



Town of Bridgewater Town Council

May 19, 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) April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b) May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

- a) State Memorial Day Proclamation

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

- a) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-002: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter: Article IV, Section 4-1 Town Manager Term of Office
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/5/26 Enterprise and the Town Website.
- b) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-003: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter Article VIII, Section 8-2 Citizen Referendum Petition Timeframe
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/5/26 Enterprise and on the Town Website.
- c) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-011: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III. Multiple Members Appointive Bodies
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/5/26 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

- d) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-012: Amend Part II Administrative Code Chapter 2, Article I. Section 3 D.
Department Heads
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/5/26 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-022: Change of Officers and Change of Beneficial Ownership Interest for Circle K Massachusetts, LLC 1385 Pleasant Street

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Roselli, Clarke & Associates: Paul Gargano, Don Piatt
- Results of FY2025
- b) Raftelis: Toby Fedder
- Water and Sewer Rate Updates

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) DPW Highway Update
- b) Residential Survey
- c) Open Space & Recreation Plan
- d) FY27 School Budget Update
- e) Boards, Committees & Commissions Update
- f) Assistant Town Manager Introduction

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

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

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-062: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Stonemore Place
- b) Order O-FY26-063: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Quail Run Road
- c) Order O-FY26-064: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Oldfield Road
- d) Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26
- e) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
- f) Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
- g) Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates
- h) Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
- i) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
- j) Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvments
- k) Resolution R-FY26-015: Exploration of Additional Water Supply Sources

- O. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- R. ADJOURNMENT**



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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Johnny Loreti called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

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

Also in attendance was Finance Director Laurie Guerrini and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins.

Council President Loreti noted the names of veterans who have passed and held a moment of silence:

- Timothy Roy, US Air Force Vietnam, Passed Away on March 6th
- Walter Webster, Jr., US Army, Korea, Passed Away on March 17th
- William Davies, US Navy, Vietnam, Passed Away on April 8th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Loreti noted that the Annual Election takes place this Saturday from 7am to 8pm at the Middle School. Also on Saturday from 2pm to 5pm is First Responder Day at Town River Landing. Bridgewater was the first town to recognize First Responders day four years ago. There is also a blood drive.

Fire for Effect Foundation will also be doing the Farmer Markets this year and has more vendors signed up than last year.

Acknowledged all of the residents that came out this past Saturday to help with the Clean-up around Bridgewater. Great turnout and one of the best efforts. Thanked BSU Sophia for doing such a great job.

Councilor Loreti thanked the councilors for the last year of being President, went through many items over the last year.

PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Arbor Day - April 24, 2026
Council President Loreti read the Arbor Day Proclamation into the record.

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Sam Baumgarten, 60 Short Street: thanked the councilors for their time and effort; spoke about the pledge of allegiance and what it means and the Resolutions for the Pride and Juneteenth flags.
- Christina Ajamian, 221 Aldrich Road: asked the council to support Pride month and Juneteenth.
- Ray Ajamian, 221 Aldrich Road: thanked the council for the Arbor Day Proclamation; the Tree Committee will be honoring Bill Maly with planting a tree in the common. Also asked the council to support Pride and Juneteenth, history should be written by historians not by government.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: School budget is too high, too top heavy. Supports the town to hire a grant writer and the grant writer must be a resident. Do we have water commission applicants or members yet? Ask that when you ask everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, wait for everyone to stand.
- John Donna, 261 South Street: spoke in favor of the stipends for the Town Council that is on the ballot for Saturday, realizes there are budget issues in town but thinks a stipend is important because he has seen how much work the Town Councilors have put in.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS - None

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Water Dashboard
Ms. Guerrini noted that Town Manager Casanova-Davis had to be out for a personal matter. There has been a new on-line water dashboard that was put on-line this morning. IT is still working on access and it should be worked out by tomorrow. Should be easy to navigate. Hopefully it will provide answers to common questions, transparency and resources where information can be found. Will be connected to the front page.

Councilor Loreti noted that it is a great start in showing what is completed, what is in progress and system updates.

Councilor Linde wants to make sure it gets promoted on the Town Facebook page.

Councilor Murphy asked why quarterly well withdrawals and Mr. Etoniru noted that if was safety concerns for daily operational report but the Town Manager said he will address that further.

Councilor Murphy noted that the water system improvements does not do a good job explaining how beneficial these have been, should be showing folks more information and educate them on the improvements. Mr. Etoniru noted that as you know when you launch a project you need to work out the kinks and give more information. As we work through we can add more information.

Councilor Murphy asked if citizens could have the opportunity to submit questions and if frequent can it be shown on the webpage and Mr. Etoniru noted that yes, that is something we can add to the webpage.

Town Attorney Rawlins noted that these are good suggestions but thinks that they should be addressed with Justin directly.

Councilor Linde noted that he thinks daily may be an issue but thinks monthly is something they could look into.

Councilor Loreti asked how long are wells down for and Mr. Etinoru noted that Middleboro has provided us the ability the rest some of the wells.

DISCUSSIONS

a) Water Supply

Councilor Loreti noted that we are looking at every avenue. Councilor McGrath looked at the potential of creating an Ad Hoc Committee for Water.

Councilor McGrath noted that would like more communication with Planning.

Councilor Loreti noted that the Town Council acts as the water commission; will be talking about ideas about increased capacity. Town Manager administers but the Town Council also has that role.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he agrees with Councilor McGrath. Notification to be placed on Ordinance for awareness to the Town Council. Speaking with the Town Manager the Ordinance was to be sent to multiple departments. In line with the Charter so we do not violate anything. We are not supposed to be involved in the approval process but would like to be notified.

Councilor Loreti noted that if a project needed a water impact report that report would be sent to the council so the council could be notified. Glad the ordinance is moving forward.

Councilor Linde noted that this discussion should stay on every agenda.

Councilor McGrath noted that a Waiver for Planning Board on increased bedrooms, how do we control that and Councilor Kennedy noted that well drillings were recommended so they are not on town water. Other boards are well aware of the water issue.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she is under the impression that one can use the DEP ruling that we are in the water crisis.

Town Attorney Rawlins noted that there are no written exceptions. If you limited the ability to build they reserve the right to withdraw the grants.

Councilor Kennedy noted that is the same language that I have read. The goal is intended to grow with the town, not tap immediately. Puts a limit at where we are for water. I don't like the MBTA at all but they pulled money from Winthrop for residents homes to be flooded so the state does not really care. I do not want to open the town up to any legal issues, we have no money. There are 9 towns being sued by the State.

Town Attorney Rawlins noted that if you deny the permit because there is no potable water; I would not make determinations of absolutes. You have created a set-up trying to stay compliant with MBTA regulations and also taking a progmatic approach of water supply. Important to understand the regulation but as anything with the law, facts can change greatly depending on the scenario. Talking in hypothetical can create issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) *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. FinCom meeting 5/4/26.
Councillor Loreti noted that Budget & Finance met and voted 3-0 to recommend but Fincom continued the Order.

Councillor Hunt made a motion to continue Order O-F26-057 to the next meeting, which was duly seconded by Councillor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0

- b) *Order O-FY26-058: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Contract Ratification*
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/21/26 meeting. Fincom voted 6-0 to recommend.
Councillor Perry made a motion to Approve Order O-F26-058, which was duly seconded by Councillor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0

- c) *Order O-FY26-059: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer*
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/21/26 meeting. Fincom voted 6-0 to recommend.
Councillor Linde made a motion to approve Order O-F26-059, which was duly seconded by Councillor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0

- d) *Order O-FY26-060: FY2026 Wage Adjustment Budget Transfers*
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend at their 4/21/26 meeting. Fincom voted 5-0 to recommend.
Councillor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-F26-060, which was duly seconded by Councillor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0

- e) *Resolution R-FY26-009: A Resolution in Recognition of Pride Month*
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.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-009, which was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she believes the time in the country has come to not splintering with flags. Move that we use the unity of the American flag.

