



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

August 12, 2025

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

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MEETING AGENDA

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.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Laurie Keane - Conservation Commssion (2025 - 2028)
- b) Phillip Nichols - DEIB Committee (2025 - 2026)

F. HEARINGS

- a) Petition P-2026-001: Petition for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. Joint or Identical Pole Location – 815 Bedford Street
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 7/29/25 Enterprise.
- b) Order O-FY26-008: Loan Authorization for Phase 2 Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) Preliminary Design and Engineering of Phosphorous Removal Upgrade Project
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 7/29/25 Enterprise. Budget & Finance meeting voted 3-0 at their 8/5/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 7/21/25 meeting.
- c) Order O-FY26-009: Loan Authorization - Community Septic Management Program (CSMP) Title V - Homeowner Loans
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 7/29/25 Enterprise. Budget & Finance meeting voted 3-0 at their 8/5/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at their 7/21/25 meeting.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-002: Alcohol Establishment - Change of Officers - Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts Inc.

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fire Station Update
- b) DPW Update
- c) MBTA Communities Funding Opportunities
- d) Central Square Pedestrian Crosswalks
- e) Golf Course Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Ordinance D-FY25-015: Ordinance Establishing the Process for Filling a Vacant Town Councilor Role
Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend with amendments at their 4/10/25 meeting.
- b) 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
Advertised in the 8/1/25 Enterprise. Planning Board voted 5-0 and Community and Economic Development voted 3-0 to recommend at a Joint Public Hearing held on 4/16/25.
- c) Order O-FY25-071: An Order Establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for 60-86 Broad Street

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-002: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter: Article IV, Section 4-1 Town Manager Term of Office
- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-003: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter Article VIII, Section 8-2 Citizen Referendum Petition Timeframe
- c) Proposed General Ordinance D-FY26-004: Amendment to Chapter 3, Article II, Section 1 - Business Ethics and Conduct
- d) Order O-FY26-014: Transfer Order - CPC First Parish Unitarian Church Window Project
- e) Resolution R-FY26-001: Town River Landing Phase 1 Improvements

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT