



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

March 10, 2026

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

The Town Council meeting is being streamed Live via You Tube.

Go to the Town of Bridgewater Facebook Page for the link.

Please note that the in-person meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the remote connection.

MEETING AGENDA

Due to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirements, discussions will not take place during Public Comment periods. If appropriate, responses to questions and concerns will be given by the Town Manager at a future Town Council meeting.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 - a) March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**
- C. PROCLAMATIONS**
- D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM**
- E. APPOINTMENTS**
- F. HEARINGS**
 - a) Order O-FY26-034: Laying Out and Acceptance of a Private Way - Calthrop Drive Extension
Continued Public Hearing: Noticed in the 2/24/26 Enterprise.
- G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS**
- H. PRESENTATIONS**
- I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - a) Vietnam War Memorial Project
 - b) DPW Storm Response
 - c) Water Update
 - d) Community Budget Session
- J. DISCUSSIONS**

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-008: Proposed Amendment to Part III – Administrative Code:
Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 Dogs
Rules & Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.
- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-011: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III.
Multiple Members Appointive Bodies
Rules & Procedures voted 2-1 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.
- c) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-012: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 2, Article I.
Section 3 D. Department Heads
Rules & Procedures voted 3-0 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.

M. OLD BUSINESS

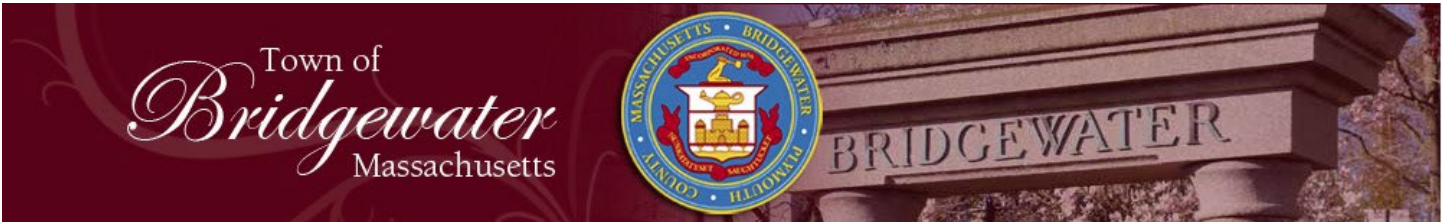
N. NEW BUSINESS

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

March 3, 2026

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

MEETING MINUTES

Because of major technical problems with the IT equipment, there was zero audio on the livestream and no usable audio for the recording that is typically posted to YouTube.

Prior to calling the meeting to order Town Council President Loreti noted that the meeting was properly noticed but there were a few items of a time sensitive nature that needed to be completed. President Loreti further noted that the water presentation was too important for residents and for the Council to have it delivered without the entire public being able to hear it clearly and access it afterward so he will ask for a motion that the water presentation and the remaining agenda items be continued to Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Johnny Loreti called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:25pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

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

Councilor Murphy attempted to attend the Town Council meeting via Zoom but was unable to because of the technical problems.

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

Council President Loreti noted that there were no veteran deaths and held a moment of silence for those that have passed and their families.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) December 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the December 3, 2025 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0

- b) February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Loreti noted that there were still openings on the Charter Review Committee.

Councilor Linde asked that the Charter Review Committee deadline of March 11th be extended by another week.

Council President Loreti reminded the residents that Town Manager Casanova-Davis was holding a Community Budget Presentation on Wednesday at the Senior Center.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: spoke about two of the ordinances on the agenda and needing more information on them.
- Greg Martin and Mr. Ferris: spoke about the Vietnam War Memorial at the old Bridgewater High School and Mr. Ferris noted that the project will cost the town any money. Looking to unveil on 3/29 and honor Mr. Ferris and the Vietnam Veterans in town.
- Ed Ivaldi, Boxford Lane: asked about the education plan on the Charter questions received back from the State noting that an option could be to delay the questions to a special election or November. Asked that a Resolution be adopted by the council that the output of the Charter Review Committee is acted upon promptly. Extend sign-ups another month to allow more to consider.
- Melissa Ramondetta, 317 Lakeside Drive: spoke about the water issues and Lakeshore Center and the Planning Boards approval of 100k gallons of water per day.

Councilor Ellenberg made a motion to allow James DuPont of Raynham to speak, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0

- James Dupont, 118 Elm St East, Raynham MA: read a statement about Chapter 70 schools and asked the Council to demand that the State legislature change the way Chapter 70 is being funded. *Copy of statement given to Town Council Clerk.*
- Lincoln Andrews, Bridgewater Business owner: Spoke about the document presented to the Town by his attorneys regarding water.
- MJ Spagone, Lakeshore Center: read a statement into the record regarding Finance Committee. *Copy of statement was not given to Town Council Clerk.*
- Donna Jewell, 50 Keith Place: spoke about the School Committee agenda and how the Superintendents contract should be delayed.

Councilor Linde made a motion to continue the 3/3/26 meeting until next, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

Council President Loreti noted that he had to open the public hearing and continue it because it was noticed and that three of the orders for the ballot needed to be read as first readings in order for them to be on the ballot.

Councilor Linde withdrew his motion.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS

- a) Order O-FY26-034: Laying Out and Acceptance of a Private Way - Calthrop Drive Extension
Public Hearing: Noticed in the 2/24/26 Enterprise.

Council President Loreti opened the Public Hearing at 8:11pm.

Councilor Perry made a motion to Continue the Public Hearing until March 10, 2026 at 7pm, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilor Perry made a motion to take N. New Business out of order, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Due to technical issues with the IT Equipment as noted above, Town Manager's Report portion of the meeting did not take place.

- a) DPW Storm Response
- b) Water Update
- c) Community Budget Session

DISCUSSIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to technical issues with the IT Equipment as noted above, the Committee Reports portion of the meeting did not take place.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

Due to technical issues with the IT Equipment as noted above, the Legislation for Action portion of the meeting did not take place.

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-008: Proposed Amendment to Part III – Administrative Code: Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 Dogs
Rules & Procedures votes 3-0 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.

- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-011: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III. Multiple Members Appointive Bodies
Rules & Procedures votes 2-1 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.
- c) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-012: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 2, Article I. Section 3 D. Department Heads
Rules & Procedures votes 3-0 to recommend at their 2/20/26 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-053: Charter Change Ballot Question – Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch Section 2-13(a) Annual Stipend
Councilor Linde made a motion to retain Order O-FY26-053 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

- b) Order O-FY26-054: Charter Change Ballot Question – Bridgewater Town Charter Article IV, Town Manager "Temporary Absence"
Councilor Perry made a motion to retain Order O-FY26-054 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

- c) Order O-FY26-055: Charter Change Ballot Question – Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Section 4-3, Elected Officials Powers of Appointment
Councilor Linde made a motion to retain Order O-FY26-055 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

At this time, Councilor Linde made a motion to continue tonight's meeting with all of the remaining items that have not been addressed to Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm. This was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Due to technical issues with the IT Equipment as noted above, this Citizen Comments portion of the meeting did not take place.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Due to technical issues with the IT Equipment as noted above, the Council Comments portion of the meeting did not take place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Linde made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Absent; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

James B. DuPont
118 Elm St-East, Raynham, MA 02767
508 951-3663

Good evening, Mr. Council President and members of the Bridgewater Town Council.

I come with a message of grave and immediate importance to the property owners of Bridgewater, the members of the Bridgewater Town Council, and the Administration of the Town of Bridgewater.

The issue is two-fold:

First, it concerns the decades-long underfunding by the MA State Legislature of the several categories of 'local aid' including Chapter 70, which, as you know, is one of the biggest factors in setting the local property tax rate and, hence, how much the member Towns are asked to pay to offer high quality educational opportunities through the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District.

After Prop 2 & 1/2 the cities and towns were limited in how much they could raise the prior year's levy and, consequently, many local services - including PreK-12 education - were annually reduced due to insufficient legislative appropriations in Aid to Education and the other categories of local aid.

This brings up the second point:

Where does so-called 'state revenue' come from?

In fact, and indeed, it comes from every resident and business in every city and town including Bridgewater and Raynham which, in turn, leads me to ask:

Why isn't the money being taken out of the cities and towns then appropriated and returned as dictated by the General Laws of the Commonwealth to the member Towns of the BR District as well to as the BR Regional District itself in order to reduce how much the Town of Bridgewater has to ask its property owners to pay?

It has been my experience that our state legislators have never made full funding of aid to education or local aid a priority.

Members of the majority party bemoan how 'tough things are this year on Beacon Hill' while the minority party members shrug their shoulders and say 'There isn't much I can do about it.'

Last year Raynham's budget process resulted in a failure to pay its requested share of the BR Regional's assessment. After a failed Prop 2 & 1/2 override, a large layoff of BR employees then followed.

A resident I discussed this with said, 'It sounds like bad management.'

I responded that it wasn't bad management but, rather, a shortfall caused by our state legislators not fully funding local aid and Chapter 70.

His response: 'It sounds like our local officials mismanaged their relationships with our state legislators.'

Mr. Council President, the time has come for all local officials – including the members of the Bridgewater Town Council - demand that their state legislators change the way they vote on local aid and aid to education from the current 'here's what's left' to 'here's what you're legally entitled to under the General Laws of the Commonwealth.'

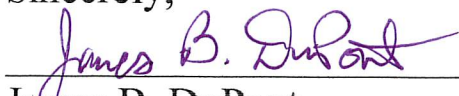
As long as our State Reps and State Senators can get lauded for getting 'half a loaf' then the local residents and businesses will be told to make up the difference and you – not the Governor or the Legislature - will bear the brunt of the public's ire when taxes go up and educational opportunities go down.

As the guardians of the taxpayer's local tax dollars, it is time you each demand that the legislators who represent Bridgewater vote to fully fund Chapter 70 so that the member towns can pay their assessments without asking your local tax payers to make up for another shortfall in state funding by raising local taxes or an override of Prop 2 & 1/2.

If the State then has a shortfall let them raise taxes or do massive layoffs to accommodate that shortfall in state funds.

Thank you, Council President and all Members of the Town Council.

Sincerely,



James B. DuPont

Raynham Selectman (95-01)

BR Regional School Committee (78-96)



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
 Date Introduced: 11/18/2025
 First Reading: 11/18/2025
 Second Reading: 3/3/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading: 3/10/2026
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-034: Laying Out and Acceptance of a Private Way - Calthrop Drive Extension

WHEREAS, the owners of the subdivision known as Calthrop Drive Extension in the subdivision commonly known as Bridgewater Preserve (formerly known as Childs Bridge Farm II), Long Built Homes has requested the Town of Bridgewater lay out and accept Calthrop Drive Extension as a public way; it is therefore;

ORDERED: that the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater require the laying out of Calthrop Drive Extension and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said Town of Bridgewater, said easement passing by or over lands of those persons shown on, attached hereto, and parties unknown.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/18/25: Referred to Planning Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/17/25: Voted 5-0 to recommend the acceptance of the private way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/3/26: Voted to continue Public Hearing

Attachments: 1. Calthrop Drive Extension Street Acceptance Request

VOTE #1: FIND THAT THE LAYING OUT IS REQUIRED BY COMMON CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

VOTE #2: APPROVE LAYING OUT THE WAY

2. PB to TC - Street Acceptance Recommendation - Calthrop

VOTE #1: FIND THAT THE LAYING OUT IS REQUIRED BY COMMON CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
VOTE #2: APPROVE LAYING OUT THE WAY



rec'd 9/1/25
DAW

158 Charles McCombs Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745
Tel: (508) 995-8240 Fax: (508) 995-3275

September 2, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Debra Ward, Council Clerk
Town Council
Town of Bridgewater
Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Calthrop Drive Extension in the subdivision commonly known as Bridgewater Preserve (formerly known as Childs Bridge Farm II)

Dear Debbie:

The purpose of this letter is to serve as our formal request to have Town Council consider accepting as a public way the portion of Calthrop Drive that was extended from its former cul-de-sac to its intersection with Magnolia Way. Please note that title to the right-of-way land area for this extension of Calthrop Drive is currently held by Bridgewater Preserve LLC, and said right-of-way land area is unencumbered.

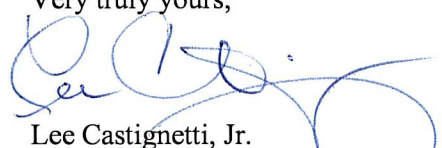
Enclosed you will find:

1. the certified abutters list;
2. a copy of the as-built plan; and
3. the legal description of the right-of-way land area for the extension of Calthrop Drive.

Please also note that a scanned copy of the as-built plan in PDF format will be sent to you via e-mail, and the legal description will be sent to you in Word format via e-mail.

If you have any questions or need any additional information or material relative to this request, please contact me. My cell phone number is (508) 965-3579 and my e-mail address is lcastignetti@longbuilthomes.com.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lee Castignetti, Jr.
In-House Counsel and Director of
Land Acquisition and Development

Enclosures

Cc: Shane O'Brien, Town Planner (without enclosures)

AB EXTENSION OF CALTHROP DR
 PETITIONER: BRIDGEWATER PRESERVE LLC
 OWNER: SAME

TOWN COUNCIL
 LCASTIGNETTI@LONGBUILTHOMES.COM

8/26/25
 508-965-3579




TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MA
 BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 66 Central Square

Direct Abutters to extension of Calthrop Drive connecting to Magnolia



11917	53-3-C16-0-R	COLBURN CDOUGLAS G & COLLEEN A	16 MAGNOLIA WAY	16 MAGNOLIA WAY	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
11923	53-3-C17-0-R	STEWART WILLIAM W III & DIANA	18 MAGNOLIA WAY	18 MAGNOLIA WAY	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
10237	53-4-0-R	O'DONNELL SHANNON & MURRAY MICHAEL	60 CALTHROP DR	60 CALTHROP DR	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
10239	53-5-0-R	JACKSON ROBERT S & CARLA G	55 CALTHROP DR	55 CALTHROP DR	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate listing of owners with the most recent tax listing in the Town of Bridgewater, MA.


 Michelle Burgess, Assistant Assessor CAA

CALTHROP DRIVE – LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CURRENT TERMINUS OF CALTHROP DRIVE AND BEING THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE AREA TO BE DESCRIBED;

THENCE N67°23'07"W, A DISTANCE OF 45.77', TO A POINT;

THENCE WITH A CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT, WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 24.39', A RADIUS OF 240.00', AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05°49'23", TO A POINT;

THENCE WITH A REVERSE CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT, WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 133.24', A RADIUS OF 200.00', AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38°10'17", TO A POINT;

THENCE N16°34'46"E, A DISTANCE OF 8.46', TO A POINT;

THENCE WITH A CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT, WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 29.31', A RADIUS OF 20.00', AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 83°57'53", TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHERLY SIDELINE OF MAGNOLIA WAY;

THENCE S67°23'07"E, A DISTANCE OF 80.45', IN THE SIDELINE OF MAGNOLIA WAY, TO A POINT;

THENCE WITH A CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT, WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 33.52', A RADIUS OF 20.00', AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 96°02'07", TO A POINT;

THENCE WITH A REVERSE CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT, WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 159.89', A RADIUS OF 240.00', AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38°10'17", TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

HAVING AN AREA OF 7,504 SQ.FT. (0.172AC. ±) AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED, "STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF CALTHROP DRIVE AT CHILDS BRIDGE FARM II, BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, PREPARED FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER", DATED JULY 23, 2025.



**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
PLANNING BOARD**

Academy Building, 66 Central Square, Room 003
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324
☎: (508) 697-0942 ✉: CED@bridgewaterma.org
Staff: Bob Rullij, CED Director
Shane O'Brien, Town Planner

*Patrick Driscoll, Chair
Michael MacDonald, Vice Chair
Steven Geller, Clerk
Thomas Pratti
Eric Costa, Associate
Kris Fabroski, Associate*

January 5, 2026

Johnny Loreti, President
Bridgewater Town Council
Academy Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

RE:– Street Acceptances – Order
Order-FY26-034: Laying Out and Accepting a Private Way – Calthrop Drive Ext

Dear President Loreti & Members of the Council:

At its meeting December 17, 2025, the Bridgewater Planning Board voted (5-0) to favorably recommend the acceptance of the private way Calthrop Drive Extension.

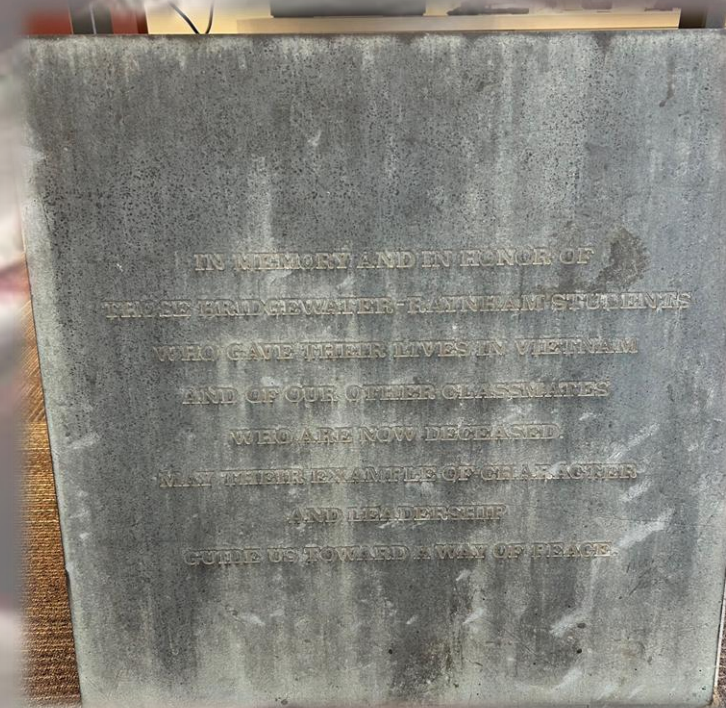
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shane O'Brien
Town Planner