Councilor Kennedy noted that this creates division in town. Council should not be a blow horn for any groups. Will not be voting for these resolutions.

Councilor McGrath noted that the Library is not under the Town Council, it is under the Town Manager.

Attorney Rawlins noted that the Resolution as it is stated does not fit into the ordinance. Any resolution forward is a statement of the council that the town supports something and the Town Manager to show that. The Town Manager has purvue to fly the flag at the Library if the Town Manager determines. Resolution is not out of order, now it needs to be determined where it should be flown.

Councilor McGrath noted that stickers were placed on the Library and asked if they should be. Attorney Rawlins noted that should be run by the Town Manager.

Councilor McGrath made a motion to amend Resolution R-FY26-009 in the last Whereas paragraph and change the word "all" to "LGBTQ Community". This was 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 – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-009 with the amendment. This was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A roll-call vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – No; Ellenberg – No; McGrath - Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea.
Motion passed 5 – 3.

- f) Resolution R-FY26-010: A Resolution Honoring Juneteenth
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.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to amend Resolution R-FY26-01 by removing the first, third and final whereas. This was seconded by Councilor Loreti.

Councilor Kennedy noted that if the council is going to support a Federal holiday, have an issue with the partisan component.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that not only is it a Federal holiday but a piece of history.

Councilor Murphy noted that the way it is written is to speak on the history of the events.

Councilor Kennedy noted that not implying that the town takes it over, looking it to be a neutral resolution that does not include other groups that are non-partisan.

Councilor Perry noted that the resolution honoring Juneteenth within Bridgewater, for keeping the names on the resolution.

Councilor Linde noted that he thinks the amendment guts the whole event.

Councilor McGrath noted that she thinks it takes all these committees in town to put this event on.

A roll-call vote on the amendment was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath - No; Loreti – Yea; Perry – No; Murphy – No; Hunt – No; Linde - No.
Motion failed: 3-5.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-0, which was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll-call vote on the amendment was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – No; Ellenberg – No; McGrath - Yea; Loreti – No; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed: 5-3.

- 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
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.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-011, which was seconded by Councilor Loreti.

A roll-call vote on the amendment was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath - Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed: 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ray Ajamian, 221 Aldrich Road: spoke about the resolutions and how other groups were discriminated against; they were just symbolic, they do not change anything.
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: noted that an Ad Hoc committee on water is not needed; water is directly involved in CED. DEP approved well on Vernon Street, 131-7 Vernon Street Water department land.
- John Donna, 261 South Street: thanked SK and AE on their comments about the Resolutions; noted about the stickers on the Library and that they should not be there.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Linde: hope there is a good turnout on Saturday; did a lot of work last year and have a lot of work to do this year. Need to put out factual information out there.

- Councilor Hunt: thanked the people who showed up; wish everyone great success to everyone who is running; noted Boundless Bean was on the front page of the Enterprise.
- Councilor Murphy: thanked fellow councilors on a good debate on the resolutions; up for re-election and if this is my last meeting I want to say thank you to all the councilors and I have enjoyed working with everyone except for the Town Attorney. LOL. Hope folks come out and cast their vote for candidates and on the ballot questions.
- Councilor Perry: reminded people about election day; thanked the candidates for putting in their names; enjoyed working with the councilors up for re-election. Thanked everyone for clean-up day on Saturday.
- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked Justin and Laurie for doing a great job on the budget. Thanked the citizens and BSU students for the town clean-up. Good luck to everyone that is running.
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked everyone for clean-up day. Hope to see everyone on Saturday, good luck to everyone.
- Councilor McGrath: noted that she did a podcast with Coach Rig and 5 girls who play flag football; it's amazing and he is a great coach. Open Space presentation was a great job.
- Councilor Loreti: has been a pleasure serving the public and serving as President over the last year. There is a lot more work to do. We need to continue to do that work and we need to restore the trust in the community. We all want the same outcome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) *Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6), to consider the purchase of real property for municipal water supply purposes, the Chair having determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town Council.*

