



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

December 16, 2025

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

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MEETING AGENDA

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 16, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

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

Also in attendance was Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Attorney Jason Rawlins, State Senator William Driscoll, Jr and State Representative Dennis Gallagher.

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

- Robert Harmon – US Air Force, Korean Era, passed away on November 30th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2025, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A roll-call 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 congratulated Councilor Striggles on the birth of her baby girl Georgia on Friday and thanked her for her dedication in joining the meeting via Zoom tonight. President Loreti also noted that there is a general public meeting on January 26, 2026 at 5:30pm prior to the regular Town Council meeting and any meeting submissions should be sent to the Town Council Clerk by midnight on December 30th.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: not sure what the license transfer is for Triangle Pub and spoke about the MBTA and Ordinance 009.
- Scott Pitta, Pine Street: spoke about the water moratorium and stopping building until addressed. Also spoke about MBTA act and cost to the community.
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: noted CPA never promised 100% a year, average 33%.
- Lincoln Andrews, Stiles & Hart Brick: spoke about Stiles & Hart property.
- Ashley Mallard, Grange Park: handed out a memo dated 12/5/25 to Superintendent of Schools with Class Size Impact. Spoke about what the stats do not show, ie. Some math classes have 40 kids.
- John Donna, 261 South Street: spoke about the problem with the MBTA and the subdivisions on the Planning Board agenda.
- Stef D'Melia, Harvest Lane: new water main installed on the Flagg Street project – was it done? Timeframe for the water ban to be lifted? Existing Water infrastructure through town – what our current infrastructure is capable of pushing out per day and what it can handle per day.
- Kathy, spoke about the water; claimed she spoke to Town Manager Dutton. Why wasn't reserve fund used in the past, no transparency in the past.

Councilor Linde made a motion to take J. Discussions out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS

- a) Petition P-2026-004: Petition for National Grid for Joint or Identical Pole Locations – Winter Street
Continued Public Hearing
Councilor Loreti continued the Public Hearing at 9:06pm.

Councilor Striggles left the meeting at 9:10pm.

Councilor Loreti asked DPW Director Azu Etoniru to give an update on Winter Street.

Mr. Etoniru showed the councilors and the homeowner the road plans and answered any questions.

Councilor Perry noted that the owner of the property was not aware of the right of way, but the right of way has been there and some land is going to be lost, they do exist and he is sorry that he was not aware.

Councilor McGrath asked how much is the right of way and Mr. Etoniru noted 40 feet and the town is using 24 feet.

Councilor Loreti asked how much further in is the road towards the home and who will be responsible for repairs to the driveway. Mr. Etoniru noted that in front of 325 it will be about 12 to 15 feet towards him and town is responsible for driveway.

Councilor Murphy asked if the residents have been notified of the work and Mr. Etoniru noted that once we go out to bid the residents will be notified.

Scott Smead, 325 Winter Street: understands the land can be taken but does not know why the pole is going where it is. Taking the road 40 feet to right in front of my door.

Mary Baker, 325 Grange Park: asked about sidewalks on Winter Street. Mr. Etoniru noted that can put sidewalk on Winter Street but there would be drainage problem.

Councilor Perry asked if the pole is Mr. Smead's yard needs to be moved or relocated and Mr. Aker of National Grid noted that it is already set back.

Councilor Murphy asked what the implications were if the council did not approve this request. Mr. Etoniru noted that residents have been complaining about fixing Winter Street and if this is not approved then the road will not be repaved and the money will be used to pave another road in town.

Council President Loreti closed the Public Hearing at 9:37 pm

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-013, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

Councilor Linde made a motion to take a 5 minute recess, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

A recess was taken at 9:39pm.

The meeting was back to order at 9:48pm.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-013: Request for DBA Change for Casa Agave Inc, 14 Summer Street
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-013 which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

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

- b) Petition P-2026-014: Granting of the Transfer of the Class II Used Auto Dealers License – R.Eli.Able Enterprises LLC, 567 Main Street
Council President Loreti opened the public hearing at 9:49pm.
The petitioner was not in attendance.
Council President Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. No one spoke.
Council President Loreti asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition:
- Mike Flaherty, Forest Street: abuts the property and spoke about something that happened with years ago when someone else owned the property. Wanted to know if there were disposing of the chemicals properly.
- Council President Loreti asked if any councilors had any questions. No one asked any questions.
Council President Loreti closed the public hearing at 9:53pm.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-014 which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Fire Station Update
Fire Station Update
CED Director Rulli noted that they received the certificate of occupancy; chief and some staff moving in this week. After the first of the year the full group move will occur. The emergency signal as you leave the station is in transit; no firm date for a ribbon cutting yet. Been a good project, good team that worked well together.
- Councilor Linde thanked everyone involved in the Fire Station.
- Chief Schlatz noted that the place is amazing; you don't realize how much takes place behind the scenes to get where we are today. Layout is compliant with how we work; state of the art.
- b) FY27 Budget Preparation
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that work on the FY27 is underway, working to get ahead of budget items. Meeting with Raynham and schools.
- c) Website Update/Communications
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that there were many listening sessions/Town Manager open office hours during the year and some comments were about town website and making it easier. We are transitioning to a new website. The current contract ends at the end of December. We are going to be putting more information on the website, to be more transparent. Will be launching in January. There are always area for communication and we are always looking into that.

Councilor Linde made a motion to extend the meeting past 10:00p.m. which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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

d) **Water Emergency Declaration/Water Update**

Town Manager Casanova-Davis discussed the memo included in the packet and a summary of what was done and what the town is doing. Work has been ongoing and work continues to be done. High tier water users pay more than they have before. Work together to discuss what is coming before the town and water issues. Included a signed MOA with Middleboro in the packet. We do not want to turn 10A or 10B on unless we have too, we are looking at emergency procurement to do that work. We are looking at other sites for Blue Drop machines. Speaking with others about additional water sources. \$2M grant earmarked for the Town that we do not have to pay back to help with the water issue. We will continue to give updates when we can. When we have timetables we will give those too. The community has been heard and we have been listening.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the Town Manager was exploring all the options, local water options and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that they were absolutely looking at that.

Councilor Kennedy asked what the plan was moving forward with water emergency and tie ins. Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that cannot tie in new projects that have not approved to our system. Approved projects we will work out the timelines.

Councilor Kennedy asked about the water mains on Flagg Street and whether they were done before paving. Mr. Etinoru noted that the full budget was not available to do the water because the sink holes needed to be fixed at the time.

Councilor Kennedy asked if there was a process when we tie in with Middleboro and asked that any updated water or sewer maps that are available be sent over. Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the water division has identified areas where we can flush; working with BSU and fill the storage tanks.

Future Town Manager Items

- Update on Summer Street Project with BSU – Requested by Councilor Murphy
- In July Supplemental budget 6 positions frozen/delayed would like an update – Requested by Councilor Murphy

DISCUSSIONS

a) **MBTA Compliance**

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

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: read a statement noting a positive vote would allow the town to have access to funding, also noted that the Planning Board would look into making changes to that zoning.
- Stef D'Melia, Harvest Lane: will passing the MBTA raise hundreds of millions of dollars in grant money to fix the water issue.

- John Donna, 261 South Street: noted that many were not on the council when this was voted in 2024 and probably would not have voted on it; is wrong that the state is forcing the town to do this or else.

Councilor Hunt noted that she has heard from both sides; not accepting the MBTA will put us in a difficult place for State support. Not many people realize how much state support the Town gets. A no vote with harm and not help our town.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he does not like the item before us and noted that Bridgewater had MBTA zoning in place but we are not in compliant. Towns have lost in court. I think everything is on the table for grants and I don't think Bridgewater can afford to lose grants, we are dealing with water emergency. Disagree with this policy but voting for this because I need to protect the residents of this town not because I am in favor of it.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she will not be supporting the MBTA; cases have gone against the towns that have tried, we have a declared water emergency declared by the DEP, I would argue that the state agency has jurisdiction over it and we cannot support housing with our current water situation. Should wait for 10 months to see if the citizens rescind 3A.

Councilor McGrath noted that she feels it is cruel the government is doing this; we do need the grants for the water and roads and we do not want taxes raised. Planning Board is going to work on safeguards to deny projects because of water impact and looking at zoning.

Dr. Perry noted we are in a tough situation, State created this for us; towns have lost in court. Town does not want to turn away any grant money, could be a little or could be a lot. We need to get grants for whatever we can. If we do not have the water capacity then projects will not get approved; but we do need income from the town also. I will be supporting this.

Councilor Striggles noted that did not love that our original submission was not enough; not happy that we have to go through the process of bowing down to the State but I agree that the risk of not doing it is greater.

Councilor Linde noted that this is disgusting on the part of the Commonwealth for doing this. Noted that the State Rep and State Senator are in the audience and that the State does not pay us for the prison; we pay for the MBTA to be here.

Councilor Murphy noted that there are too many challenges in this town to turn away any opportunities for funding; our taxpayers cannot burden any more increases. We need to take other measures about building.

Councilor Loreti noted that the town is facing a water emergency, infrastructure issues, funding issues at the schools and has gone back and forth on this but his principles tell him he is not going to allow authority to tell him what he is going to do for his community. The game that you have to comply or we will not fund you is not something he will support.

b) Water Moratorium Feasibility

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she thinks the water moratorium feasibility is needed. We are now scheduled for 1,485 units in town, will impact the schools, police and fire. Current MBTA thing will allow for 1" main rule which will keep the small house going but we need a water moratorium in general. We have the project on Broad Street, DEP has backed the town in saying we have a water problem.

Councilor Linde noted that if the State is going to force us to do certain things then maybe we need to tell the state to turn off the water to their properties. Maybe bigger projects need to build wells.

Councilor Murphy noted that any water moratorium being brought forward needs to have a goal or stop date because it does not solve our current issues. Cannot just stop and hope the problem solves itself; where is the funding going to come from?

Councilor Perry asked if a water moratorium would go against the MBTA agreement, what level do we have this moratorium? We have some temporary plans in place for building.

Councilor Loreti noted that we need to be careful that we do not put ourselves in a legal issue.

- c) Discussions with Senator William J. Driscoll, Jr. and State Representative Dennis C. Gallagher
Representative Gallagher gave an update on bills that he filed: suburban infrastructure bond bill filed in January and heard in April, bill sent to study this session and will have another conversation next year. It is for smaller communities not getting their fair share. Chapter 90 funds were increased by 50% which brought the total to \$1M. Prison mitigation fund bill where there would be money in there every year so there is no guessing game every year. Ambulance bill also filed and gone to study.

Representative Gallagher also noted that today the joint committee met to discuss what revenue there would be for 2027. They will agree on a number and then they appropriate the money out. Governor must send her budget out by end of January. Chapter 70 and school issues – many pieces of legislation filed. We need to provide more funding for the schools. Fair Share Amendment passed a few years ago needs to be corrected.

State Senator Driscoll spoke about the testimony for Chapter 70 formula and how it is not working for certain towns and cities that spoke. Shared highlights from Bridgewater. State charged DESI will how to update Chapter 70 going forward and hope with the testimony provided that there is a change to the formulas.

Representative Gallagher noted that DESI report is not due to legislature until June 2026. This administration is big on education and you will see that in the budget.

State Senator Driscoll noted amendment filed for MBTA local assessment to make sure Bridgewater is being assessed properly and need to get back by end of next year that it is an equitable formula for all.

Representative Gallagher noted that the State has had to fund some hospitals and community health centers that have not come in from Federal government and when SNAP benefits were cut off for a few weeks.

State Senator Driscoll spoke about the water emergency and that they have been in contact with the DEP. Aware of a grant opportunity that can be explored to tie in with Middleboro and some of the flushing costs. If hitting a brick wall with a state agency reach out to us and we will help find an answer for you. Also noted that there is a disaster relief fund and could potentially be a test case and if additional funds needed could work to try to see if we can access some of that funding. The language matters, quantity, quality, specific events.

Representative Gallagher noted that there have been several pieces of legislation related to the MBTA Act. The voters will have a say in November. One was to extend the date to 2028 but it failed. This a fluid topic and this issue will not go away.

Councilor Loreti asked about the millionaires tax out performing and Representative Gallagher noted that it came in at \$2B and it is earmarked for transportation and education.

State Senator Driscoll noted that this is the second budget that the fair share money is available from; for investments beyond Chapter 70 was the thought in the beginning; but has changed because of costs. Waiting on the DESI report.

Councilor Loreti noted that the general government aid has not kept up. State Senator Driscoll noted that still waiting to see what the returns are. Level funding might be the win, depending if the budget does not grow.

Councilor Linde made a motion to take L. Legislation for Action out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance

Councilor Murphy noted that Budget & Finance met prior to the Town Council meeting and discussed FY27 budget timeline.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Zoning Ordinance Amendment D-FY26-001: MBTA Final Compliance Ordinance for the Town of Bridgewater
Advertised in the 12/5/25 Enterprise.
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-001, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-038: Transfer Order – CPC Town Owned Cemetery Assessment
Councilor Murphy made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-038 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Absent; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 7-0-1.

- b) Order O-FY26-039: Acceptance of Donation – McBee Enterprises dba McDonald's
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-039 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- c) Order O-FY26-040: Transfer Order - Water Capital Fund Transfer
Councilor Hunt made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-040 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- d) Order O-FY26-041: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer
Councilor Kennedy made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-041 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- e) Order O-FY26-042: Transfer Order - General Fund Capital Plan Transfers
Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-042 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- f) Order O-FY26-043: Transfer Order - Ambulance Overtime Transfer Order
Chief Schlatz noted that this will put the firefighters in a safer position, 11 per group. 3 person engine on East and West side. East side will be picking up 1,000 more calls a year, been bringing this up since 2023 and this now puts us in a good place.

Councilor Ellenberg expressed kudos to the Finance Director and Town Manager for their arrival at this, pleased that this has occurred.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that they understand that public safety is important; we are prioritizing the safety of the community.

Councilor McGrath thanked the Town Manager for doing this.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-043 to Budget & Finance and Finance 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 – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- g) Order O-FY26-044: Water System Improvements Loan Authorization
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that putting this in place for connecting to Middleboro and the treatment trailer for the challenges we have. We will be applying for the grant but will still apply for this loan authorization.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-044 to Budget & Finance and Finance 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 – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- h) Order O-FY26-045: Adoption of a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-045 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

- i) Resolution R-FY26-006: A Resolution of the Bridgewater Town Council in Support of the Letter to Governor Healey and the Massachusetts Legislature Regarding the Urgent Need for Municipal Aid, Infrastructure Investment, and State Partnership

Councilor Murphy noted that they have had a lot of discussions about our State involvement and the idea was to organize our thoughts and share with the governor to make them aware of all the challenges we are facing in Bridgewater.

Councilor Kennedy noted that this is a solid letter to send out.

Councilor Linde made a motion to retain Resolution R-FY26-006 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken for the motion to amend with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; Striggles – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

j) **Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-009: Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Central Square Property Maintenance Standards**

Councilor Loreti noted that this has been on his radar for a while, would require a certain standard to be required in Central Square. Goal is to increase our standards and provide relief for our tenants. This may be a bylaw and not an ordinance.

Councilor McGrath made a motion to refer Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-009 to the Downtown Revitalization Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: noted that CPC would need to have an assessment for the cemetery request, asked for the status of the park at the former Toole Property.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: 009 needs to involve the historic commission; needs to protect the tenants;
- MJ Spagone, Lakeshore Center: thanked Rep Gallagher and Senator Driscoll for attending the meeting. Thanked those who spoke tonight. Asked the Council President to ask those people speaking in the back to stop speaking out loud. Suggested using a laser pointer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Kennedy: thanked the citizens in attendance; thanked everyone for a productive meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked everyone who showed up, thanked the Town Manager and Finance Director who have done such a great job.
- Councilor Perry: thanked Rep Gallagher and Senator Driscoll for attending. Thanked the BBA for Christmas on the Common; thanked the Town Manager and DPW for coming up with short term solutions for the water problems. Thanked the residents for attending the meeting. Wished everyone Happy Holidays
- Councilor Murphy: thanked everyone who spoke tonight and Rep Gallagher and Senator Driscoll. Thanked the BBA for a great Christmas on the Common and the parade.
- Councilor Hunt: Wished everyone Happy holidays.
- Councilor Linde: thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Rep Gallagher for attending and think they have the best in mind for this town and will help us get what they can. Submit those questions for the general meeting.
- Councilor McGrath: Happy Holidays to everyone.
- Councilor Loreti: Christmas on the Common was great, Veterans Dinner was a great event. Lights in the common look amazing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Linde made a motion to adjourn, 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 – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Abstained; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10pm.

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, January 6, 2026, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.