



Town of Bridgewater Community and Economic Development Committee

June 3, 2025

5:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

A quorum of the Town Council may be in attendance

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Councilor Linde called the meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee to order at 5:00pm. The meeting took place at the Academy Building, 66 Central Square in Conference Room 201A on the second floor.

Councilors Present: Councilor Striggles, Councilor Hunt and Councilor Linde.

Councilor Ellenberg was also in attendance.

Public Comment

Bob Cormier, 65 Grange Park: noted that he will work with whatever community is established.

Items Referred

- a) Order O-FY25-064: An Order Creating an Ad Hoc TIF Oversight Committee for 60-86 Broad Street

Councilor Hunt noted that this ordinance was to create a 3 person ad hoc committee, that is why CED was created. Should not have an ad hoc committee, should be CED committee.

Councilor Linde made a motion to allow David Moore to speak. This was seconded by Councilor Striggles.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Striggles – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea. Motion passed 3-0.

David Moore commented on the process; hopes Form Based Code works. Believes that citizens have been cut out of review committee.

Councilor Striggles made a motion to allow Councilor Ellenberg to speak. This was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Striggles – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

Councilor Ellenberg asked what would modification are recommended and Councilor Linde noted that that will be on the next agenda.

Councilor Striggles noted that she would like to transform blighted areas and for this need to create a TIF district. Need separate committee for this item so that it can be worked on without other items coming before it. Supports forming an ad hoc committee.

Councilor Linde noted that he disagrees, have too many committees.

Councilor Hunt noted that she believes the CED Subcommittee can do the job, illegal for the Town Manager to appoint an Ad Hoc committee.

Councilor Linde noted that there is a lack of detail on what committees do.

Councilor Hunt made a motion to recommend that an ad hoc committee not be formed. This was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results as follows: Striggles – No; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 2-1.

Items for Discussion

a) Future Meeting Topics

Councilor Hunt noted that she would like other committees to attend CED meetings (ie. Planning chair).

Councilor Striggles noted that she would love to have meetings with other boards, joint meetings.

Councilor Hun noted that she would like the meeting televised via zoom.

b) Future Meeting Dates

Councilor Linde noted that he spoke with Mary and they would have a joint meeting with Downtown Revitalization. Also noted that each committee should write descriptions.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilor Striggles made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Hunt

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Striggles – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea.
Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

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 20, 2025, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.