Council President Loreti read the Executive Session language into the record and asked for a motion to go into Executive Session and will adjourn from executive session.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to enter into Executive Session, which was seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A roll-call vote on the amendment was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath - Yea; Loreti – Yea; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde - Yea. Motion passed: 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council Vice President Mary McGrath called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:04pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

Present: Sean Kennedy, Adelene Ellenberg, Mary McGrath, Michaela Spagone, Dr. Kevin Perry, Dr. Paul Murphy, Marilee Hunt, Timothy Trocchio and Mark Linde.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) April 7, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Spagone – Abstained; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea; Trocchio - Abstained.
Motion passed 7-0-2

- b) April 9, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Spagone – Abstained; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea; Trocchio - Abstained.
Motion passed 7-0-2

- c) April 14, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Kennedy – Yea; Ellenberg – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Spagone – Abstained; Perry – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Linde – Yea; Trocchio - Abstained.
Motion passed 7-0-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

a) Outgoing Vice President Remarks

Vice President McGrath passed on pieces of advice to the new councilors.

Assistant Town Clerk Jolie Sprague Martin swore in newly elect councilor Michaela Spagone and Timothy Trocchio and re-elected Councilor Mark Linde and Paul Murphy.

b) Reorganization of the Council: Elect President and Vice President

Assistant Town Clerk Jolie Sprague Martin conducted the President election and asked if there were any nominations.

Councilor Perry nominated Councilor Murphy, which was duly second by Councilor Trocchio.

Councilor Ellenberg nominated Councilor Spagone, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

Assistant Town Clerk Sprague Martin noted that pursuant to Roberts Rules voting will be in order of nomination received, first person nominated was Paul Murphy. A show of hands showed the vote to be 8-1 (Councilor Ellenberg in the negative).

Councilor Murphy was elected Council President.

Council President Murphy asked for Vice President nominations.

Councilor Trocchio nominated Councilor Linde, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

Councilor Spagone nominated herself, which failed for a lack of a second.

Councilor McGrath nominated Councilor Kennedy, which was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

Council President Murphy noted that pursuant to Roberts Rules voting will be in order of nomination received, first person nominated was Councilor Linde.

A roll-call vote was taken for Councilor Linde with the results as follows: Kennedy -No; Ellenberg – No; Spagone – No; Trocchio – Yea; McGrath – No; Perry – Yes; Murphy – No; Hunt – Yes; Linde – Yes. Motion fails 4 – 5.

A roll-call vote was then taken for Councilor Kennedy with the results as follows: Linde – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Perry – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Spagone – No; Ellenberg – Yea; Kennedy – Yea. Motion passes 8 – 1.

Councilor Kennedy was elected as Vice President.

- c) Reorganization of Council Seats
Assistant Town Clerk Jolie Sprague Martin handed out playing cards to each councilor and that created the new seating assignment: Ellenberg, Spagone, Hunt, Kennedy, Murphy, Trocchio, Perry, Linde and McGrath.

PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Off the Common Coffee House
Councilor Hunt read the proclamation into the record and members of the Off the Common Coffee House were in attendance.

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Alex Murphy, 25 Ashford Lane: congratulated Council President Dr. Murphy and noted that no one knows how many late night phone calls, meetings and other things that he does for the town and she truly appreciates the work that the council does for the town. Noted that she hopes that citizens and council work together.
- Sam Baumgarten: spoke about the Boundless Bean and what inclusion meant to them.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: congratulated Tim, MJ, Paul and Mark. Could not find the Form Based Code on the website, could not find the ordinance that was recently submitted. School budget is too high, need to fund the Library and ACO, and unfund the CED. Water Treatment Plant before Concom interim or permanent.
- Johnny Loreti, 300 Black Mallard Road: spoke about several pieces of legislation that are on the agenda this evening.

