



Town of Bridgewater Strategic Planning Committee

August 7, 2025

9:00 AM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

and Virtually via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88025540559>

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 880 2554 0559

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Councilor Perry called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A of the Academy Building and via Zoom.

Committee members present: Councilor Perry, Councilor Striggles and Councilor Loreti (via Zoom).

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Striggles made a motion to approve the 7/10/25 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; Striggles – Yea; Perry – Yea. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Public Comment - None

D. Legislation Referred

a) Order O-FY25-074: Town Manager Goals

The committee discussed each goal and developed the timeframe.

TSG-001: Exemplary Town Operations

After discussion the following dates were agreed upon:

- Conduct multiple meetings with BR School District/Superintendent – 1/12/26 completion date with a submission to the Town Council at the 1/20/26 meeting.
- Conduct a Town wide Resident Satisfaction Survey – 12/15/25 completion date.

- Deliver a Town Manager Operational Report to the Town Council every 4 weeks – currently being done, would like to see more face time with the residents to get message across.

TSG-002: Drinking Water Improvement

After discussion the following dates were agreed upon:

- Develop and publicly present, in conjunction with water dept/DPW, an updated multiphase improvement plan.... – an initial review will be presented to council by 10/1/25.

TSG-003: Roadway Improvement Plan

After discussion the following dates were agreed upon:

- Complete/update road condition assessment, in conjunction with DPW, and update priority repair list... - 1/26/26 completion, presented to the council on 2/3/26.
- Once developed, update town website with posting of priority street repair list and roadway improvement plan.... –

Councilor Loreti would like on home page as people want to know when their road will be fixed.

Councilor Striggles would like a link “DPW FAQ” with bullet point list with links on homepage.

TSG-004: Community Engagement and Communication

After discussion the following dates were agreed upon:

- Improvements to Town website, existing or new design... - 6/1/26 update the Town Council.

Councilor Perry noted that this is currently in process and Councilor Loreti noted that we have other priorities, flexible date.

- Expanding public engagement by hosting public forums/listening sessions with update to Town Council in Town Manager’s Report – decided on 4
- Launch at least one new or improved community engagement tool – would like atleast one launch but no timeline.
- Engage with the public by attending at least one community event per quarter – no issue with this, already attended July 4th parade.

TSG-005: Economic Development Strategy

After discussion the following dates were agreed upon:

- Identify current economic strengths and weaknesses.... – date of 4/1/26 then presentation at 2nd April Town Council meeting.

Councilor Perry noted that the crossing lights are crosswalks in the center are already in the works.

Councilor Striggles wanted to look at February or June when grant applications are due.

TSG-006: Operational Efficiency

- Conduct an independent operational review.
- Identify grant opportunities to support the review.
- Once grant funding is secured, report results to Town Council

Councilor Loreti noted that he wrote this up to what was asked of the school to do. Would like done before FY27 budget so data can be used.

Councilor Perry noted that the state funding grant is not available, should give the Town Manager the ability to do on his own. Suggest keep as goal but keep as Town Manager doing.

Councilor Loreti left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Councilor Striggles noted that the grant has not been available since 2024 and the application is usually due by February. Noted that the Town Manager is new to the town, fresh set of eyes, ideas. Would rather give to him because of financial constraints.

Councilor Perry noted that he will discuss with Justin and come back at the next meeting, will rewrite.

E. Public Comment - None

F. Adjournment of Meeting

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

A roll-call vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Absent at the time of the vote; Striggles – Yea; Perry – Yea. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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 August 21, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.