



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.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.