



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

December 2, 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

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Johnny Loreti called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

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

Also in attendance was Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

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

- James Flynn, US Marines, Vietnam. Passed away November 13th
- Richard Montville, US Army, Korean Era. Passed away November 15th
- David Fraher, US Navy, WW2. Passed away November 18th
- David Roscoe, US Navy, Vietnam Era. Passed away November 28th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend 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 read a brief statement regarding water quality noting that he is committed to reset the priorities of the town and build from the ground up and get to clean water and restoring trust.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis spoke about his commitment to high quality water, doing everything they can to resolve this issue as soon as possible noting that over the past several months there has been more discussions/presentations than there was over the years.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Representative Dennis Gallagher, 160 South Drive: noted that he has been following and talking to many over the past several weeks, feels bad for the residents that are going through this. Has been in contact with DEP to see what our immediate solutions can be and will do what he can at the state level to help with the situations,
- Stef D'Melia, Harvest Lane: noted you can hear us now, it is an emergency situation.
- Justin Mantell, 533 Forest Street: has a child on the way and worried about the water, can residents get a break on systems since paying for water.
- William Balfour, 40 Tarkin Hill Lane: thanked the families who reached out to the media, noting he has clean water and it does not effect a small population it effects everyone. Looking for timelines/action plans, want as quickly as possible.
- Joel Thomas, 25 Alverona Road: spoke about the water issues, noting historical record of the water issues and not being able to find data from 2022. Asked for a moratorium for no connecting to water until fixed.
- Jay Settlers, 74 Pearl Street: noted he goes to bluedrop twice a month to feed his chickens, water has a bad smell/taste, his family will be moving out of town.
- Kim Chermesino, 45 Curve Street: worried about the quality and supply of the water because of the amount of houses being built behind her house.
- Donna Jewell, 50 Keith Place: do not have the same problem with brown water, but wanted to make everyone aware that the problem is starting to shift to other areas of the town. Noted how often she has to change her home water filtration system.

APPOINTMENTS

a) Citizens Advisory Committee:

1) John Harrington (2025 - 2027)

Councilor Linde made a motion to appoint John Harrington to the Citizens Advisory Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend 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.

2) Stephanie Holmgren (2025 - 2028)

Councilor Linde made a motion to appoint Stephanie Holmgren to the Citizens Advisory Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend 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) Board of Health Re-Appointment:

William Prince (2025 - 2027)

Councilor Striggles made a motion to re-appoint William Prince to the Board of Health, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Linde asked how many members there were on the Board of Health and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that there is just this one and they are looking for more.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend 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. HEARINGS

- a) Petition P-2026-004: Petition for National Grid for Joint or Identical Pole Locations – Winter Street
Continued Public Hearing: *Advertised in the 10/21/25 Enterprise.*
Council President Loreti opened the continued Public Hearing at 7:33pm.

There was no National Grid representative at the meeting at the time of the public hearing.

Council President Loreti asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak:

- Scott Spade, 325 Winter Street: noted that someone from the Town came over and could not answer the question on how far the road will be in his front yard. Will go from a 9 car driveway to a 3 car driveway. Has to be something in between before the poles are in discussion. We want the new road but that will be right in my front yard.

Council President Loreti asked if any councilors had any questions. No questions were asked.

Councilor Linde made a motion to continue Petition P-2026-004 until the December 16, 2025 Town Council meeting. This was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he went to the property and spoke with the resident, the pole is very far in their front yard. Not understanding how the town is moving that far in, in the best interest of the resident would like it to be sorted out.

Councilor Perry noted that he would like to receive some specific measurements before this is brought back to the council.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the DPW Director had the flu and could not be at the meeting and would like the hearing continued.

A voice vote was taken on the motion to continue 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.
Vote on the motion to continue: 9-0

- b) Order O-FY26-030: FY2026 Classification Tax Allocation - Adoption of Residential Factor
Public Hearing: *Advertised in the 11/23/25 Enterprise.*
Council President Loreti opened the public hearing at 7:41pm.

Chief Assessor Shelley McCauley gave a presentation of the residential factor for fiscal year 2026. Noting actions required before setting the tax rate; maximum levy limit; selection of a tax rate. If a factor of “1” is adopted, the tax rate would be the same for all classes.

Asked anyone from the public if they wished to speak in favor: no one spoke.

Asked anyone from the public if they wished to speak in opposition: no one spoke

Council President Loreti asked if any resident wished to speak in favor: no one spoke.

Council President Loreti asked if any resident wished to speak in opposition: no one spoke.

Councilor Murphy noted that a split tax rate has been on the table for us to explore but thinks shifting the tax burden to businesses would be detrimental because we do not have large businesses. The result would be minimal to the residents and major to the small businesses. Keeping the factor at 1 makes sense.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he agreed with Councilor Murphy adding that increasing it now is not something we should be doing.

Councilor McGrath asked if apartments are residential and Ms. McCauley noted they were.

Councilor Linde noted that he does not think we want to tax small business owners but if we need increase revenue we need to get it from the big businesses in town, empty warehouse on Broad Street would love to see them taxed at a higher rate.

Ms. McCauley noted that Bridgewater homes are worth more money than surrounding communities but have the lowest tax rate.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she agrees with tax increases on big businesses only and asked how do we give the small business exemption. Ms. McCauley noted that is a whole different option and cannot guarantee who would get the benefit.

Councilor Striggles noted that this has been a common conversation on how we can combat our revenue issues. Having a low commercial rate has not increased our commercial base. Middleboro rate is only slightly higher and there are plenty of businesses.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she does want to put the burden on small businesses, what would be the process for the small amount, what is the timeline. Ms. McCauley noted that we could look at after this meeting, too late for doing that this year.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that when you are looking at exemptions there is a need for more staffing and we need to get the tax bills out. Ms. McCauley further noted that the Town cannot pick and choose who gets the exemption, it goes by class.

Councilor Loreti noted that to save the resident \$253 a year the business would be paying \$2,700, does not think it should be done now, explore further for the future.

Council President Loreti closed the public hearing at 8:03pm.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-030 with a residential factor of 1. This 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.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-005: Annual Licensing of a Common Carrier/Taxi Service Business
Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-005, 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.

- b) Petition P-2026-006: Annual Licensing of a Second Hand Gold/Pawn Shop
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-006, 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) Petition P-2026-007: Annual Licensing of Automatic Amusements (in establishments without alcohol)
Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-007, 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.

- d) Petition P-2026-008: Annual Licensing of Lodging Houses
Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-008, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Striggles noted that a resident sent an email about 40 Central Square, building needs work, part of the historic district. Is the outside of the building as sound as it should be. Paint has peeled off, one storm could do some damage.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the fire department and building commissioner were out to that site, they are in compliant with codes. There may be esthetic issues there and there is no ordinance to manage that kind o issue.

Councilor Kennedy noted that the building does not look like it should in the downtown area and would like to have a further discussion on that.

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) Petition P-2026-009: Annual Licensing of Common Victualler Establishments (non-alcohol)
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-009, 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.

- f) Petition P-2026-010: Annual Licensing of Class I, Class II and Class III Auto Dealers
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-010, 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.

- g) Petition P-2026-011: Annual Licensing of Entertainment License
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-011, 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.

- h) Petition P-2026-012: Annual Licensing of Establishments with Alcohol Licenses
Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-012, 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.

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) MBTA/Municipal Parking
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the MBTA manages and keeps the receipts for the MBTA parking lot and that the Municipal parking lot agreement is until 2028. He also noted that there was never any agreement made on paper to the town that the town would not pay the MBTA assessment, never written, discussed with all communities. The administration changed and decided to make all towns pay an assessment.
- b) Town Food/Clothing Drive
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the town was conducting a Food/Clothing Drive that began on 11/24 and runs through 12/19. Drop off bins in the first floor of Town Hall.
- c) Call for Pictures for the updated Town Website
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted they are still looking for pictures for the new Town Webpage.

- d) Residential Survey
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that a Residential Survey will be implemented in the next few weeks, before the next Council meeting. Will be an online survey but will have paper copies for those not comfortable doing it on line.
- e) Town Manager Operational Update
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the Town Manager Operational Update is released monthly, goes to the council and then posted to the website. Added an “Ask the Town Manager” section.
- f) Town Manager Office Hours
Town Casanova-Davis noted that he will be hosting office hours on Wednesday, December 17th at 6pm in the Town Council chambers and invited all to attend.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he appreciates the MBTA update, pilot program \$153k in 2020 the State Auditor noted it is underfunded. Did we receive money from BSU. New Fire Academy in Town and looking to try to initiate land the state owned and our own pilot program and if we can affect the study they are supposed to be having. Would like to be proactive and bring numbers to the State to try to get more money.

Councilor McGrath asked if overtime will be in the budget for the Fire Department until we get more staff?

DISCUSSIONS

- a) Water Quality
Councilor Loreti noted that he wanted this on the council agenda for discussion for the residents. Wanted to know the timeline for the two year correction, waiting for DEP, can we go out to bid, etc.?

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that in May the council approved the loan to do work to tie the wells to the treatment plant, we are going to do that work, we do not need DEP approval. Working with the engineers to finalize and then going out to bid hopefully by the end of the year/early January.

Councilor Loreti noted that interim solutions were talked about, (emergency connection, mobile trailer) both being expensive, ask Town Manager to speak about those.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he wants residents to know that when he came here he wanted to look at this with a new set of eyes and he directed the team to look at all opportunities for things available to us.

Councilor Loreti asked if the Town Manager was able to on a timeline for any of the solutions. Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he could not give a timeline because there are requirements with partners, have to get approval from their end and the DEP. If they say no how can we give a timeline.

Councilor Linde noted that he felt bad that the Town Manager has inherited this mess. Asked for any on other suggestions which was to buy water from other communities (Taunton and Brockton).

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he feels bads for the residents dealing with this and we are prioritizing the issue. There is no any interest with Taunton to collaborate with us. Has reached out to Brockton, they had an administrative change and we have scheduled a meeting. That is years away, funding, logistics. We are looking at everything.

Councilor Linde noted that we cannot continue to overdevelop, and be responsible with growth.

Councilor McGrath noted that the water is getting worse in different parts of the town. We keep pulling from the same basins, we have to get water from a different direction. 150 houses being built on Curve Street and the last 60 they are asking for a variance. We need to limit that. Can we do that with an ordinance until we fix the water.

Councilor Murphy noted that it is an issue of funding across the board, schools, roads, water and something needs to change at the State and Federal level. It is his goal to advocate at that level and has secured a meeting with Senator Markey's office. It should not solely fall on the citizens of the tow.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she is concerned about the water usage, MBTA housing will bring more housing and will deplete the water; we should not be supporting the MBTA requirements until the State has made a commitment financially to us.

Councilor Loreti noted that we need to get more help from the State to increase unrestricted government aid to the town which has dropped 25%. Cannot ask our taxpayers to burden the cost. Bridgewater got lost in the fray, we don't have the tax levy like Weston. We need to lean into the State and Federal Government, need to kick back more in the communities. Water quality discussion will be on every agenda.

Councilor Striggles noted that based on the conversation shifting from the East side to the West side, part of the next discussion we should explore why it is happening.

Councilor Murphy thanked Representative Gallagher for attending tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY26-031: Transfer Order for Prior Year Bill - Sewer Fund
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend at their 11/17/25 meeting.
Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-031, 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.

- b) Order O-FY26-032: Transfer Order - Contractual Payments
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-1 to recommend at their 11/17/25 meeting.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-032, 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

- c) **Order O-FY26-033: Transfer Order – CPC Engineering for Multi-Functional Fields**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 5-1-1 to recommend at their 11/17/25 meeting.
Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-033, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

Councilor Hunt abstained from voting because her spouse is a member of the CPC.

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 – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0-1

Councilor Kennedy noted that the funding from this does not come from the general fund, it is money matched by the State.

- d) **Order O-FY26-035: Transfer Order - General Fund Free Cash Allocation**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-035, 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

- e) **Order O-FY26-036: Transfer Order - Bridgewater Raynham School District Operational Review**
Budget & Finance voted 2-1 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 7-1 to not recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-036, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

Councilor Hunt asked why the Fincom voted no and Councilor Loreti noted that there was discussion over whether we should spend this amount of money for a review, some folks wanted a larger review and some did not want to do it at all.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she will be supporting this because transparency is good for the town, I hear through the grapevine that we are going to try for an override. Perhaps the override will be successful. It is for an operational review, SPED, Busses, students going to other schools, if reviewed maybe we could find ways to save. If we don't we don't but the review would have been done.

Councilor Linde noted that he thinks this is very important to do. Both Raynham and Bridgewater are sharing the cost, thinks this will educate people properly and build public trust.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he has been in favor of this, look to see what is going on with the school system. A recent school committee member resigned and brought up some issues so that raised concerns. Appropriate where we are now.

