



Town of Bridgewater Town Council

April 7, 2026

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor '

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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 10, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- b) March 17, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- c) March 26, 2026 Speical Town Council Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-021: Request to Amend Common Victualler License - Smit Bev Inc. dba Tropical Smoothie

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Prison Mitigation Fund
- b) Water Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) FY27 Budget Discussion with Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee, School Superintendent Powers and Bridgewater Finance Committee

- b) Middleboro Interconnection Discussion

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY26-056: Contract Amendment - Town Manager
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.
- b) Ordinance D-FY25-019: Adoption of Clause 22I of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)
Refer to Advertising. Budget & Finance recommend at their 6/17/25 meeting. Finance Committee recommended at their 3/2/26 meeting.
- c) General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)
Refer to Advertising. Budget & Finance recommend at their 3/17/26 meeting. Finance Committee recommended at their 6/2/25 meeting.
- d) Resolution R-FY26-008: Establishing a Timely and Transparent Process for Consideration of Charter Review Committee Recommendations
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-F26-057: Acceptance of Grant – Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division
- b) Order O-FY26-058: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification
- c) Order O-FY26-059: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
- d) Order O-FY26-060: FY2026 Wage Adjustment Budget Transfers
- e) Resolution R-FY26-009: A Resolution in Recognition of Pride Month
- f) Resolution R-FY26-010: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth
- g) Resolution R-FY26-011: A Resolution of the Bridgewater Town Council Supporting House Bill H.91 and Senate Bill S.2556, An Act to Modernize Funding for Community Media Programming

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT