



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

December 2, 2025

5:30 PM

Joint Meeting with Budget & Finance and Finance Committee

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

66 Central Square

and via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81396649428>

Meeting ID: 813 9664 9428

MEETING MINUTES

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

Call to Order

Councilor Murphy called the joint meeting with the Finance Committee to order at 5:30pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building and also via Zoom.

Committee members present: Councilor McGrath, Councilor Loreti and Councilor Murphy.

Also in attendance was Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, Finance Director Laurie Guerrini and School Superintendent Ryan Powers.

Councilors Linde and Ellenberg were also in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes - None

Public Comment - None

Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY26-035: Transfer Order - General Fund Free Cash Allocation
Ms. Guerrini Laurie noted that this is the amount undesignated balance (free cash), what is leftover in the designated general fund.

Councilor Loreti asked how is this money allocated, target 10% to stabilization and Ms. Guerrini noted that we look at what our capital needs are going to be, like to put at least \$1M in stabilization. There is a formula.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-035, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

- b) Order O-FY26-036: Transfer Order - Bridgewater Raynham School District Operational Review
Ms. Guerrini noted that this was Bridgewater’s portion of what has been discussed with the Town Council.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that this was put together based on the school committee to review our practices, the Bridgewater portion of the costs. Raynham approved their portion at their Town Meeting.

Councilor Loreti noted that he is confident in what was put together. Operational Review, trying to increase trust among the voters. School District is doing what they can and the voters voted against an override and they don’t think we are doing enough work to identify every ounce of deficiency that we have.

Councilor Murphy noted that he believes that this should already be done and will be voting no.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-035, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – No.
Motion passed 2-1.

- c) Order O-FY26-037: Transfer Order - Bridgewater-Raynham School District Capital Plan Transfer
Ms. Guerrini noted that this is Bridgewater’s portion of the schools capital plan, voted back in May.

Superintendent Powers gave a brief overview of what the schools are looking to do for capital plans.

Councilor McGrath thanked Mr. Powers for the detail and asked if quotes are received for the sprinkler heads. Mr. Powers noted that they are done on an annual basis and this would be the remaining 20%.

Councilor Loreti noted that he is interested in looking at the landscaping machines and asked if the school has looked into outsourcing the maintenance of the facilities. Mr. Ryan noted that a storm would average \$800 to \$1,500 for overtime costs and a local landscape company for snow removal of the HS would be approximately \$10k.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-036, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – No; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 2-1.

- d) Resolution R-FY26-003: FY2027 Budget Resolution
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Resolution R-FY26-003, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

- e) Order O-FY26-031: Transfer Order for Prior Year Bill - Sewer Fund
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-031, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0

- f) Order O-FY26-032: Transfer Order - Contractual Payments
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-032, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

- g) Order O-FY26-033: Transfer Order – CPC Engineering for Multi-Functional Fields
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-033, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment

- Councilor Linde noted that it was sad that Finance Committee voted down review.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilor Loreti made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes.