



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

June 3, 2025

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

The Town Council meeting was streamed Live via You Tube.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Loreti called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

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

Also in attendance was Acting Town Manager Blythe Robinson and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

Councilor Loreti read the names of veterans who recently passed away and held a moment of silence:

- Joseph Sancinito: US Air Force. Passed away on May 10th.
- John Flaherty: US Marine Corps. Passed away on March 27th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, which was duly 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Loreti noted that the last date to request a vote by mail is Friday 6/13 at 5pm. In person absentee voting is available now at Town Hall until June 20th. Town Hall is closed on June 19th in honor of Juneteenth. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm on Saturday, June 21st at the Middle School.

Councilor President Loreti also noted that 106 Hale Street has been identified as redevelopment by the State. The Town does not have control over the project but we do have zoning in place. Community Open House on June 11th 4:30pm to 6:30p.m. at the Cedar Street Community Center.

PROCLAMATIONS

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Keith Buohl and Lisa Buzzell-Curley on behalf of the 4th of July Committee: costs between \$50k to \$55k to put the 4th of July events. Have \$20k. All paid for my donations, not by the town. Selling t-shirts gray and black for \$20. Have never been this far behind. Need to raise \$25k. It will happen for this year but it may not happen next year. Monday nights at Barrett's; golf tournament on 6/23. Prison cannot help with the day after clean-up/will need help. Committee is made up of 7 people. Need help to clean on Saturday.
- Frank Sousa, Main Street: do we have a water shortage and problem. Shouldn't a letter have been sent out. Neighbor was pressure washing her house and was told that a notice did not go out so cannot do anything.

APPOINTMENTS

- a) Planning Board Appointment - Alternate Member:

Kris Fabroski (2025-2026)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the appointment of Kris Fabroski to Alternate Member of the Planning Board, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Motion passed 8-1.

- b) Veterans Council Appointment:

Timothy Trocchio (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Trocchio to the Veterans Council, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

- c) Board of Assessors Reappointment:

Scott Rubin (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the reappointment of Scott Rubin to the Board of Assessors, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

- d) Board of Health Reappointment:

Guillaume Dougados (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the reappointment of Guillaume Dougados to the Board of Health, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

e) DEIB Committee Reappointments:

Stephanie Simeon (2025 - 2026)

Councilor Kennedy noted that the DEI Committee has not been functional; it is not serving their purpose; sends a wrong message; extremely vague. Opposing.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the reappointment of Stephanie Simeon to the DEIB Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Motion passed 7-2.

Sherley Phillips (2025 - 2026)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the reappointment of Sherley Phillips to the DEIB Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Motion passed 7-2.

f) Disability Commission Reappointments:

David Frim (2025 - 2027)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the reappointment of David Frim to the Disability Commission, which was duly 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

Gloria Lemieux (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the reappointment of Glorida Lemieux to the Disability Commission, which was duly 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

g) Elder Affairs Commission Reappointments:

David Frim (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the reappointment of David Frim to the Elder Affairs Commission, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

Debra Heckbert (2025 - 2027)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the reappointment of Debra Heckbert to the Elder Affairs Commission, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

Douglas Dorr (2025 - 2027)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the reappointment of Douglas Dorr to the Elder Affairs Commission, which was duly 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

h) Energy Commission Reappointment:

Carlton Hunt (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the reappointment of Carlton Hunt to the Energy Commission, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

Councilor McGrath asked if Councilor Hunt should be voting on the appointments for her husband and Town Attorney noted that it would be a conflict of interest and advised that she should recuse herself from voting.

Councilor Hunt recused herself from voting on this reappointment.

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

i) Community Preservation Committee Reappointment:

Carlton Hunt (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the reappointment of Carlton Hunt to the Community Preservation Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Striggles noted that Mr. Hunt has been a pillar of our community and very integral of the success of this community and the town has benefited.

Councilor Hunt recused herself from voting on this reappointment.

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

HEARINGS

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

Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/19/25 Enterprise. The FY2026 Budget has been adopted pursuant to Section 6-3(b) of the Town Charter.

Councilor Loreti opened the Public Hearing at 7:24pm.

Councilor Loreti asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.
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 from the councilors:
Councilor McGrath asked about parking and if there was a Board of Health Agent. Town Manager Robinson noted that the parking was for the police parking group and yes there was a Board of Health agent.

Councilor Linde complimented the Town Manager and Finance Director on the budget.

Councilor Loreti noted that he wished we would have had this hearing earlier. Moving forward this council will be very proactive throughout the year on the budget process, clear goals and objectives will be set.

Councilor Loreti closed the Public Hearing at 7:29pm.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Budget Order D-FY26-001, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2025-024: Granting of a Common Victualler License - 3 Broad Street
Councilor Loreti opened the Public Hearing at 7:29pm.

The Petitioner thanked the councilors for the opportunity. Here tonight for a CV license for 3 Broad Street. Quick service restaurant with a healthy side.

Councilor Loreti asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.
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 from the councilors. No questions were asked.

Councilor Striggles thanked the petitioner for investing in our town and bringing their business here. I would have loved to have a tropical smoothie café in walking distance to BSU.

Councilor Linde thanked the petitioner for investing in the town, building looks beautiful.

Councilor Kennedy thanked the petitioner for investing in the town.

Councilor Perry wished the petition the best of luck and noted he would be visiting.

Councilor Loreti thanked the petitioner and noted that he loved seeing empty buildings filled with thriving businesses.

Councilor Lorette closed the Public Hearing at 7:33.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Petition P-2025-024, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Lorette – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Override Education Update

Town Manager Robinson noted that there was a presentation last night at the Library that went well. Two more presentations. Website has been up and continue to add Q&A with questions that we get. Last night's presentation is up on BTV.

Councilor Linde noted that it was a very well presented presentation and thanked everyone for setting up. Will try to go to all 3.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that it was a very nice presentation, very informative, good responses to the questions.

b) Goodwater Way Street Sign Update

Town Manager Robinson noted that this is a Private way, not town owned. Would not be appropriate for the sign to be upright.

Councilor McGrath noted that there is a lot of speeding on East Street, would like to monitored for a few days. Would also like information about water.

Councilor Kennedy asked about an email regarding trimming near power lines and how often National Grid does it. Town Manager Robinson noted that she was not sure how often they do tree trimming or when they do it.

Councilor Murphy asked for a general roadways update for FY26 if there is one.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if an explanation could be done with what Finance Director Guerrini said about Roadway improvements at the Override meeting. Town Attorney noted that this could be on the next agenda. Town Manager Robinson noted that the answer is right at the end of the video that is now posted on-line.

DISCUSSIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Linde noted that CED met and discussed future meeting topics and dates.

Councilor McGrath noted that Rules and Procedures met, had amendments to a few ordinances and will be looking at Charter changes that have been sitting there since 2021.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY25-063: Acceptance of Gift - Bridgewater Police Association
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 6/3/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 6/2/25 meeting.

Councilor Murphy noted that Budget and Finance met and voted 3-0 to recommend.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-063, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- b) Order O-FY25-064: An Order Creating an Ad Hoc TIF Oversight Committee for 60-86 Broad Street
Community & Economic Development Committee voted 2-1 not to recommend at their 6/3/25 meeting.
Councilor Linde noted that CED met and voted 2-1 not to recommend to Council. Should be in the CED committee which is one of the purposes of the CED committee.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-064, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

Councilor Striggles noted that as the vote to recommend an Ad Hoc Committee, she feels the committee should be focused on this specific TIF and an Ad Hoc is the best chance to get it done in a timely matter. Ad Hoc could meet every week.

Councilor Perry noted that we have done Ad Hoc committees before (ie gaming) very specific situation. Ad Hoc committee would not be out of reason for this. Town Manager appoints Ad Hoc.

Councilor Hunt noted that it is a complex thing that needs to be done, CED is designed to oversee the economic development issues to the council; call people in to explain what needs to be done. CED will ask for help from departments in town and explain to us. I believe that is what the committees are for.

Councilor Loreti noted that he would be interested in opening this up to additional members ie. Town Planner, Finance Department, very specific, Town Planner has direct experience dealing with TIFs. Want a fully engaged group.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to amend by adding “Town Planner” and “Finance person”, this was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the appointments could be kept at council level and Town Attorney Rawlins noted that the Town Manager makes the appointments.

Councilor Loreti withdrew his motion to amend.

Councilor Perry made a motion to amend “committee up to 5 members with 3 members being from the Town Council appointed by the Town Manager and ratified by the Town Council”, this was duly seconded by Striggles.

Councilor Linde noted that he thinks by doing this it is taking away the role of the CED subcommittee.

Councilor Hunt would like the 3 Ad Hoc members to be the CED Committee so they could learn.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to change the “up to 5” to be “5”, this was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - No.
Motion passed 8-1.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-064 with amendments, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – No; Linde - No.
Motion passed 7-2.

- c) Order O-FY25-065: Acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 6/3/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 6/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-065, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- d) Order O-FY25-066: Transfer Order - Flag Pole Returning Funds to One Time Stabilization Fund
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 6/3/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 6/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-066, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

Councilor Striggles noted that being there was a fundraising effort to offset can we find out what is going to happen to those funds. Councilor Perry noted that they were just waiting for this to take place and then people will be refunded their money. Councilor Striggles noted that she will be rolling her donation for the brick over the to July 4th Committee.

Councilor Linde asked if the town could do anything and Town Manager Robinson noted that there is nothing the town can do at this late date, there is only one meeting left so could not process an order before July 4th.

Councilor Hunt noted that they are looking for another place for the flagpoles so she will speak with Keith and Lisa about holding on to that money.

Councilor Perry noted that this transfer was for this location specifically, do not feel comfortable suggesting a different location for these. Appropriate thing to do is send the money back.

Councilor Kennedy noted that this was a rush decision and the proper thing to do is send it back.

Councilor Murphy noted that he does not think it was rushed through and he will support putting money back into the account.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

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

Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 6/3/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend at their 6/2/25 meeting.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY25-067, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

f) **Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-010: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 157, Article II, Section 1**

Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend with amendment at their 5/27/25 meeting.

Councilor McGrath noted that the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee met and recommended this ordinance with amendments.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to amend by changing the word “accordance” to “the spirit of”, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to amend by removing “which states”, this was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken on the amendments with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-010 to advertising, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.

Motion passed 9-0.

g) **Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-016: Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Section 4-3, Elected Officials Powers of Appointment**

Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend with amendment at their 5/27/25 meeting.

Councilor McGrath noted that the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee met and recommended this ordinance with amendments.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to amend by Changing Article “III” to “IV”. Change “Elected Officials” to “Town Manager”. Change “Multiple Member Appointive Organizations” to “Board, Committees and Agencies”. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the amendments with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-016 to advertising, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 9-0.

- h) Proposed Ordinance D-FY25-017: Proposed Amendment to Part II – Administrative Code: Chapter 60, Article I, Section 1 - Elections
Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to return to Town Council for further discussion at their 5/27/25 meeting.
Councilor McGrath noted that the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee met and recommended this ordinance be returned to Town Council for further discussion.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he was not sure the council had the purview to change election times but has since done research and has seen that they can.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-017 to advertising, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Hunt noted that the Town Clerk is doing some calculations and asked that nothing be done.

Councilor Murphy also noted that he has spoken with the Town Clerk and he would love to see some data.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that we should not limit the hours of the voting polls.

Councilor McGrath noted that the hours should not be changed.

Councilor Loreti noted that the override vote begins at 7am. Would not want to suppress the vote of anyone and would love to save money but this is not the area to save money.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 9-0.

- i) 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 Perry made a motion to change the sponsor on Ordinance D-FY25-018 to himself, 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- j) Ordinance D-FY25-019: Adoption of Clause 22I of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)
Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend at their 5/27/25 meeting. Refer to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY25-019 to Budget and Finance and Finance Committee. This was duly 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 – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- k) Resolution R-FY25-013: Resolution of Support for FY2026 Annual Budget Order No. O-FY26-001
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 Loreti noted that he put this forth to show that the Council is in support of the budget.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY25-013, this was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY25-068: United Steel Workers Bargaining Contract Ratification
Town Manager Robinson noted that they reached an agreement with United Steelworkers, supervisors within the town for the period of 7/1/24 to 7/1/27.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-068 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Council Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- b) Order O-FY25-069: United Steel Workers Collective Bargaining Appropriation Transfer
Town Manager Robinson noted that this is the transfer that is needed for the Bargaining agreement for cost of living adjustment.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-069 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Council Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

- c) Order O-FY25-070: Non-Union Affiliated Positions Appropriation Transfer
Town Manager Robinson noted that this is the COLA for non-union employees.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to refer Order O-FY25-070 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Council Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: Energy Committee is not a commission. Thanked for being reappointed. Admin code has requirements for boards to come in front of the Council. How many of you have studied the Charter and Admin Code and the Rules and Procedures of the council.
- Bob Cormier, 65 Grange Park: attended the CED committee earlier; the most important thing is time. Does not matter to me who is appointed, can work with anyone. Have a long list of deliverables and will have them when they are due.
- Mr. Flaherty, 468 Forest Street: owns 120 High Street where the dam was removed. Spoke about the High Street Dam project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Linde: Go to Barretts and have dinner for 4th of July committee; buy a t-shirt. They need our help. Hope we can address this better next year.
- Councilor Hunt: spoke about Mr. Flaherty.
- Councilor Murphy: 4th of July Committee has done incredible work; sad to hear donations are down. Went to the State House today for school transportation, trying to get more money from State. Thanked Greg Martin for the Memorial Day celebration. Spoke yesterday at the Pride Flag Raising at the Library.
- Councilor Perry: spoke about the work that the 4th of July committee does; help on Saturday with the trash pickup; please contribute to the 4th of July if you can. Memorial Day services were great, thanked Greg Martin and the service members.
- Councilor Striggles: thanked everyone who attended the meeting; will be donating her brick money to the 4th of July celebration. Testified today at the State House on Transportation funding and asked them to give more; rewarding experience. Remind residents of the Juneteenth Flag Raising taking place next Monday at the Library. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, I am the daughter of a great father.
- Councilor Ellenberg: Memorial Day was excellent; Farmer's Market was excellent also. Would like to work towards BSU involved in our solution to our water problems. BSU has a substantial endowment and perhaps they could put in for infrastructure. Another goal is to have a forensic audit on the Old Scotlands Link.
- Councilor Kennedy: Memorial Day was a great event. Thanked the 4th of July committee for coming and need to work on getting more donations. Thanked the public for being at the meeting.

- Councilor McGrath: Memorial Day was a great event; I do a podcast every week if you have any ideas please send to me. On June 21st I will be speaking at the Juneteenth celebration.
- Councilor Loreti: thanked Councilors Striggles and Murphy for going to the State House today on our behalf. Thanked the committees and the chairs, appreciate the work you are doing. Farmers Market was a great event, recognized Al Lacera and Fire for Effect, next one is June 28th. Memorial Day was a great event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion passed 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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 17, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.