellenberg made the motion, which was seconded by Councilor Kennedy and the vote was 8-1 with Councilor Murphy in the negative. This amendment was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 6, 2025 with amendments, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT
Councilor Loreti noted that Monday is Memorial Day and encouraged citizens to come out for the parade and ceremony. Also noted that on Saturday, May 31st there will be a Farmer's Market at Town River Landing. Over 30 vendors are scheduled. Councilor Loreti recognized Al Lacerda for putting this event together along with the many other events taking place at Town River Landing.

Councilor Loreti also noted that there is a new Bridgwater resident – Lucy Joe Loreti was born Sunday, May 18th at 5:36a.m.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM
- John Donna, 261 South Street: congratulations on the newest addition to the family. Congratulated new councilors and re-elected councilors.
- Al Lacerda, Laurel Street: noted that 3 years ago Fire for Effect Foundation was started because we wanted to give the town an identity, to bring people to the town, to give a positive name to the town. We are a drive through town so we needed to find ways to showcase the town, tell people what we have here. Looking forward to creating more events. Shows people want to do things in town and celebrate other businesses. No politics, no arguing.
- MJ Spagone, 5 Lakeshore: process needs to be honed for people who are chosen for boards and committees. 3 years as associate member of planning board and resigned mid-meeting last week.
- Greg Martin, High Street: noted that Memorial Day parade and ceremony is Monday and starts at 10:30am. From Perkins Street to the Common for brief ceremony. Congratulations on your newest addition.
- John Silvia: not enough parking on the apartment complex downtown, Town Employee that pressures the Boards.
- Ashley Mallard, 270 Grange Park: thanked the Town Manager for setting up the override information on the webpage but would like to know if it can be done by cell phone.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS

a) Petition P-2025-021: Petition for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. Joint or Identical Pole Location – Pleasant Street
Public Hearing: Notice posted in the 5/9/25 Enterprise and Abutter letters sent.
Councilor Loreti opened the public hearing at 7:19pm.

National Grid representative noted that this is to help to make the system more reliable and safe.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone from the public had any questions. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if there were any questions form the Councilors. There were no questions.
Councilor Loreti closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-021, which was seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

b) Petition P-2025-022: Petition for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. Joint or Identical Pole Location – South Street
Public Hearing: Notice posted in the 5/9/25 Enterprise and Abutter letters sent.
Councilor Loreti opened the public hearing at 7:21pm.
National Grid representative noted that this is to help to make the system more reliable and safe.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone from the public had any questions. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if there were any questions form the Councilors. There were no questions.
Councilor Loreti closed the public hearing at 7:22pm.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-022, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

c) Petition P-2025-023: The Granting of a Modification to an Existing Flammable and Combustible Liquids License - 630 Elm Street
Public Hearing: Notice posted in the 5/9/25 Enterprise and Abutter letters sent.
Councilor Loreti opened the public hearing at 7:22pm.
Jeffrey Tufts from Devaney Energy noted facility on Elm Street next to FW Webb. Originally design of plant made room for another tank, Planning Board gave us the approval for another tank and now need Town Council approval. Need to have a little more back up to get by.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone from the public had any questions. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke.
Councilor Loreti asked if there were any questions form the Councilors.
Councilor McGrath noted that the fire department has oversight and approved and Councilor Kennedy noted that he drove by the facility and it is well kept.
Councilor Loreti closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-023, which was seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS

a) Audit Presentation by Tony Roselli and Paul Gargano from Roselli Clark
Mr. Paul Gargano from Roselli Clark gave an update on the audit that is conducted yearly.

Fraud is not a main focus of the audit. It is performed in accordance with GAGAS (Yellow book). Cash receipts, vendor payments and payroll.

Reserve balances: general fund balance over the years has increased, steady climb.

Reserve Ratio: bond agency looks a 15% ratio and Bridgewater is 17.7%; above the high metric, in the top tier.

Economic Trends: reserves continue to increase; departments returned unused appropriations; use of free cash; metrics continue to exceed state average; Bond rating is Aa3 with Moody's.

Other postemployment Benefits: biggest expense; health and insurance for retirees. Estimated liability is $39M. $1.3M in the fund set aside to pay for these future benefits. Low amount but it is the state average. Recommend increase if possible.

Pension Liability: implemented in 2015 GASB 68; $42M share of pension liability = increased $8M over last year. Funding is in control of Plymouth County Retirement; no control. Funded is 64.1% which is the state average.

Informational Items: required to communicate weaknesses – there were none to report. Network Security – continue to recommend and be vigilant about cyber attacks. Fraud risk – review internal processes for safeguarding assets, especially in cash handling areas.

General Findings and Recommendations: tax titles and foreclosures increase to 50% of outstanding receivables at $1.9M. There are companies that will buy tax titles in foreclosures, worthwhile to look into.

Councilor Kennedy asked what is the difference between the annual and a full forensic audit. Mr. Gargano noted that his firm concerned with the Financial Statements, forensic audit is a broad statement – it could be an audit of a single department or of the town it is way too broad. Guided by the town and what you want that firm to look at. Would not recommend a broad audit, would cost a lot. Certain areas of risk would make more sense. A firm would come in and look at certain items.

Councilor Kennedy asked if Roselli Clark provided forensic audits and Mr. Gargano noted that they do not and that it is a more specialized training for those kind of audits. He further noted that some of their clients have internal auditors.

Councilor Ellenberg asked how much would a forensic audit cost if there were 3 or 4 areas? Mr. Gargano noted that it was hard to say, could be anywhere from $50k to $200k. Depends on what you want to look at. Councilor Ellenberg asked if contracts that the town entered into be looked at and Mr. Gargano noted yes and recommend that an audit committee be formed.

Councilor Striggles noted that she reviewed the towns past audit report and did not see any improprieties.

Councilor Murphy asked how many towns Roselli Clark works with and an estimate of what the Town pays them. Mr. Gargano noted that their firm does approximately 25% of the towns in the state and the Town pays them $45k for the annual audit.

Councilor Loreti noted that Mr. Gargano noted that the average age of employee is 49 and asked what is the average retirement age. Town Manager Robinson noted that it depends on the situation, police and fire are on the younger side. Carrying all of the costs of retirees and current employees in the general fund.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Fire Station Update
CED Director Mr. Rulli noted that the fire station was ahead of schedule and under budget. Went to bid and contracts signed and then a hold was put on the project for 6 months. Have asked for a timeline of if this project started on time. Everything is tracking; weather has been mostly good. No supply chain issues. Still looking at end of 4^{th} quarter 2025/1^{st} quarter 2026 but that could change.

Councilor Murphy noted that there was a change order rejected and Mr. Rullie noted that at times the General Contractor will put forward some items that we feel are unreasonable.

b) Summer Street Park Update
CED Director Rulli noted that Summer Street Park will be more than a park. Working closely with BSU and have identified a number of projects that can be done short term. Let's improve the sidewalks on both sides of Central Square and Summer Street. Packet shows what the initial design and landscaping could be. Ongoing Shared Street Project with BSU for sidewalks on School Street.

Councilor Murphy asked if crosswalks downtown were getting addressed. Mr. Rulli noted that through complete streets and engineering we are looking at how to improve the sidewalks. None are ADA compliant – does not create a pedestrian friendly experience. Old Colony Planning Council is planning a 104 Study and we will take some of that information when complete.

Councilor Murphy noted that the renderings will require upkeep, proper staffing and maintenance plans. Mr. Rulli noted that there will be discussions with BSU to what they will do. An agreement should be negotiated, would be a town owned asset.

Councilor Linde noted that before the 6/11meeting would like to have CED and Downtown come together. Mr. Rulli noted that 6/11 is an open house, not a formal presentation, series of boards. More than happy to meet with the subcommittee.

Councilor Kennedy noted that BSU using property, one time payment is great but want to be sure the town keeps it up and we can use it. Walkability to mobil station are there any plans for sidewalks being addressed. Mr. Rulli noted that the lack of business downtown is not because of the sidewalks but the quality of the buildings. Type of traffic has impacted the pedestrian experience. Looking at that and will be tied into what is the answer to the sidewalks on Summer Street. Have to look at the placement of the crosswalks. It is a walkable community.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if it would be appropriate to slow the speed down around the common to 15 miles to make it walkable. Mr. Rullie noted that the State road begins at Town Hall to Napa on Broad Street and we have the ability to slow traffic down.

c) Override Education Update
Town Manager Robinson noted that the town website has been fully updated. Right on the front page. It is populated with a lot of details and we will check into the cell phone issue. Schedule of public meetings have been posted; 6/2 from 5pm to 7pm at the Library; 6/6 at 10:30am at the Senior Center and 6/10 from 6pm to 8pm at the high school. There is a link to the schools. Have received 4 questions so far and update the webpage.

Councilor Striggles noted that she has met with 2 residents and they are skeptics and the only device I had to use was her phone so wants to make sure the phone works with the numbers.

Councilor Striggles noted that two years ago on Bridgewater Way a car hit their street sign and want the sign looked into as it appears it is going to fall.

DISCUSSIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Murphy noted that budget & finance met prior to the Town Council meeting and discussed what they would like to look at. Asked to see the audit contract to see if there are items we can ask them to look into. Talked about the roadways stabilization fund and ideas and a path. Talked about water/sewer plan to get things done.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Budget Order O-FY26-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2026
Town Manager Robinson noted that this is an annual action that the councilor needs to take. Money going into the 3 required reserves.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY26-006, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

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

Budget and Finance voted 3-0 at their 5/20/25 meeting. Finance Committee meeting voted 5-0 at their 5/19/25 meeting.

Town Manager Robinson noted that this is a transfer to be used to pay for the leased payments for the vehicles and equipment.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-060, which was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

c) Order O-FY25-061: Contractual Buyouts

Budget and Finance voted 3-0 at their 5/20/25 meeting. Finance Committee meeting voted 5-0 at their 5/19/25 meeting.

Town Manager Robinson noted that the town maintains employee liability fund and this is for 2 long term firefighters who are retiring who are owed for sick time and a salary settlement for a library employee.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY25-061, which was seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

d) Order O-FY25-062: Loan Authorization: Plymouth Street Wells Project

Budget and Finance voted 3-0 at their 5/20/25 meeting. Finance Committee meeting voted 5-0 at their 5/19/25 meeting.

Town Manager Robinson noted that this is for a low interest loan from the State and that the paperwork must be completed by June 30th.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-062, which was seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

e) Resolution R-FY25-012: Resolution on FY26 School District Budget Funding

This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.

Councilor Striggles noted that it was wonderful to see civic engagement in Raynham and she hopes this letter will not be needed but the letter speaks for itself.

Councilor Striggles made an amendment on the letter to change the President and Vice President to the present names; addressing the letter to Rachel King, Chairwoman; changing the date to the next School Committee meeting date and the signature line on the bottom. This was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY25-012 with amendments, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – No; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 7-1.

f) Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY25-018: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT: Business B and Residence C Districts In the Bedford Street, Winter Street and Flagg Street Area
To Change Sponsor Only
Councilor Loreti noted that this Ordinance was originally introduced by Councilor Chase and Councilor Perry will be now be sponsoring but with Councilor Perry being absent, then this ordinance would need to be continued until the next meeting.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to continue Ordinance D-FY25-018 to the next meeting, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY25-063: Acceptance of Gift - Bridgewater Police Association
Town Manager Robinson noted that this is a gift to the Veterans from the Bridgewater Police Association.

Councilor Murphy made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-063 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

b) Order O-FY25-064: An Order Creating an Ad Hoc TIF Oversight Committee for 60-86 Broad Street
Councilor Loreti noted that this Order was to set up a TIF oversight committee, not for any particular agreement designating the zone, simply to create an ad hoc committee.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-064 to CED, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor McGrath noted that the Ad Hoc is just about the TIF so why would it be sent to that committee. Councilor Hunt noted that it would be sent to a standing committee to bring a reference back to the council to vote on. CED Director Rulli added that there are certain procedures that need to be taken, which is written in the memo.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the Ad Hoc committee would be in a position to negotiate as residents only want 5 years but developer wants 15 years. Councilor Loreti noted that the Ad Hoc committee would work on the area and then have the recommendations at the council level.

Town Attorney Rawlins noted that this is a common way it is done in most towns. The Ad Hoc committee looks at the area and development and then comes before the council in a discussion and a councilor will sponsor the creation of the area and agreement, which will be referred to the subcommittees. Ad Hoc committee is due diligence, final decision is the entire council.

Councilor Murphy noted that the intention was to create a committee that was dedicated to dive into this process, there was no intention of not going through the CED committee.

Councilor Striggles noted that we want our subcommittees to function at a high level, so I think this should be referred to CED.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – No; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 7-1.

c) Order O-FY25-065: Acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Councilor Hunt made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-065 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

d) Order O-FY25-066: Transfer Order - Flag Pole Returning Funds to One Time Stablization Fund
Councilor Hunt made a motion to table Order O-FY25-066, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Hunt read a letter from the Historic District Commission that she received. Noted that they were not opposed to the flags, just the flag poles and where they were going. Suggested putting the 3 flag poles on the Summer Street property.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – No; Ellenberg – No; Striggles – No; McGrath – No; Loreti – No; Perry – Absent; Murphy – No; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion failed 2-6.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-066 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

e) Order O-FY25-067: End of Year Transfers

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-067 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

f) General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 ("HERO Act")

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-020 to Rules and Procedures,which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

Another motion was made by Councilor Striggles to refer Ordinance D-FY25-020 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

g) Resolution R-FY25-013: Resolution of Support for FY2026 Annual Budget Order No. O-FY26-001
Councilor Loreti noted that because of the passing of the budget want to voice the support of the Council.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to retain Resolution R-FY25-013 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: Summer Street park requires that Park & Rec votes on the plan; there is also a deed restriction on the property, the town cannot hold a deed restriction on their own property. There is a proposal sent to the council to do that. Need to think about economical sound vehicles.
- John Donna, 261 South Street: recognize Councilor Murphy on his work on Budget & Finance; potential residential housing in the town – BR classrooms are high and not enough water, should be some serious questions about residential building.
- Ashley Mallard, 270 Grange Park: thanked Councilor Murphy for going to the State House and speaking on changing the Chapter 70 funding. Would love to see more councilors involved in this. Raise concerns with the letter that is being sent to the school committee. If the override fails in both towns then the schools will take the hit.
- MJ Spagone, 5 Lakeshore Center: express concern over the concept of doing a forensic audit. Would like to know if there is a specific and why they are asking for this. Not prudent and seems accusatory.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Linde: good meeting, got a lot done. Remind people that 4th of July committee is still raising funds, every Monday night 20% at Barrett's goes to the committee.
- Councilor Hunt: congratulated the town on getting the two new water wells on line. When will the Charter Review Committee be appointed? Every 5 years. Training for new councilors and boards and commissions.
- Councilor Murphy: went to the State house last week and spoke about needing more money; ask people to attend the override sessions and not get their information from Facebook; recognize the positive events in town over the next few month – Memorial day; farmers market and 4th of July.
- Councilor Striggles: thank you to everyone who comes and speaks; we need to thank BTV for their clear, concise information that they give us. Speaking at the Juneteenth ceremony on June 16th at the Library.
- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked everyone for their condolences.
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked the public for coming and speaking. Thank you for bringing in the firm. Lack of trust and spending, they want to know where their money is going.
- Councilor McGrath: CERT team showed up and put the flags on the graves; the veterans agent did a great job.
- Councilor Loreti: thanked everyone for their outpouring of support. Great meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Absent; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.