



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

March 17, 2026

6:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) January 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b) January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- c) February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

C. Public Comment

D. Legislation Referred

- a) General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)
- b) Order O-FY26-050: Acceptance of Grant: Old State Farm Trail Phase 4 Readiness
- c) Order O-FY26-052: CPC Additional Funds - Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

E. Discussion

- a) School Budget/ Review

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment of Meeting



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

January 5, 2026

6:30 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING MINUTES

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

A. Call to Order

Councilor Murphy called the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 6:30pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building.

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

Also in attendance was Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis and Finance Director Laurie Guerrini.

Councilors Linde and Ellenberg were also in attendance.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Loreti made a motion to approve the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes. This was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

C. Public Comment - None

D. Legislation Referred

a) Order O-FY26-038: Transfer Order – CPC Town Owned Cemetery Assessment Carlton Hunt, Chair of the CPC spoke about getting the cemetery up to speed, no idea of cost, need to do an assessment first.

Councilor Murphy asked why the CPC does not start with one that has the most need and Mr. Hunt noted that hope to get lower bids with more cemeteries.

Councilor Loreti noted that he would approve doing one at a time, if we get assessment then we would be committed and may not be able to financially.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to not recommend Order O-FY26-038. Failed for a lack of a second.

Councilor Muphy made a motion to amend Order O-FY26-038 by reducing the amount to \$20k, this was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

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

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-038 with amendments and send back to Town Council. This was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

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

- b) Order O-FY26-039: Acceptance of Donation – McBee Enterprises dba McDonald's
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-039, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

- c) Order O-FY26-040: Transfer Order - Water Capital Fund Transfer
Councilor McGrath made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-040, which was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

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

- d) Order O-FY26-041: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-041, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

- e) Order O-FY26-042: Transfer Order - General Fund Capital Plan Transfers
It Director Brad Dzierzak gave a brief summary of what the IT Department needs are. Mr. Dzierzak noted that the data center was replaced in 2016 and costs are now higher.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-042, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

- f) Order O-FY26-043: Transfer Order - Ambulance Overtime Transfer Order

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that this is funding to increase an additional person per shift. Have not heard back about Safer Grant yet.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-043, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

- g) Order O-FY26-044: Water System Improvements Loan Authorization

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he has prioritized this issue since starting. This allows us to do the work. Town will get \$2M grant, need flexibility to do more work. Blue Drop, trailer, Middleboro Connection, do not want to be held back.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-044, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

- h) Order O-FY26-045: Adoption of a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-045, which was duly seconded by Councilor McGrath.

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

E. Public Comment – None

F. 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 passes 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.



Town of Bridgewater
Budget & Finance Committee

January 20, 2026
6:00 PM
66 Central Square
Conference Room 201A
Bridgewater, MA

MEETING MINUTES

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

A. Call to Order

Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building.

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

Also in attendance were Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, Finance Director Laurie Guerrini and Chief Assessor Shelley MacCauley.

Councilor Linde was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes - None

C. Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY26-046: Acceptance of Donation - Oliari Charitable Foundation
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-046, 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-FY26-047: Acceptance of Donation - Bridgewater Police Association
Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-047, 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

- c) Ordinance D-FY25-019: Adoption of Clause 22I of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)

Councilor Loreti noted that an amendment needs to be made to remove Councilor Chase and Councilor Striggles from this ordinance and need to change FY26 to read “FY27”.

Chief Assessor Shelley MacCauley noted that there are 139 veterans this year and it would have been a 3.9% increase in the exemption. The State does not reimburse for this exemption.

Councilor Loreti made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY25-019, 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

- d) Order O-FY26-038: Transfer Order – CPC Town Owned Cemetery Assessment
Councilor McGrath noted that she found a company that has done this kind of work for many years and will give the town a free estimate and with this being town property the Town Manager could look at this instead of paying for an assessment.

Carlton Hunt, member of the CPC, noted that they have sent out requests for quotes from companies and they are due back 2/6/26.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that Mr. Hunt was being helpful with collaborating with Mr. McGraw from the Town Manager’s office in terms of this process to get some quotes.

Councilor McGrath noted that there are 14 burial grounds listed but only 10 are under town control, who controls the other ones? Mr. Hunt noted that they are all owned by private entities.

Councilor McGrath asked if the Town can do the cemetery boundaries rather than paying someone to do that. Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that we tend to have a third party survey that type of work.

Councilor McGrath made a motion to continue Order O-FY6-038, which was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

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

D. Public Comment - None

E. Discussion

- a) FY27 Budget Timeline
Finance Director Guerrini discussed the draft of the budget timeline. Some of the tasks have already been completed. Will be sitting down and going over the financial forecast with the Town Manager. Have met with the School Committee and the Town of Raynham to have preliminary conversations. Hope to get more information from the Governors speech at the MMA Connect 351 conference this is taking place this weekend.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the dates have been moved up two weeks than previous. This gives a good structure on where we are at.

Councilor Loreti asked when we expect excise tax estimates to come in and Ms. Guerrini noted that we just got the commitment and it came in more than last year. We are currently working on December which should be done shortly.

Councilor Murphy noted that the Budget & Finance Committee could schedule a meeting with Finance Committee to go over some numbers, maybe the 9th or the 10th. Will work with the Chair of the Finance Committee. Start at 6pm and then invite Finance Committee to join at 7pm.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that this is going to be a Budget workshop and Councilor Murphy noted yes.

b) Budget Workshop

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c) Meeting Frequency

Discussed above.

d) Tax Exemptions

Ms. MacAuley gave an update on Exemption 22J, are able to go to 100% increase, \$99,100 is what the cost to the Town if 100%.

Councilor McGrarth asked what the lowest the Town can go and Ms. MacAuley noted you can go 10%. Exemption 22I and 22J go hand in hand each year if the Town decides to adopt both. The cost of living goes up every year

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that 22J needs to be part of the overlay and perhaps should be a hold for this year and look at some of the other exemptions available.

Ms. MacAuley noted that the equivalent to this one that will not cost the town as much is there is something called 17F. This is for seniors and it is one exemption per person. Right now the town has 4 senior exemptions with a total of 57 participants.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that we could take a look at what we have to maximize participation for state reimbursement. The State reimburses up to 60 anything over 60 is paid from the overlay fund. Ms. MacAuley can look at options and then have recommendation from the Board of Assessors.

F. Public Comment - None

G. Adjournment of Meeting

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

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea.

Motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

February 9, 2026

6:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

and via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84339327555>

Meeting ID: 843 3932 7555

MEETING MINUTES

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

A. Call to Order

Councilor Murphy called the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 6:00pm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building and via Zoom.

Committee members present: Councilor McGrath, Councilor Loreti (via Zoom) and Councilor Murphy.

Also in attendance was Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, Finance Director Laurie Guerrini and Comptroller Ashley Pires.

Councilor Linde was also in attendance.

B. Public Comment – None

Councilor McGrath made a motion to take D. Legislation Referred out of order. This was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

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

C. Discussion

a) Discussion of FY27 Budget

Ms. Guerrini noted that there is not a lot to update, trying to nail down the budget calendar. Goals determined from the budget resolution, conversations with Town Council, Finance Committee and subcommittees. Revenue comes from property taxes, State Aid, local receipts and other funding sources (debt payments, ambulance receipts). Looking at trends, taking a

good stab at realistic estimates. Scheduled budget meetings with the Department Heads, meetings start tomorrow. Will hear their needs and how they are spending now, they understand it is a lean budget.

Councilor McGrath asked what the projected total budget was, what is the revenue? Ms. Guerrini noted \$82,032,471 for the operating budget.

Councilor McGrath noted that Desi says we only have to give the school a certain amount but different on Mr. Powers. They are going to have to cut theirs and we are going to have to cut ours.

