



Town of Bridgewater **Finance Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) June 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Rigobert Noel motioned to approve the June 23, Meeting Minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

E. New Business

- a) Town Manager Introduction - Justin Casanova-Davis

- b) Order O-FY26-007: Acceptance of Gift - Lopieke's Family Trust

The Bridgewater Library and the Town of Bridgewater are the beneficiaries of two Lopiekes family trusts. These distributions are pursuant to the instruction contained in the respective trusts. The distributions are based on IRS filings of 2024. The Town Manager will meet with appropriate personnel to ensure the community will benefit for many years with this generous bequest.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-007 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c) Order O-FY26-008: Loan Authorization for Phase 2 Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) Preliminary Design and Engineering of Phosphorous Removal Upgrade Project

The DPW/Sewer Division is moving forward to meet the current Administrative Consent Order (ACO) that the Town is required by the USEPA to meet the nutrient removal requirements for the removal of nitrogen and phosphorus at its Morris Ave Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). This is the Towns Phase 2 of the WWTF Upgrade Project planning.

Derek Bennett motioned to recommend O-FY26-008 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d) Order O-FY26-009: Loan Authorization - Community Septic Management Program (CSMP)
Title V - Homeowner Loans
The Community Septic Management Program (CSMP) was created in 1995 by the state legislature to assist homeowners to defray the cost of septic system repair or replacement. Using State Revolving Funds (SRF) loans from the MCWT (the Trust) communities such as Bridgewater can provide betterment loans to assist homeowners who must address septic system failures.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-009 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- e) Order O-FY26-010: Post Override Supplemental Appropriation
Post election School Committee recertification of the FY2026 budget requires an appropriation of \$849,529. This is the Town Manager's recommendation.

Rigobert Noel motioned to take O-FY26-010 out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-010 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- f) Order O-FY26-011: FY26 Water Rates
A vote to establish water rates for FY26 for the Town of Bridgewater.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-011 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- g) Order O-FY26-012: FY26 Sewer Rates
A vote to establish sewer rates for FY26 for the Town of Bridgewater.

Derek Bennett motioned to recommend O-FY26-012 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- h) Order O-FY25-073: Town Clerk's Salary
This sets the salary for the newly elected Town Clerk to \$89,305.18

Derek Bennett motioned to recommend O-FY25-073 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 Yea and 1 Nay, the motion was approved.

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting

Rigobert Noel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.