



## Town of Bridgewater Town Council

May 5, 2026

7:00 PM

66 Central Square

Academy Building

Council Chambers/2nd Floor

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

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*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) April 7, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- b) April 9, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
- c) April 14, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

#### **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

- a) Outgoing Vice President Remarks
- b) Reorganization of the Council: Elect President and Vice President
- c) Reorganization of Council Seats

#### **C. PROCLAMATIONS**

- a) Off the Common Coffee House

#### **D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM**

#### **E. APPOINTMENTS**

- a) Veterans Council: Tajh Russell (2026 - 2029)
- b) Cultural Council: Teresa Linde (2026 - 2029)

#### **F. HEARINGS**

- a) Ordinance D-FY25-019: Adoption of Clause 22I of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)  
*Public Hearing: Advertised in the 4/21/26 Enterprise.*
- b) General Ordinance D-FY25-020: Adoption of Clause 22J of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 (“HERO Act”)  
*Public Hearing: Advertised in the 4/21/26 Enterprise.*
- c) Budget Order O-FY27-001: FY2027 Annual Town Budget  
*Public Hearing: This hearing has been duly advertised in the 4/21/26 Enterprise and on the Town's website. All orders relative to the FY2027 budget may be finally voted this evening and are itemized under L: Legislation for Action. Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to the Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*

**G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS**

**H. PRESENTATIONS**

**I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) ADA Transition Plan
- b) Budget Earmark Requests
- c) Water Update

**J. DISCUSSIONS**

**K. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION**

- a) Budget Order O-FY27-002: FY27 Water Enterprise Fund  
*Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*
- b) Budget Order O-FY27-003: FY27 Sewer Enterprise Fund  
*Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*
- c) Budget Order O-FY27-004: FY27 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund  
*Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*
- d) Budget Order O-FY27-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds  
*Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*
- e) Order O-F26-057: Acceptance of Grant – Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division  
*Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/21/26 meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*
- f) Order O-FY26-061: Town Clerk's Salary  
*Budget & Finance meeting 5/5/26 prior to Town Council meeting. Finance Committee meeting 5/4/26.*

**M. OLD BUSINESS**

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Resolution R-FY26-014: Restoration of the Former Town Hall aka Town House

**O. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

**Town of Bridgewater**  
Town Council Agenda  
Tuesday, May 5, 2026