Councilor McGrath asked what the reserve fund had and Ms. Guerrini noted about \$9M.

Councilor Murphy noted that an item on Justin's proposal was a larger increase in ambulance reserves. What is the difference and what was increased? Ms. Guerrini noted that we have been using a 2.5% increase each year. 24-25 was flat, people were not paying their bills. Prison made key payments. Billing depends on what service they are receiving; just transport, treatment, etc. Will provide an ambulance dashboard which provides per run. We are constantly meeting with the billing company to make sure payments are being received.

Councilor Murphy asked if the town is limited to how much we can increase ambulance costs? Ms. Guerrini noted that there was a resolution by the council. Actual billing is done by New England Medical. They know the industry better than us, continue to have conversations with them. They have the industry rates and advise us.

Councilor Murphy noted that we have not changed as a council and Ms. Guerrini noted that we have kept it as 30% of what the ambulance budget is. The Town wants to make sure enough in the fund to sustain the ambulance/fire. We are leasing 2 ambulances. Will probably put an order in next year because it takes two years to receive.

Councilor McGrath asked about page 18 State County Assessments – and is that stuff we are paying for (mosquito control, etc.). Ms. Guerrini noted that it comes out of our local aid payments.

Councilor Loreti asked about the Excise taxes – did the January report come out as mentioned. Ms. Guerrini noted that the commitment did come out, up a little so good

LG: will get that excise commitment, it is not updating at the moment. JL: last year was \$3.9m, 2027 we are projecting just over \$4m. Just want to see if we outperform those projections.

Councilor McGrath asked what happens if the Town Council does not use one of their lines items and Ms. Guerrini noted that the money would go into free cash.

Councilor Loreti noted that this coming years budget, one increase is to employee benefits, goes up \$1M from last year and asked what was driving that? Ms. Guerrini noted that estimated health insurance to be 15%, pension assessment is 7.26%, workers compensation and medicare, life insurance, unemployment is 3%. Averages to a 10% increase. All those little buckets.

Councilor Loreti asked what was driving the 15% in health insurance and Ms. Guerrini noted that we will be reaching out to Mayflower to see if there are any other options, may offer lower plans to the communities. Waiting for the Steering Committee to do their work. Any changes to the health insurance have to have a public employee committee and discuss with our bargaining units.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the town has been on the conservative end of these increases; schools saw a larger increase last year. This is not out of the norm, the average is higher than what we are at. Hoping the number comes down, starts out higher and then comes down.

Councilor Murphy noted that it looks like growth is down from last year but fees are up.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that we will let the Principal Assessor take a look at what the growth is; not allowing water tie-ins will affect growth. Growth has been going down for the last 5 years.

Councilor McGrath noted that we cannot do taxes in Massachusetts anymore, not keeping up, too expensive. Cumberland Farms on Jasmine Way, not sure what is going on back there, need to look at companies and DIFs to encourage people to come.

Councilor Murphy noted that every year we look at this and pinching pennies, eventually something has to give or make drastic cuts or close something. No one is advocating to cut employees or stop services but until we take a drastic measure we need to do something. We have to make decisions to give ourselves more flexibility because it is not sustainable for what we are offering. I want to see us have flexibility to build us back up but we just can't do it at this rate.

Ms. Guerrini noted that we are a town, there is only so much revenue. Schools are the biggest expense on the budget. We work with the Department leaders to cut but it is not enough.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that just closing the gap that we have. Last budget did not add flexibility, reduced staff, departmental changes. The gap is wider from last year. Without more revenue we will have to continue to trim.

Councilor Murphy noted that we are providing a certain number of services but we are spreading it thin.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that probably cutting a service to maintain a service, that is the reality where we are at. Schools want to add 10 staff which would add \$2.1M to our deficit, which is not possible without cuts on the town side.

Councilor McGrath noted that it has to be both, cuts on the school side and cuts on the town side. Everyone is struggling. Has to be on both.

Councilor Loreti asked Ms. Guerrini to speak a little on the process to increase in spending over last year.

MS. Guerrini noted that we are meeting with the departments, we know what the salaries look like and the forecast plus the reduction of the COLA, we think we can bring the number down a little. Dig into each department to see where it gets us. These numbers are not the final number. We are going to tighten them up and find a little bit of savings.

Councilor Loreti asked if the number includes the same FTEs from last year and Ms. Guerrini noted that this forecast was based on last years, we did do some eliminating of some positions, will look at that as well.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that some of those positions do get incorporated as part of the forecast and we will have to decide whether we can keep them or not.

Councilor Loreti asked where are we with the Collins Center and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that doing well, draft report, there were some departments they had to go back to. Should have a report by end of February/early March. Will ask them to present their information to the council. They look at trends, performance trends, look at other communities.

Councilor Loreti closed with saying that we have a lot of ground to make up from what the school is asking and what we can afford. Big gap to close.

D. Legislation Referred

- a) General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)

Councilor Loreti noted that we need to continue this on the agenda so that budget discussions can be done to see if this can be part of the budget for next year.

Councilor McGrath made a motion continue Ordinance D-FY25-020 to the next meeting. This was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

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

- b) Order O-FY26-049: Acceptance of Donation – High Pond Residents Association
Councilor McGrath made a motion recommend Order O-FY26-049, which was duly seconded by Councilor Loreti.

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

E. Public Comment - None

F. Adjournment of Meeting

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Johnny Loreti, Councilor
Date Introduced: 5/20/2025
First Reading: 5/20/2025
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)

WHEREAS, the HERO Act provides for increased property tax exemptions to service-connected disabled veterans to further recognize and support their service; and

WHEREAS, Clause 22J of the Act authorizes municipalities to double current exemption amounts for disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater seeks to offer enhanced financial relief to those with service-connected disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2-06 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council hereby adopts the following as a General Ordinance of the Town:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, in order to increase property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

SECTION 2: ADOPTION OF CLAUSE 22J – INCREASED EXEMPTIONS FOR DISABLED VETERANS

Pursuant to Clause 22J, the Town of Bridgewater shall increase property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans by up to 50% of their current exemption amount, effective FY26.

- **Veterans with a 10%-90% disability rating** shall receive an exemption increase from \$400 to \$600.
- **Veterans with a 100% disability rating** shall receive an exemption increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
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NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

SECTION 3: IMPLEMENTATION & ADMINISTRATION

- (a) The Bridgewater Board of Assessors shall be responsible for administering these exemptions.
- (b) Eligible veterans must meet existing requirements under G.L. c. 59, §5 and submit applications as required by the Bridgewater Assessor’s Office.
- (c) The Veterans’ Services Office shall confirm the eligibility of applicants under Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, or 22F.
- (d) The exemptions shall be reflected in the tax bills issued for the applicable fiscal year.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval as required by law and shall be applicable beginning Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/20/25: First Reading - referred to Rules & Procedures, Budget & Finance and Finance Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules & Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/27/25: Voted 3-0 to recommend
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
 First Reading: 2/17/2026
 Second Reading: 3/17/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-050: Acceptance of Grant: Old State Farm Trail Phase 4 Readiness

ORDERED: that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater has received a grant award in the amount of \$10,000 from the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC); and

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$10,000 from the Taunton River Stewardship Council, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

A grant was applied for and received from Taunton River Stewardship for a Community Grant Award in the amount of \$10,000 for funding for the Old State Farm Trail Phase 4 readiness.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 3/17/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/2/26: Voted 8-0 to recommend

Attachments: 1. Old State Farm Trail Phase 4 1.8.26

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



January 8, 2026

Kajelyn Beardsley
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager
Town of Bridgewater Parks & Recreation Department
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Funding for Old State Farm Trail Phase 4 Readiness

Dear Kajelyn,

I am pleased to inform you that on January 8, 2026, the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC)¹ voted to support your project with a \$10,000 Community Grant award.

To process the award, please submit a W-9, along with copies of estimates provided by project consultants. Once received, funding will be disbursed within 10 days.

Please note we additionally require the following:

- **Periodic project updates to keep the Council aware of your progress.**
- **Written acknowledgement of project support in all marketing materials in the following manner:** *"Partial (or full, if the case may be) funding for this project was provided by a grant from the Taunton River Stewardship Council, stewards of the federally designated Wild & Scenic Taunton River."* You will find the TRSC logo attached to this email for use in any project publicity. Let us know if a different file is needed.
- **A written summary at the conclusion of the project with a photo to share in our annual report.** This information should be emailed to gbancroft@savethetaunton.org. Please include the photographer's name in order to provide proper photo credit in our publications.

We look forward to hearing about the success of your project.

Best,

Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator
Taunton River Stewardship Council c/o TRWA
P.O. Box 1116
Taunton, MA 02780

¹ The Taunton River Stewardship Council serves as the central coordinating body for implementing the Wild & Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Plan. By federal law, the Council is made up of representatives from: the Towns of Berkley, Somerset, Dighton, Freetown, Raynham, Middleboro, Halifax, and Bridgewater; and the Cities of Fall River and Taunton. www.tauntonriver.org



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
 First Reading: 2/17/2026
 Second Reading: 3/17/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-052: CPC Additional Funds - Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

ORDERED, in accordance with section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, vote to appropriate \$4,500 from Historic Preservation (Account Number 324200) for the remaining costs of the Frieze project.

Explanation:

The remaining costs referenced in the motion include \$3,375 to cover the deficit and \$1,125 for a storyboard describing the frieze which will also be installed in the Academy Building.

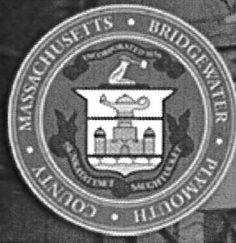
Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 3/17/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/2/26: Voted 5-3 to recommend.

Attachments:

- Parthenon Frize -Request from TM to Cover Budget Deficit
- Recommendation - Frieze Restoration - Additional Funding

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
 REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Town Manager's Office

Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-0919

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Ms. Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
Town of Bridgewater
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Parthenon Frieze Project

Dear Chair Guasconi:

As you and the Community Preservation Committee have been made aware of, we have expended all the funding allocated by the Community Preservation Committee for the installation of the Parthenon Friezes. Due to the additional expenses incurred by the installation, we currently have a deficit of \$3,375.

To that end, I request that the Community Preservation Committee fund the additional \$3,375 to cover the deficit.

As always, I thank the committee members for your diligent efforts on behalf of the residents of Bridgewater.

Sincerely,


Justin Casanova-Davis

Bridgewater:

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Town of Bridgewater, MA

Community Preservation Committee

66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

February 5, 2026

Mr. Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager
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Re: Additional Funds - Restoration of Parthenon Frieze

Dear Mr. Casanova-Davis::

In response to your letter dated January 13, 2026, requesting CPA funds to cover a deficit in the account for the restoration of the Parthenon frieze due to unanticipated costs incurred to hang the restored frieze replications, the following motion was made by Carlton Hunt and duly seconded by Maureen Minasian at the CPC's January 28th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

To recommend \$4500 for the remaining costs of the Frieze project using funds from the Historic Account, 324200.

The 'remaining costs' referenced in the motion include \$3375 to cover the deficit and \$1125 for a storyboard describing the frieze which will also be installed in the Academy Building.

Please see that this information is placed on the Town Council agenda for their next meeting and that your letter (attached) is forwarded to the Council members as backup to the order.

I would appreciate being notified when the Council acts on the order so we can take the next step pertaining to the recommendation.

Sincerely,

Gina Guasconi

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

att: Town Manager Request

cc: Josh McGraw
Laurie Guerrini
Johnny Loreti
Debra Ward
Carlton Hunt