Vietnam War Memorial Project

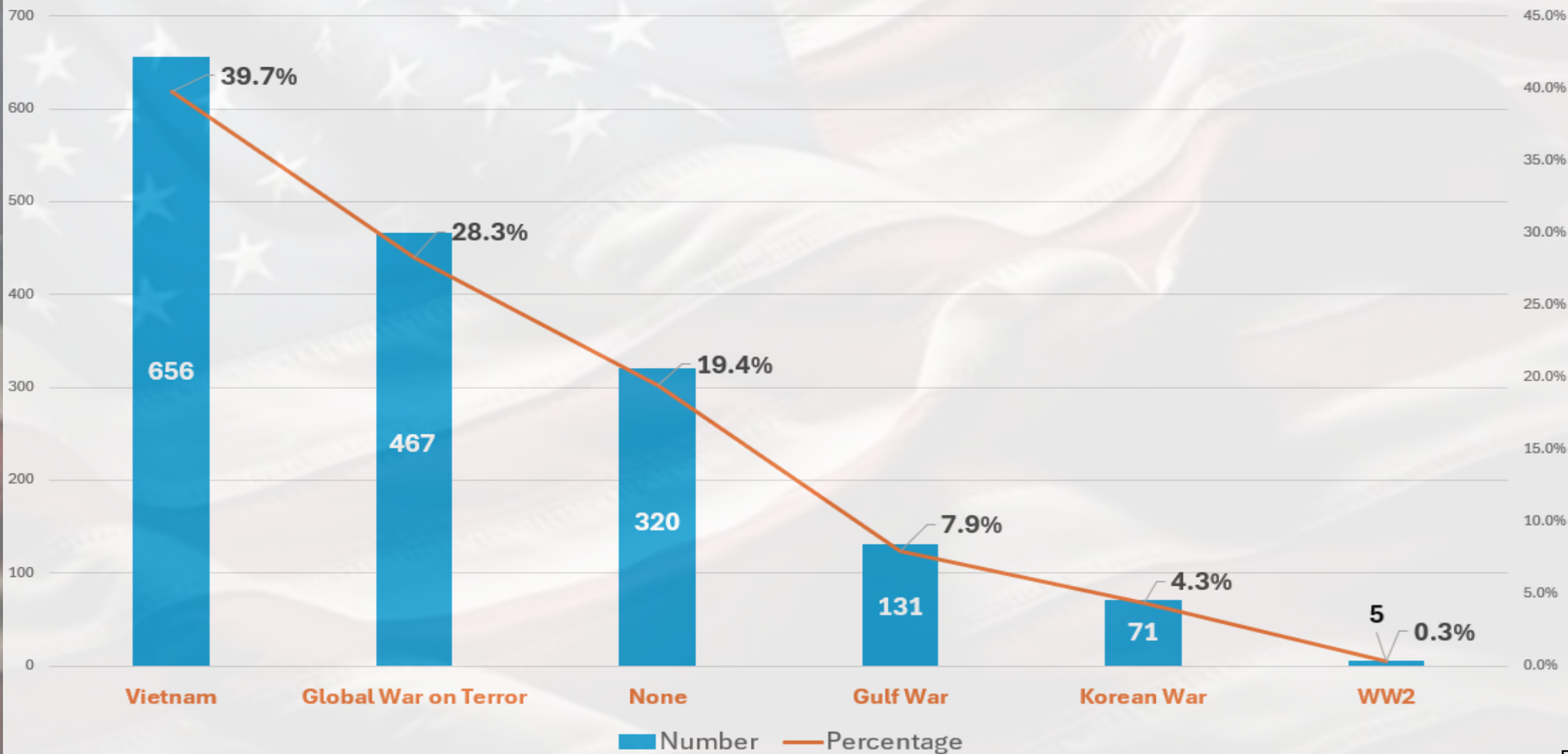




Vietnam War Memorial Project

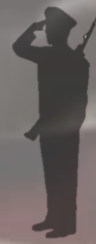


Bridgewater Veterans by Wartime Period





Vietnam War Memorial Project



- **What**

- Rededication of the Bridgewater-Raynham Vietnam Memorial
- Honor the Vietnam Veterans of Bridgewater and BR High School

- **When**

- Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Day)
Time TBD

- **Where**

- Edward J. O'Donoghue Middle School
166 Mount Prospect Street





Vietnam War Memorial Project



Parking

Memorial Location

Bridgewater Middle School

Mt. Prospect Cemetery



Vietnam War Memorial Project



Stefano D'Emilia Construction

- Demo and Site Prep

Graziano Concrete

- Concrete Foundation

John "Red" Alger

- Fabrication

Barnicoat Memorial

- Granite Memorial & Installation

Other generous sponsors include

- James Oliver VFW Post 2125
- Bridgewater Vets Club
- Bridgewater Veterans Council
- Citizen private donations



Vietnam War Memorial Project



Timeline

- Demo and site prep to begin within the next week
- Foundation poured by March 25th
- Monument installed by March 27th
- Rededication ceremony on March 29th

Financials

- Total monument cost \$6,000
- Total raised \$3,500
- Primary Goal \$6,000 (\$2,500 remaining)
- Stretch Goal \$10,000 (\$6,500 remaining)





Vietnam War Memorial Project



Thank you



03/06/2026
10:20:59

Town of Bridgewater - LIVE -
HISTORICAL ACTUALS COMPARISON REPORT
SNOW AND ICE FY23 TO FY26 CURRENT
FOR PERIOD 13 OF 2026

PAGE 1
glactrpt

ACCOUNTS FOR:
0100 GENERAL FUND

	PRIOR YR3 FY 2023 ACTUALS	PRIOR YR2 FY2024 ACTUALS	LAST YR FY25 ACTUALS	CURRENT YR FY26 ACTUALS as3/4/26	CY REV BUDGET
04215001 512000 WAGES -TEMP SNOW&ICE DRIVE	2,442.03	3,650.00	4,760.00	11,357.50	.00
04215001 513000 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL OVERTIM	24,580.44	28,554.74	63,489.63	158,818.56	41,000.00
04215001 515000 SPECIAL PAY - CONTRACTUAL	.00	.00	33.32	.00	.00
04215442 524000 S & I EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	9,873.49	13,726.45	23,199.19	44,651.80	2,600.00
04215442 529000 S & I SERVICE CONTRACTS	43,580.00	104,910.00	119,377.50	507,292.50	15,000.00
04215442 538000 WEATHER SERVICES FOR S&I	12,433.00	5,547.00	5,739.60	5,901.38	1,000.00
04215442 543006 EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS S&I	15,915.86	22,800.00	19,757.00	9,388.90	.00
04215442 548004 SUPPIES/PARTS EQUIP REPR S	43,588.56	46,297.22	35,037.57	42,040.37	2,500.00
04215442 553006 SALT/ CALCIUM/ SAND	148,757.15	112,464.49	181,578.87	237,033.45	20,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	301,170.53	337,949.90	452,972.68	1,016,484.46	82,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	301,170.53	337,949.90	452,972.68	1,016,484.46	82,100.00
GRAND TOTAL	301,170.53	337,949.90	452,972.68	1,016,484.46	82,100.00

BUDGET \$82,100

FY2023 DEFICIT **\$219,071** FY2024 DEFICIT **\$255,850** FY2025 DEFICIT: **\$370,873**

CURRENT DEFICIT: \$934,384.46

03/06/2026
10:21:00

Town of Bridgewater - LIVE -
HISTORICAL ACTUALS COMPARISON REPORT
SNOW AND ICE FY23 TO FY26 CURRENT
FOR PERIOD 13 OF 2026

PAGE 2
glactrpt

Sequence	Field #	Total	Page Break
Sequence 1	1	Y	Y
Sequence 2		Y	N
Sequence 3	0	N	N
Sequence 4	0	N	N

Report title:
HISTORICAL ACTUALS COMPARISON REPORT
SNOW AND ICE FY23 TO FY26 CURRENT

Report Through (P)eriod or (T)otal for years: P
Fiscal Year/Period for reports: 2026/13
Print totals only: N
Suppress zero balance accounts: Y
Print revenue as credit: Y
Print Full or Short description: F
Print Full GL account: N
Sort by Full GL account: N
Multiyear view: D

Shaping a safe, sustainable, and equitable future.

Award-Winning Engineering and Environmental Solutions



Agenda

- 1 Current Water Supply Status
- 2 Immediate Actions Taken
- 3 Future Actions Underway

1 Current Water Supply Status



Withdrawal Permit

Permitted Capacity of All Wells:
4.11 MGD Maximum Day

Permitted Capacity of All Wells On-Line Wells
2.87 MGD – Maximum Day

(Carver’s Pond Well 7 Abandoned, Vernon St. Well 1, Well 3 undeveloped)

Table 1-1: Town of Bridgewater Sources and Water Management Act Authorizations

Source Name	Treatment/Controls/Notes	WMA Permit	
		Source Code	Maximum Daily Withdrawal Rate (MGD)
Total Wells Combined Permit No. 9P-4-25-042.01		Bridgewater currently has 12 groundwater withdrawal points permitted	
High Street Wells On-site Iron and Manganese Treatment			
Well No. 3	Routed to High St WTP for treatment	4042000-02G	1.62
Well No. 6		4042000-05G	
Well No. 9		4042000-10G	
Well No. 8	Well house, routed to High St WTP for treatment	4042000-09G	
Carver’s Pond Wells On-site Iron and Manganese Treatment			
Well No. 7	Abandoned, not in use	4042000-08G	0.14
Well No. 2	Well house with controls	4042000-04G	0.58
Well No. 5A	Well house with controls; Running at reduced flow rate due to screen issue	4042000-13G	0.24
Well No. 4A	Well house with controls	4042000-14G	0.43
Plymouth Street Wells One well house with chemical addition only			
Well No. 10A	Offline due to water quality concerns	4042000-11G	0.23
Well No. 10B	Offline due to water quality concerns	4042000-12G	0.31
Vernon Street Wells Not yet developed			
Well No. 1		TBD	0.56
Well No. 3		TBD	
Total			4.11

Withdrawal Permit

Permitted Capacity of Developed Wells:

2.870 MGD Maximum Day

1.86 MGD Average Day

Supply Demand 2025

2.389 MGD Maximum Day

1.614 MGD Average Day

Table 1-1: Town of Bridgewater Sources and Water Management Act Authorizations

Source Name	Treatment/Controls/Notes	WMA Permit	
		Source Code	Maximum Daily Withdrawal Rate (MGD)
Total Wells Combined Permit No. 9P-4-25-042.01	Bridgewater currently has 12 groundwater withdrawal points permitted		
High Street Wells	On-site Iron and Manganese Treatment		
Well No. 3	Routed to High St WTP for treatment	4042000-02G	1.62
Well No. 6		4042000-05G	
Well No. 9		4042000-10G	
Well No. 8	Well house, routed to High St WTP for treatment	4042000-09G	
Carver's Pond Wells	On-site Iron and Manganese Treatment		
Well No. 7	Abandoned, not in use	4042000-08G	0.14
Well No. 2	Well house with controls	4042000-04G	0.58
Well No. 5A	Well house with controls; Running at reduced flow rate due to screen issue	4042000-13G	0.24
Well No. 4A	Well house with controls	4042000-14G	0.43
Plymouth Street Wells	One well house with chemical addition only		
Well No. 10A	Offline due to water quality concerns	4042000-11G	0.23
Well No. 10B	Offline due to water quality concerns	4042000-12G	0.31
Vernon Street Wells	Not yet developed		
Well No. 1		TBD	0.56
Well No. 3		TBD	
Total			4.11

Actual Productions In Summer/Fall 2025

Carver Pond Water Treatment Plant Wells and High St. Wells Production Down

1.266 MGD vs 1.86 MGD

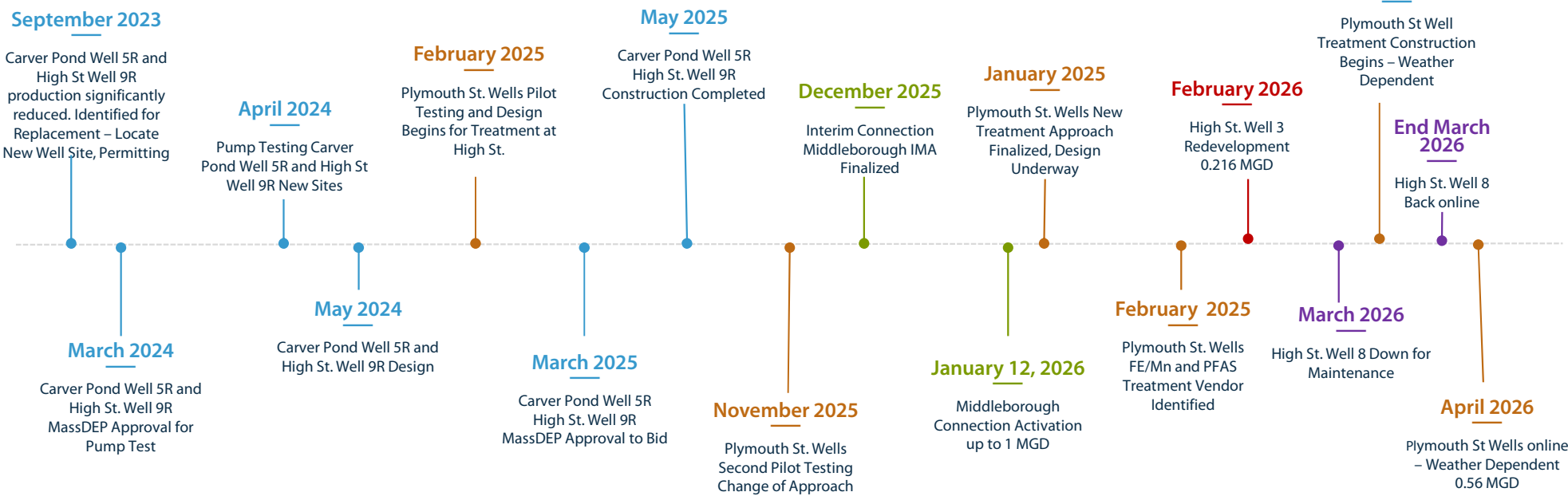
- Carver Pond WTP Well Production: **0.386 MGD (268 gpm)**
 - Well 5 offline for replacement
 - Reduction of carrying capacity of treatment plant discharge pipe due to tuberculation
- High St. WTP Well production – **0.88 MGD (610 gpm)**
 - Well 3 reduced production rate – redevelopment needed
 - High St. Well 9 offline for replacement
- Plymouth St. Wells - **0.0 MGD**
 - Well 10A – Offline Iron/Manganese/PFAS
 - Well 10 B – Offline Iron/Manganese/PFAS

Average Day Demand
2025 – **1.64 MGD**

2 Immediate Actions Taken



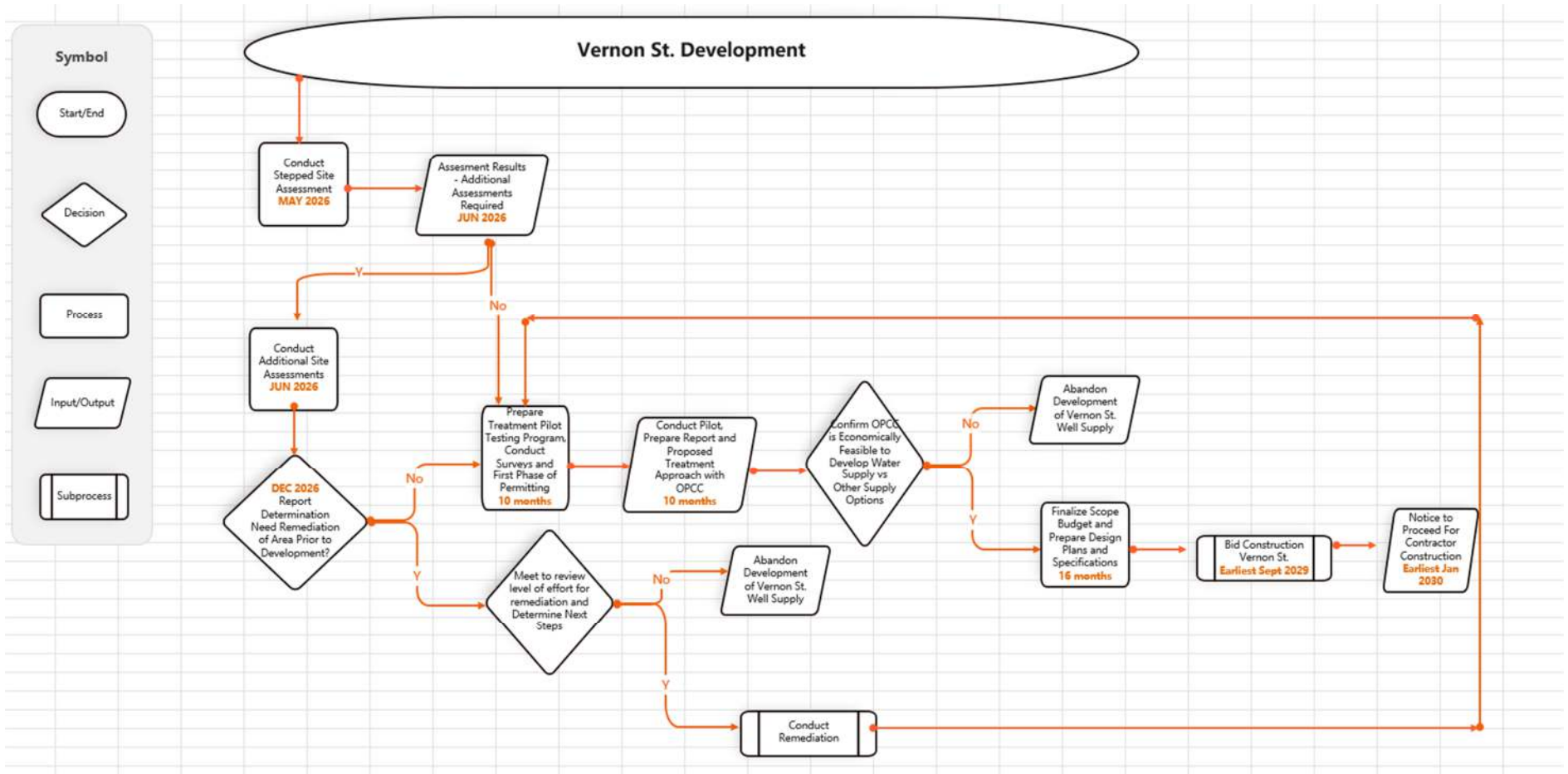
Maximize Current Developed Wells & Emergency Interconnection



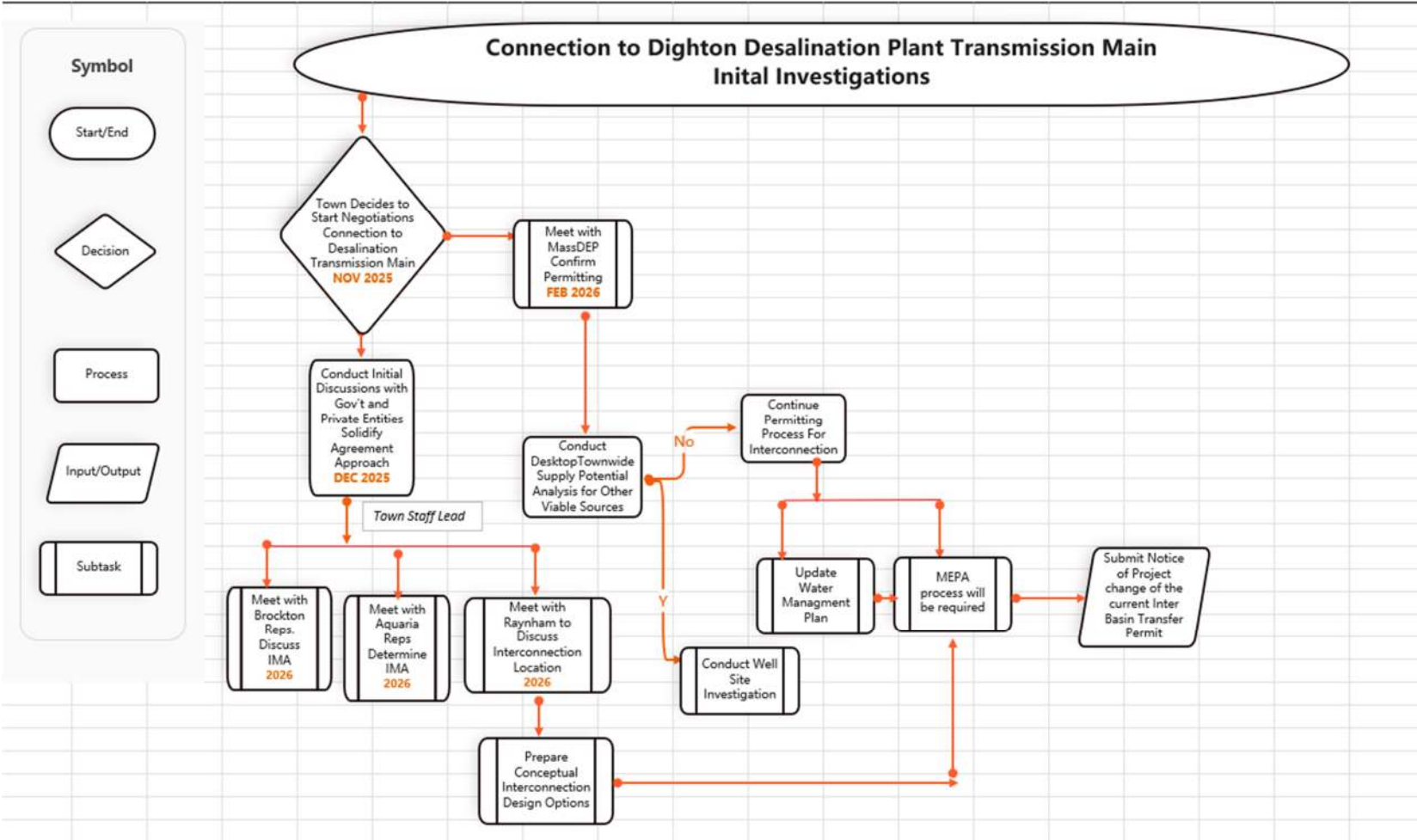
3 Future Actions Underway

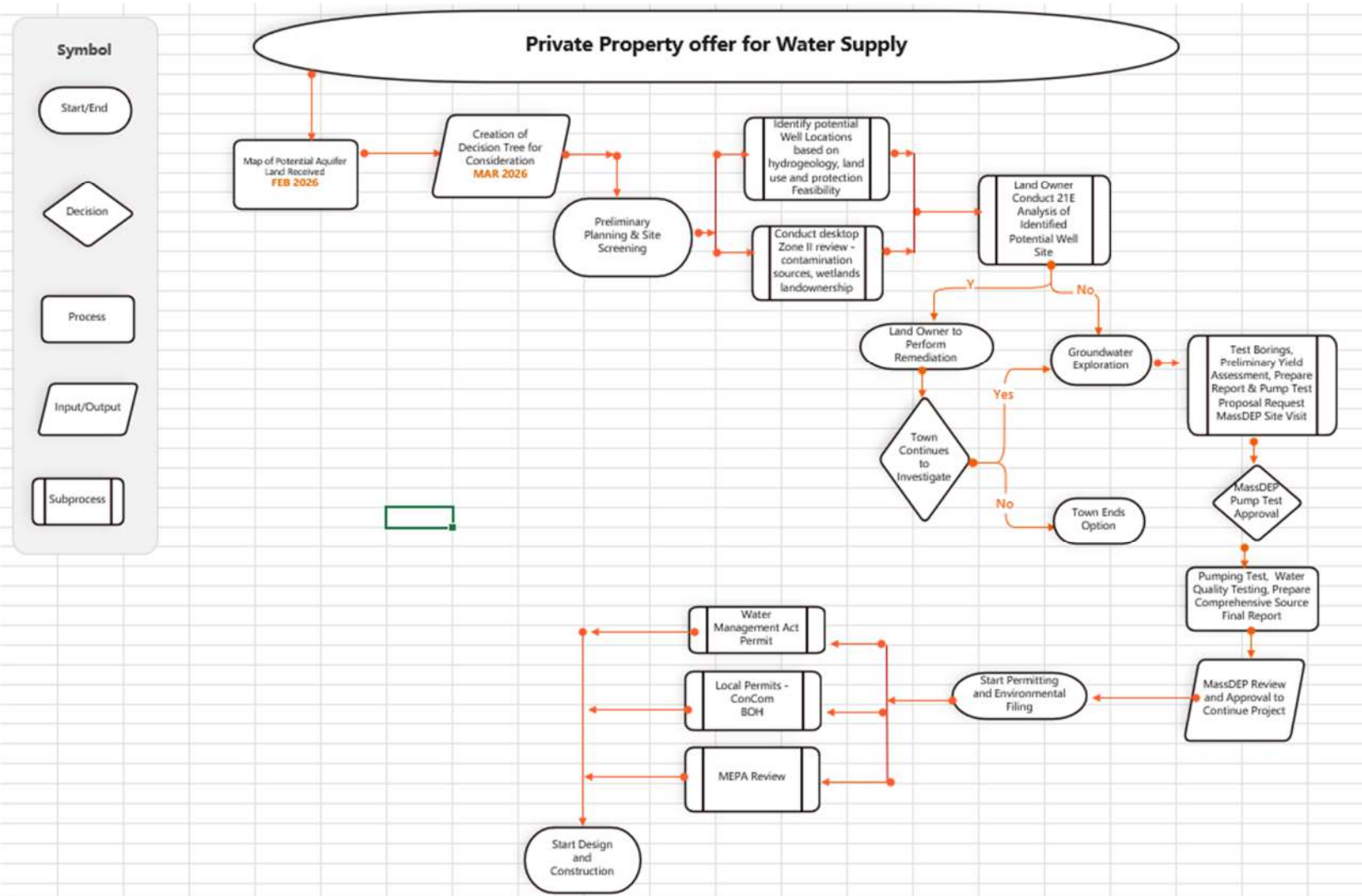


Vernon St. Wells Development



Dighton Desalination Investigations





Questions





Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
 Date Introduced: 11/18/2025
 First Reading: 11/18/2025
 Second Reading: 3/3/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading: 3/10/2026
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-008: Proposed Amendment to Part III – Administrative Code: Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 Dogs

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-06 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Town ordinances, it is therefore:

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Administrative Code Part III, Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 as attached.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules & Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/20/26: Voted 3-0 to recommend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/3/26: Voted to continue meeting to 3/10/26 due to technical issues with IT equipment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Attachments: 1. Dog Ordinance changes

VOICE VOTE - REFER TO ADVERTISING
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Part III: General Ordinances

Chapter 14. Animals

Article I. Canine Control

Section 1. Dogs

A. Nuisance and Dangerous Dogs

1. Definitions

a. A Nuisance dog is a dog that:

- i. By excessive barking or other disturbance is a source of annoyance to a sick person residing in the vicinity;
- ii. by excessive barking, causing damage or other interference, behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would find disruptive to quiet and peaceful enjoyment; or
- iii. has threatened or attacked livestock, a domestic animal, or a person in a manner ~~not grossly disproportionate under all the circumstances.~~

b. Dangerous dog is a dog that either;

- i. without justification, attacks a person or domestic animal causing injury or death; or
- ii. behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses an unjustified imminent threat of physical injury or death to a person or to a domestic or owned animal

c. No dog shall be deemed dangerous:

- i. solely based upon growling, barking, or both.
- ii. based upon the breed of the dog; or
- iii. If, at the time of the incident in question, the dog was reacting to another animal or person in a manner not grossly disproportionate to any of the following circumstances:
 - a. the dog was protecting or defending itself, its offspring, another domestic animal, or a person from attack or assault.
 - b. the person attacked or threatened by the dog was committing a crime upon the person or property of the owner or keeper of the dog.
 - c. the person attacked or threatened was engaged in teasing, tormenting, battering, assaulting, injuring, or otherwise provoking the dog; or
 - d. at the time of the attack or threat, the person or animal attacked or threatened had breached an enclosure or structure, including but not limited to a gated and fenced-in area, in which the dog was kept apart from the public, without being authorized to do so by the owner of the premises

A child under age 7 shall be rebuttably presumed not to have been committing a crime, provoking the dog, or trespassing at the time of the attack or threat.

2. Complaint. Any person may file a written complaint with the Town Manager's Office that a dog kept in the Town is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog.

3. Disposition. The Town Manager’s Office shall investigate ~~or cause to be investigated~~ the complaint, including an examination under oath of the complainant at a public hearing. Based on credible evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing, the Town Manager or its designee (hereinafter referred to as the “Hearing Authority”) shall take the following action:
- a. Nuisance dog. If the dog is complained of as a nuisance dog, the Hearing Authority shall either (a) deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (b) dismiss the complaint.
 - b. Dangerous dog. If the dog is complained of as a dangerous dog, the Hearing Authority shall either (a) deem the dog a dangerous dog; (b) deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (c) dismiss the complaint.
 - c. Report to Town Clerk. The Hearing Authority shall report any finding that a dog is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog to the Town Clerk.
 - d. Order valid throughout Commonwealth. Unless later overturned on appeal, any order of the Hearing Authority shall be valid throughout the Commonwealth.

4. Remedies.

- a. Nuisance dog. If the Hearing Authority has deemed the dog a nuisance dog, it may order the owner or keeper of the dog to take remedial action to ~~ameliorate~~ **rectify** the cause of the nuisance behavior.
- b. Dangerous dog. If the Hearing Authority has deemed the dog a dangerous dog, it may order one or more of the following remedies:
 - i. that the dog be humanely restrained, but no order shall require a dog to be chained or tethered to an inanimate object such as a tree, post, or building;
 - ii. that the dog be confined to the premises of the owner or keeper, meaning
 - securely
 - confined indoors or confined outdoors in a securely enclosed pen or dog run area that has a secure roof, has either a floor secured to all sides or is embedded into the ground for at least two feet, and provides the dog with proper shelter from the elements;
 - and
 - iii. when removed from the premises of the owner or keeper, the dog be securely
 - humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device with a maximum length of three feet and a minimum tensile strength of three hundred pounds;
 - iv. that the owner or keeper provide (i) **(a)** proof of insurance of at least \$100,000 insuring the owner or keeper against any claim, loss, damage, or injury to persons, domestic animals, or property resulting from the intentional or unintentional acts of the dog; or (ii) **(b)** proof that reasonable efforts were made to obtain such insurance;
 - v. that the owner or keeper provide to the Town Clerk, the Animal Control Officer, or other entity as directed with identifying information for the dog including but not limited to photographs, videos, veterinary records, tattooing, microchip implantations, or a combination of these;
 - vi. that the dog be altered so as not to be reproductively intact, unless the owner or

keeper provides evidence of a veterinary opinion that the dog is medically unfit for such alteration; or

vii. that the dog be humanely euthanized.

c. Restrictions following dangerousness finding

- i. No dog that has been deemed dangerous shall be ordered removed from the Town.
- ii. No person over the age of 17 who has actual knowledge that a dog has been deemed dangerous under this ordinance shall permit a child under the age of 17 to own, possess, or have care or custody of that dog. 187
- iii. No person shall transfer ownership or possession of a dog that **has** been deemed dangerous under this ordinance or offer such dog for sale or breeding without informing the **dogs'** recipient of the ~~dog of the~~ finding of dangerousness
- iv. If a hearing authority or a district court has deemed a dog to be a dangerous dog and such dog wounds a person or worries, wounds or kills any livestock or fowl, the owner or keeper of the dog shall be liable in tort to the person injured by the dog for three times the amount of damages sustained by such person.

5. Appeal. Within 10 days after an order has been issued under this ordinance, the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in **before** the district court within the judicial district in which the order relative to the dog was issued, ~~addressed to the justice of the court praying that the order be reviewed by the court or the magistrate of the court.~~ After **giving** notice to all parties, the magistrate shall, under MGL c. 221, section 62C, review the order of the hearing authority, hear the witnesses and affirm the order unless it shall appear that it was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. A party shall have the right to request a de novo hearing on the complaint before a justice of the court. All proceedings referred to under this section of the ordinance (Section 5, Appeal) shall be held in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 157.

6. Impoundment Pending Appeal.

- a. Order of impoundment. Pending an appeal, the Hearing Authority may petition the district court for an order to impound the dog at a shelter facility used by the Town. Failure to request such impoundment will not result in liability for the Town, the Hearing Authority, or any of the Town's agents or employees. The district court shall consider this petition in accordance with MGL c. 140, section 157.
- b. Costs of impoundment during appeal process.
 - i. If the district court affirms the Hearing Authority's order of euthanasia, the owner or keeper shall reimburse the Town for all reasonable costs incurred for the housing and care of the dog during the period of impoundment. The Town may recover unpaid charges by any of the following methods: (a) a lien on any real property owned by the owner or keeper of the dog; (b) an additional, earmarked charge on the vehicle excise of the owner or keeper of the dog; or (c) a direct bill sent to the owner or keeper of the dog.
 - ii. If the district court reverses the Hearing Authority's order of euthanasia, the Town

shall pay all reasonable costs incurred for the housing and care of the dog during the period of impoundment.

7. Penalties.

a. Seizure/impoundment. If an owner or a keeper of a dog is found in violation of an order issued under this section, the dog shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by a law enforcement or animal control officer. If it is the keeper in violation, all reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the owner of such seizure and impoundment and the owner may, within seven days, petition the Hearing Authority for return of the dog.

b. Capture/euthanasia. A dog found to be in violation of a Hearing Authority order or district court issued under this section may be captured or detained by a police officer, animal control officer, or constable. In the case of a threat to public safety or of if the dog is living

in

a wild state, the police officer, animal control officer, or constable may euthanize it humanely.

c. Fines/imprisonment. A dog owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order of a Hearing Authority or the district court issued under this section may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 60 188 days, or both for a first offense or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment in a

jail

or house of correction for not more than 90 days, or both for a second or subsequent offense.

d. Future licensure. Any owner or keeper who fails to comply with an order of a Hearing Authority or the district court issued under this section shall be prohibited from licensing a dog within the Commonwealth for five years.

B. Chaining or Tethering Dogs

1. No person owning or keeping a dog shall chain or tether a dog to a stationary object including, but not limited to, a structure, dog house, pole or tree for longer than 24 consecutive hours. A tethering so employed shall not allow the dog to leave the owner's, guardian's or keeper's property. The tether shall be designed for dogs and no logging chains or other lines or devices

not

designed for tethering dogs shall be used. No chain or tether shall weigh more than 1/8 of the dog's body weight. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person from walking a dog on a hand-held leash. No dog under the age of 6 months shall be tethered outside for any length of time.

2. A person owning or keeping a dog may confine such dog outside, subject to the restrictions in this section, through the use of any of the following methods:

a. inside a pen or secure enclosure, if the following conditions are met:

i. the pen or secure enclosure shall have adequate space for exercise with a dimension of at least 100 square feet; provided, however, that commercial dog kennels with pens intended for the temporary boarding of dogs shall be exempt from this requirement;

ii. the pen or secure enclosure is constructed with chain link or other similar material as determined by the Building Inspector, with all four sides enclosed; and

iii. the minimum height of the fence shall be adequate to successfully confine the dog;
b. a fully fenced, electronically fenced or otherwise securely enclosed yard, wherein a dog has the ability to run but is unable to leave the enclosed yard; or

c. a trolley system or a tether attached to a pulley in a cable run, if the following conditions are

met:

- i. only 1 dog shall be tethered to each cable run;
- ii. the tether shall be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog, with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which 2 adult fingers may fit; provided, however, that a choke collar and a pinch collar shall not be used to tether a dog to a cable run;
- iii. there shall be a swivel on at least 1 end of the tether to minimize tangling of the tether;
- iv. the tether and cable run must each be at least 10 feet in length. The cable must be mounted at least 4 feet but not more than 7 feet above ground level; and
- v. the length of the tether from the cable run to the dog's collar or harness shall allow continuous access to clean water and appropriate shelter at all times as described herein; provided, however, that a trolley system or tether shall be of appropriate configuration to confine the dog to the owner's, guardian's or keeper's property, to prevent the trolley system or tether from extending over an object to an edge that could result in injury to or strangulation of the dog and to prevent the trolley system or tether from becoming tangled with other object or animals.

3. A person owning or keeping a dog confined outside in accordance with this section shall provide the dog with access to clean water and appropriate dog shelter. The dog shelter shall allow the dog to remain dry and protected from the elements and shall be fully enclosed on at least three sides, roofed and have a solid floor. The entrance to the shelter shall be flexible to allow the dog's entry and exit, and sturdy enough to block entry of weather elements. The shelter shall contain clean bedding and shall be small enough to retain the dog's body heat and large enough to allow the dog to stand, lie down and turn comfortably. The enclosure shall be structurally sound and in good repair. Suitable drainage shall be provided so that water, ice or waste is not standing in or around the shelter.

~~4.~~ No person owning or keeping a dog shall leave a dog chained or tethered outside for longer than 24 consecutive hours. **Already part of #1 in section B**

~~5.~~ **4.** Exceptions to the above restrictions on outdoor confinement shall be made for dogs actively engaged in conduct directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or other livestock or engaged in conduct that is directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products, if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog.

~~6.~~ **5.** No person owning or keeping a dog shall subject the dog to cruel conditions or inhumane

chaining or tethering at any time. For the purposes of this subsection, “cruel conditions and inhumane chaining or tethering” shall include, but not be limited to, the following conditions:

- a. filthy and dirty confinement conditions including, but not limited to, exposure to excessive animal waste, garbage, dirty water, noxious odors, dangerous objects that could injure or kill a dog upon contact or other circumstances that could cause harm to a dog's physical or emotional health;
- b. taunting, prodding, hitting, harassing, threatening or otherwise harming a tethered or confined dog; and
- c. subjecting a dog to dangerous conditions, including attacks by other animals.

7. 6. A person who violates this section shall, for a first offense, be issued a written warning or punished by a fine of \$50, for a second offense, be punished by a fine of \$100 and for a third or subsequent offense, be punished by a fine of \$300, and be subject to impoundment of the dog in a local shelter at the owner’s or guardian’s expense pending compliance with this section, or loss of ownership of the dog

8. 7. Any fine issued under the aforementioned Section B. “Chaining and Tethering” may be assessed

through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.

Section 2. Leashing of Dogs

A. Leash Required No person owning or keeping a dog in the Town of Bridgewater shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town of Bridgewater elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or keeper, except if it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such other person. Such owner or keeper of a dog in the Town of Bridgewater, which is not on the premises of the owner or upon the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such person shall restrain such dog by a chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. In any prosecution hereunder, the presence of such dog at large upon premises other than the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog shall be prima facie evidence that such knowledge and permission was not had. This provision shall not apply, however, in any area designated by the Parks and Recreation Department as a “Dog Park”, “Dog Run” or “Dog Exercise Area”. In areas so designated, dogs are not required to be restrained by a leash provided the owner or keeper of such dog is present and attentive to the dog. The Park and Recreation Department may designate a dog park, dog run, or dog exercise area only if same is enclosed by appropriate fencing to preclude the escape 190 of any dog into any other area of the park or playground not so designated as a dog park, dog run, or dog exercise area.

B. Enforcement. Any dog found to be at large in violation of this ordinance shall be caught and confined by the dog officer who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of said dog giving the owner or keeper a period of seven days within which to recover the dog. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent on admission of ownership or the keeping of

the dog and the assumption of responsibility by the licensed owner or keeper. The dog officer shall enter and prosecute a complaint against the owner or keeper of any dog taken into his custody under this section, as provided for in this ordinance. A dog officer having custody of a dog confined under this ordinance shall be allowed the sum of \$40 per day for each day of confinement for the care of such dog, payable by the owner or keeper thereof to the Town of Bridgewater.

- C. Fines. Violations of this Section (Section 2) of this Article shall be punishable as follows: First offense by a fine of \$75.00 Second offense by a fine of \$100.00 Third offense by a fine of \$150.00 Fourth and each subsequent offense by a fine of \$200.00 Any fine issued under this Section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.

Section 3. No Fouling of Sidewalks, Etc.

- A. Duty to Dispose. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his-her dog on any sidewalk, street or other public area in the Town. It shall further be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his-her dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person.
- B. Duty to Possess Means of Removal. No person who owns, possesses, or controls such dog shall appear with such dog on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area without the means of removal of any feces left by such dog. Furthermore, no person who owns, possesses, or controls such dog shall appear with such dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person without the means of removal of any feces left by said dog.
- C. Method of Removal and Disposal. For the purposes of this regulation, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or other device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces, unexposed to said person or the public. Disposal shall be accomplished by transporting such feces to a place suitable for the disposal of canine feces, or as otherwise designated as appropriate by the Board of Health.
- D. Fines. Violation of Section 3 of this Article shall be punishable as follows: First offense by a fine of \$75.00 Second offense by a fine of \$100.00 Third and each subsequent offense by a fine of \$150.00 Any fine issued under this section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement. 191
- E. Exemption. This regulation shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason of his-her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, or to any individual who utilizes a guide dog.
- F. Severability. The provisions of this section are severable; and if any of the provisions of this section shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

Section 4. Licensing

A. Licensing Requirement.

1. License required. The owner or keeper of any dog over the age of six months kept in the

Town of Bridgewater shall obtain a license for the dog from the Town Clerk.

2. Annual renewal. Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk.
3. Transfer. Within 30 days of moving into the Town within a licensing period, the owner or keeper of a dog must apply to the Town Clerk to transfer the dog's license. The Town Clerk shall issue a transfer license for a fee and in accordance with procedures that the Town Clerk shall determine.

B. Conditions.

1. Rabies vaccination. The Town Clerk shall not grant a license unless (i) (a) -the license applicant provides a veterinarian's certification or notarized letter that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies; or (ii) (b) the dog is exempted from the vaccination requirement by the Town of Bridgewater Health Department or the Town Clerk in accordance with MGL c. 140, section 145B.
2. Control. Any license granted under this section is granted on the condition that the licensed dog shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing, or harassing livestock or fowl.
3. Previous conviction of animal cruelty. Town Clerk shall not grant a license under this section

or

Section 5, below, to an applicant who has been convicted of one or more of the offenses set forth in MGL c. 140, section 137D within the preceding five years.

C. License Forms.

1. Symptoms of rabies. Every license issued to the owner of a dog shall have a description of the symptoms of rabies printed thereon, as supplied by the state Department of Public Health.
2. Description of dog. The owner of a dog to be licensed under this section may add to the license application form up to ten descriptive words indicating the dog's color, breed, weight, or any special markings.

D. Tags.

1. Issuance. ~~Along with the license,~~ the Town Clerk shall issue a durable tag inscribed with the license number, designation of the Town of Bridgewater, and the year of issue.
2. Affixed to dog. The owner or keeper of the licensed dog shall keep a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material affixed around the dog's neck or body to which the tag shall be securely attached.
3. Lost tags. If the tag is lost or destroyed, the owner or keeper shall immediately secure a substitute tag from the Town Clerk for a fee to be determined by the Town Clerk.
4. All dogs over 6 months of age must wear rabies tags at all times and individual dog license Tags (when required under Chapter 140 Sec 137)

E. Exemptions.

The requirements of this section shall not apply: (1) to a person to whom the applicable kennel license has been issued under this ordinance and remains in force; or (2) to a dog housed in a research institution.

F. Fees.

1. Annual license fees. Annual licenses shall be for the period January 1 through December 31.

The annual license fees are as follows:

Prior to March 1:

- a. female: \$20
- b. spayed female: \$15
- c. male: \$20
- d. neutered male: \$15

March 1 or after:

- a. Female: \$30
- b. Spayed Female: \$25
- c. Male: \$30
- d. Neutered male: \$25

To be charged the lower fee for licensing a spayed or neutered dog, the license applicant must provide proof of spay or neuter in the form of either: (a) a certificate from the veterinarian who spayed or neutered the dog; (b) a veterinary bill for performing the procedure; or (c) a statement signed under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the Commonwealth describing the dog and stating that the veterinarian has examined the dog and that the dog appears to be spayed or neutered and therefore incapable of propagation.

The Town Clerk shall send annual licensing reminders to all residents by mail as part of the annual census.

2. Failure to comply; penalties.

Failure to comply with this section shall result in a fine of up to \$250 assessed to the owner or person in control of the dog under the following conditions:

- a. the dog is unlicensed; and
- b. the Police Department, the Health Agent, or the Animal Control Officer responds to a complaint or a stray dog report concerning the animal.

Failure to comply with this section shall result in a fine of up to \$350 assessed to the owner or person in control of the dog under the following conditions:

- a. the dog is unlicensed; and
- b. the Police Department, the Health Agent, or the Animal Control Officer responds to a complaint or a stray dog report concerning the animal; and
- c. the dog has not received a rabies vaccine pursuant to Section 4.B.1

3. Waiver of fees.

- a. Service animal. No fee shall be charged for the licensure of a service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder.
- b. Owner aged 70 and over. If the Town so votes in accordance with MGL c. 140, section 139(c), no fee shall be charged for the licensure of a dog owned by a person aged 70 years and older.

4. Removal from list - No refund of fees. No license fee paid under this section shall be refunded, in whole or in part, due to mistake or due to the subsequent death, loss, spay or neuter, removal from the Town or the Commonwealth, or other disposal of the licensed dog. At any time during the annual license period that the licensed dog dies, is removed from Town, or is otherwise not subject to licensing under this section, the licensee may notify the Town Clerk, and the Town Clerk shall remove the dog from the list of licensed canines. The Town Clerk may require proof that the dog no longer is subject to licensure in the Town prior to removing it from the list.

Section 5. Kennels

A. Personal Kennel (~~Kennel A~~)

~~1. License optional (Kennel A-1). An owner or keeper of four or fewer dogs, three months or older, may elect to secure a Personal Kennel License from the Town Clerk rather than licensing each dog under Section 4, above.~~

1 2. License mandatory (Kennel A-2). An owner or keeper of five or more dogs, three months or older, must secure a Personal Kennel License from the Town Clerk or other type of kennel license as may be applicable under this section.

2 3. Definition. A Personal Kennel is a pack or collection of five or more dogs ~~(or fewer dogs, as in the case of a License-Optional Personal Kennel (Kennel A-1) as defined above at Section 5.A.1),~~ three months or older, owned or kept under single ownership for private personal purposes.

3 4. Breeding. Breeding of dogs owned or kept under a Personal Kennel License may be done only for the purpose of improving, exhibiting, or showing the breed; for legal sporting activity; or for other personal reasons.

4 5. Sales allowed. Dogs bred at a Personal Kennel may be sold, traded, bartered, or otherwise distributed only by private sale to other breeders or individuals and not to wholesalers, brokers, or pet shops.

5 6. Sales prohibited, restricted. No holder of a Personal Kennel License may sell, trade, barter, or otherwise distribute any dog not bred from a personally owned dog, except dogs temporarily housed at a Personal Kennel in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue program registered with the state Department of Agricultural Resources if the sale, trade, barter, or other distribution is not for profit.

B. Other Types of Kennels.

1. Commercial Boarding or Training Kennel (Kennel B) is an establishment used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays, or training of animals that are not the property of the owner of the establishment where such services are rendered for a fee or other consideration and generally rendered in the absence of the owner of the animal. A "Commercial Boarding or Training Kennel" (a) shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed by the state Director of Animal Health, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming animals and not for overnight boarding, or an individual who temporarily and not in the normal course of business boards or otherwise cares for animals owned by

others. (b) they shall maintain records of individual dog licenses for all dogs in its care that are required to be licensed under Chapter 140 Sec 137. (c) Shall report to the licensing authority injuries to animals or people that occur on their premises and the licensing authority shall investigate all reports. Under the new MGLs, MDAR has the authority to assist with

investigations

and enforcement when necessary.

2. Commercial Breeder Kennel (Kennel C) is an establishment, other than a Personal Kennel, engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers, or pet shops for a fee or other consideration.

3. Domestic Charitable Corporation Kennel (Kennel D) is a facility operated, owned, or maintained by a domestic charitable corporation registered with the state Department of Agricultural Resources or an animal welfare society or other nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals, including a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian that operates consistent with such purposes while providing veterinary treatment and care.

4. Veterinary Kennel (Kennel E) is a veterinary hospital or clinic that boards dogs for reasons in addition to medical treatment and care; a "Veterinary Kennel" shall not include a hospital or clinic

used solely to house dogs that have undergone veterinary treatment or observation or will do so only for the period of time necessary to accomplish that veterinary case.

C. License Requirements

1. License required. A person or entity maintaining any type of kennel listed in this section (~~except a License-Optional Personal Kennel (Kennel A-1) as defined above at Section 5.A.1~~) shall obtain the appropriate kennel license from the Town Clerk and in accordance with procedures that the Town Clerk shall determine.

2. 4. Licensing inspection and authority. No kennel license shall be issued or renewed until a kennel has

passed inspection by the Town Animal Control Officer or designee. A licensing authority must specify the type of kennel license and the maximum number of animals allowed in a kennel and this number must be on their kennel license. A licensing authority shall issue, suspend, renew and revoke kennel licenses.

3. 2. Renewal. Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed periodically in accordance with a schedule and procedures to be determined by the Town Clerk. No kennel license can be renewed without the ACO performing an inspection.

4. 3. License fees, calculation, exemption. The fees for licenses issued under this section will be established by the Town Clerk. For purposes of calculating kennel license fees, only dogs over the age of six months shall be counted in the total number of dogs kept in a kennel. No kennel license fee shall be charged to a domestic charitable corporation incorporated exclusively for the purpose

of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect, abuse, or suffering.

5. Failure to comply, penalty. Failure to comply with the licensing requirements of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.

D. Kennel Operation.

1. Standards. Kennels must be operated and maintained in a sanitary and humane manner.
2. Records. The name and address of the owner of each dog kept in a kennel, other than dogs belonging to the person maintaining the kennel, shall be kept at the kennel and available for inspection at any time.
3. Kennel tags. **Dog tags** A holder of a kennel license shall cause each dog kept in its kennel to wear, while in the kennel, a collar or harness of suitable material to which a tag shall be securely attached. This tag shall be inscribed with the number of the kennel license, name of the Town of Bridgewater, and year of issue. Such tags shall be issued by the Town Clerk in such number as the number of dogs kept in the kennel. **dogs at a kennel and OWNED by the kennel licensee are exempt from individual dog licensing. Dogs owned by someone other than the kennel owner must be individually licensed if they are over 6 months**
4. Inspections. The Chief of Police, the Animal Control Officer, the Health Agent or the agent of any of these ("Inspecting Authority") may inspect any kennel at any time for compliance with the above requirements.
5. License suspension, revocation. If the Inspecting Authority determines that the kennel is not being maintained in a sanitary or humane manner or if records are not properly kept, the Inspecting Authority may revoke or suspend the kennel license.

E. Citizen Complaints.

1. Filing. Twenty-five citizens of the Town may file a petition with the Town Manager stating that they are aggrieved or annoyed to an unreasonable extent due to excessive barking or other conditions associated with a kennel.
2. Hearing. Within seven days of the filing of such petition, the Town Manager or its designee ("Hearing Authority") shall give notice to all interested parties of a public hearing concerning the petition to be held within fourteen days after the date of the notice.
3. Investigation. At the hearing, the Hearing Authority may cause an investigation of the kennel that is the subject of the petition or take such other action as it deems prudent.
4. Disposition. Following the public hearing and any investigation or other proceedings, the Hearing Authority may suspend or revoke the kennel license, may take other such action to regulate the kennel that it deems prudent, or may dismiss the petition. The Hearing Authority shall cause written notice of any order issued under this section to be mailed immediately to the holder of the kennel license and the Town Clerk.
5. Appeal. Within ten days of the issuance of any order under this paragraph, the holder of the affected license may bring a petition for judicial review in the district court for the judicial district in which the

kennel is located, which shall consider the petition in accordance with MGL c. 140, section 137C
6. Penalties. A person maintaining a kennel after revocation or during suspension of a license under this section shall be punished by a fine of \$250.”

Section 6. Enforcing Authorities

Any police officer of the Town, the Health Agent or the Animal Control Officer of the Town may enforce the provisions of this Article as well as those articulated under Massachusetts General Laws.

Section 7. Non-Criminal Dispositions

Fines assessed under Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this ordinance, as previously stated herein, may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21 D. The availability of non-criminal process under this article shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
First Reading: 2/17/2026
Second Reading: 3/3/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 3/10/2026
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-011: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III. Multiple Members Appointive Bodies

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part II, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies as follows:

Section 3. Agricultural Commission

Delete entire section.

Section 5. Cable Advisory Committee

Delete entire section.

Section 7. Community Preservation Committee

A. Establishment and term of office. There shall be a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine members. The Town Manager shall, based upon recommendations from the respective committees, appoint the following: one member of the Conservation Commission; one member of the Bridgewater Historic District Commission; one member of the Historical Commission; one member of the Planning Board; ~~one member of the Affordable Housing Trust Committee~~; one member of the Housing Authority; one member of the Open Space Committee; and one member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. These appointees will not require ratification from the Town Council. The Town Manager shall appoint ~~two~~ **two** ~~one~~ at-large members, whose appointments shall be ratified by the Town Council. Members will serve for three-year staggered terms

B. Authorities and responsibilities.

(1) Acquisition and preservation

VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO ADVERTISING
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

- (a) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Council for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is reacquired or created as provided in MGL c.44B. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, whenever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites. Annually, the Committee, with the assistance of the Finance Director, shall make budget recommendations to the Town Manager for inclusion in the annual Town budget.
- (b) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Council a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund. The Committee may recommend to the Town Council that funds be borrowed and repaid with Community Preservation funds to accomplish Community Preservation objectives.
- (c) In considering its recommendations, the Community Preservation Committee shall use as a guideline local and regional open space plans, housing plans, 59 and the Master Plan. The Committee may develop its own guidelines concerning Community Preservation expenditures with the active participation of other Town multiple member bodies as well as public participation. The Community Preservation Committee is a ministerial committee of the Town.
- (2) Needs study. Annually, the Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing Town multiple member bodies, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Open Space Committee, the Planning Board, Parks and Recreation, and the Housing Authority, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and on the Town's web site two weeks prior to the scheduled public informational hearing
- (3) Monitor. The Community Preservation Committee shall monitor progress of CPA funded projects.
- (4) Management. Real property interests acquired with community preservation funds shall be owned and managed by the Town unless otherwise specified by vote of the Town Council.

C. Interrelationships

- (1) Town Council: The Committee shall meet at least annually with the Town Council to discuss issues pertaining to acquisition and preservation pursuant to the Community Preservation Act.
- (2) Town Manager: The Committee meets as necessary with the Town Manager and all municipal departments and other administrative staff to effectuate accomplishment of its mission.
- (3) Other Bodies: The Committee meets as necessary with any Board, Commission or Committee of the Town, particularly the Affordable Housing Trust and the Financial Committee, to effectuate accomplishment of its mission.

Reference: MGL c. 44B

Section 27. Water and Sewer Board

- A. Term of office. There shall be a Water and Sewer Board consisting of three members who have **water or wastewater engineering or public health** experience. The members shall serve for staggered three year terms.
- B. Authorities and responsibilities. The Water and Sewer Board is responsible for recommending improvements to the municipal water pollution control facilities and water treatment and distribution

VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO ADVERTISING
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

facilities in the Town, and serves as an advisory board to the Public Works Director for establishment of rules and regulations governing the operation of all Town water pollution control facilities and water treatment and distribution facilities. ~~The Water and Sewer Board recommends user rates to the Town Manager subject to Town Council ratification.~~ The Water and Sewer Board is an advisory committee of the Town.

C. Interrelationships.

- (1) Town Council: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with the Town Council concerning policies and legislation governing operation of water pollution control and collection facilities and the water treatment and distribution facilities.
- (2) Town Manager: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with the Town Manager concerning implementation of the rules and regulations referenced, as well as ensuring that adequate administrative personnel are available to ensure the effective operation of such facilities.
- (3) Other Bodies: The Water and Sewer Board interacts with other multiple member appointive bodies as necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules & Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/20/26: Voted 2-1 to recommend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/3/26: Voted to continue meeting to 3/10/26 due to technical issues with IT equipment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO ADVERTISING
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
First Reading: 2/17/2026
Second Reading: 3/3/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 3/10/2026
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-012: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 2, Article I. Section 3 D. Department Heads

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part II, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 3 D. Department Heads:

D. Department Heads

(1) The term “department head” as used in this section shall mean the following positions:

- (a) Building **Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer**
- ~~(b) Chief Assessor~~
- ~~(c) Collector~~
- (d) Community and Economic Development Director
- ~~(e) Conservation Agent~~
- (f) Elder Affairs Director
- (g) Finance Director
- (h) Fire Chief
- ~~(i) Hearings Officer~~
- (j) Health Agent
- (k) Human Resources Director
- (l) ~~Information Technology Director~~ **Chief Information Officer**
- (m) Library Director
- (n) Parks and Recreation Director
- (o) Police Chief
- (p) Public Works Director

VOICE VOTE REFER TO ADVERTISING
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

- ~~(q) Roadways Superintendent~~
- ~~(r) Town Accountant~~
- (s) Town Attorney
- ~~(t) Treasurer~~
- ~~(u) Water Pollution Control and Water Supply Director~~
- (v) Veterans ~~Director~~ **Agent**

(2) Appointments of department heads made by the Town Manager shall become effective upon ratification by the Council after submission of such appointments in accordance with rules made by the Council from time to time governing the approval of such appointments. The appointments of all other officers and employees shall be deemed, for the purposes of Section 4-3 of the Charter, to have been approved when made by the Manager.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules & Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/20/26: Voted 3-0 to recommend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/3/26: Voted to continue meeting to 3/10/26 due to technical issues with IT equipment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Attachments: None