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

- f) Order O-FY26-037: Transfer Order - Bridgewater-Raynham School District Capital Plan Transfer
Budget & Finance voted 2-1 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 7-1 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-037, 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

- g) Resolution R-FY26-002: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2026
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 made a motion to approve Resolutoin R-FY26-002, 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

- h) Resolution R-FY26-003: FY2027 Budget Resolution
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting. Finance Committee voted 8-0 to recommend at their 12/2/25 meeting.
Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-003, which was duly seconded by Councilor Striggles.

Councilor Loreti noted that the projected surplus changed from 2% to 1% this year and increased the amount in our reserves.

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) Ordinance D-FY26-007: Ordinance Establishing the Process for Filling a Vacant Town Councilor Role
Refer to Advertising: Rules and Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend at the 11/14/25 meeting.
Councilor Striggles made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY26-007 to advertising, 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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Stef D'Melia: apologized for complaining; back in May or June situation that came in front of the town when the University turned on their water and used 750k gallons in five days, if it happens again it could be a serious problem. Maybe put something in place. Our water issue is more than one issue. In September our town engineer deemed it a public safety issue, now it is a public health concern.

Councilor Linde made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Shawn Conway from Braintree to speak. This 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

- Shawn Conway, Braintree: owner of a water filtration company and spoke about the water issue and it needing to be fixed.
- Jennifer Felupa, Aldrich Road: spoke about the water issues and requested a link on the town website; plans are not there and it is not clear.
- Jane Garrison, 255 Walnut Street: spoke about the water issues and when the water was good.
- Eric Christianson, South Drive: would be great to see the phases of the project, who the project manager is, weekly updates and a link on the webpage.
- Christine Behnke, 36 Magnolia Way: thanked the councilors who showed up for the chapter 70 meeting. 40 Central Square – pride of ownership goes a long way in town. Would like to work with the council for adopt an island program. Water issues – are there any short term solutions that we can do as citizens. Can we utilize the town owned buildings – youth center, indoor farmers market to create revenue for the town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Linde: thanked every citizen who came and spoke, knows our Town Manager is committed to doing it, discussion needs to be on development and over building. Educational to go on the school tour. Chapter 70 hearing we went to and we got our point across. Beautiful lights in the common – they are still raising money. The Library has a giving tree for people that don't have anything. Library is offering coffee, cookies and caroling on 12/10. Today is Giving Tuesday – we have great organizations in town to support.
- Councilor Hunt: noted the friezes have been hung in the Town Hall and gave a brief history. Attending MMA Training for the New Councilors on Friday. Noted the lights in the Common. BSU will be singing on Sunday.
- Councilor Murphy: thanked the school committee and Supt. Ryan for coming tonight. Thanked the councilors who advocated for the Chapter 70 funding in Lakeville. Thanked the Lions Club for the center decorations.
- Councilor Perry: thanked the councilors for the work on the common. Thanked Lisa, Jeff and Al for their fundraising efforts. BBA Christmas on the Common is this Sunday from 12 to 4. Parade is

from the middle school. Congratulated the BR football team for a great season. Noted water is a huge concern. We will find ways to get this done quickly as possible.

- Councilor Striggles: thanked everyone for attending and people who usually do not voice their concerns. Will be 39 weeks pregnant at our next meeting so will probably not be at the next meeting. Commend Lisa Curley for her commitment to the town and the Lions for maintaining the traditions to our town. Thankful for Town Manager Casanova-Davis because you inherited a lot and you are working to make those right.
- Councilor Ellenberg: complimented the Town Manager who works very hard on our water issue. Rep. Gallagher and citizens need to unite behind our Town Manager and make this a priority to the Governor. Issue of the MBTA being voted on tomorrow night – would like a commitment from the state. Also complimented Laurie Guerrini on the budget.
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked Al, Jeff and Lisa for what they did on the Common. Thanked the citizens who came out tonight for the first time and spoke; your voices are needed.
- Councilor McGrath: noted that she attended an Open House at the Bridge Center; appreciate all of the residents that came out.
- Councilor Loreti: thanked the councilors who attended the DESI hearing. Veterans dinner on Saturday and Christmas on the Common on Sunday. Thanked the citizens who engaged in the water discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to adjourn, 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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

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, December 2, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.