APPOINTMENTS

- a) Veterans Council: Tajh Russell (2026 - 2029)
Councilor Trocchio made a motion to appoint Tajh Russell to the Veterans Council. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0

- b) Cultural Council: Teresa Linde (2026 - 2029)
Councilor Perry made a motion to appoint Teresa Linde to the Veterans Council. This was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Abstained (Spouse); McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 8-0-1

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.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to amend Ordinance D-FY25-019 by changing the sponsor name from Councilor Loreti to herself. This was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

Council President Murphy opened the public hearing at 7:34pm and noted that the public hearing was advertised in the Enterprise on 4/21/26 and on the Town’s webpage.

Council President Murphy asked if there were any general questions from the public. No questions were asked

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in favor. No one spoke in favor.

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke in opposition.

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions:

- Councilor Perry read a letter into the record from Scott Pitta.
- Councilor Trocchio noted that he strongly supports this Ordinance.
- Councilor Spagone also noted that she strongly supports and advocates this.
- Councilor Linde noted that this is important for the veterans and is important for them.

Council President Murphy closed the public hearing at 7:43pm.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY25-019,, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- 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.*

Councilor McGrath made a motion to amend Ordinance D-FY25-020 by changing the sponsor name from Councilor Loreti to herself. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

Council President Murphy opened the public hearing at 7:45pm and noted that the public hearing was advertised in the Enterprise on 4/21/26 and on the Town's webpage.

Council President Murphy asked if there were any general questions from the public. No questions were asked

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in favor. No one spoke in favor.

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke in opposition.

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions. None

Council President Murphy closed the public hearing at 7:47pm.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Ordinance D-FY25-020, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Spagone noted that this is a good measure for the veterans.

Councilor Kenedy thanked the veterans who are in attendance and at home watching.

Councilor Perry noted that Mr. Pitta's letter was very strong and thanked the veterans.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

c) Budget Order O-FY27-001: FY2027 Annual Town Budget
Public Hearing: *Advertised in the 4/21/26 Enterprise.*

Council President Murphy noted that this hearing was duly advertised in the 4/21/26 Enterprise and on the Town's website and that all orders relative to the FY2027 budget may be finally voted this evening and are itemized under L: Legislation for action below. Budget & Finance met prior to tonight's meeting and voted 2-0 to recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0-1 to recommend at their 5/4/26 meeting.

Council President Murphy opened the public hearing at 7:48pm.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that this has been a difficult budget. Appreciated the input from the community and the collaboration from the unions and the employees.

Council President Murphy asked if there were any general questions from the public:

- Johnny Loreti, 300 Black Mallow Road: encourage you to pause and take your time before you pass the budget and think about the cuts that are being proposed. Does not agree with cuts across the board. Need to look at each department and each position and how they perform. Some departments generate revenue. CED department you could take that and

level fund library, Council on aging and veterans. Town Clerks salary should be looked as she doesn't take town benefits.

- Janet Hanson: agree take time on the budget. Was ACO funding eliminated? Appreciate time to reduce but big chunk is school so question how do we meet in the middle. School budget is way out of line. Feels CED can be eliminated and that money go somewhere else.

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in favor. No one spoke in favor.

Council President Murphy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak in opposition. No one spoke in opposition.

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions:

- Councilor Linde noted he does not want to risk de-certification for the Library, hours could be shifted. Wish we could cut budgets and open at 10am and move them to Saturday so majority of taxpayers who work in Boston could use 10 to 2 on Saturday. Council on Aging figured out a way to stay open 5 days a week. Thinks the Town Clerk should be compensated for the 3 elections she has to run.
- Councilor Spagone thanked her former colleagues on the Finance Committee. Library and Senior Center are being impacted by the cuts, it is troubling. Should be some movement of line items to other groups.
- Councilor Hunt noted that an enormous amount of time and effort goes into creating this budget. Employees who work here are incredible and do a great job. If they are saying this is how it should go, this is how it should go.

Council President Murphy closed the public hearing at 8:03pm.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY7-001, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

Councilor McGrath noted that we need revenue and we need CED. Cannot leave Shane by himself. We need IT, the Chief is so dependent on our IT department, we have discussed these issues. Will not pit one department against another department. We should leave it to the Town Manager, those are his employees.

Councilor Perry noted that he agrees with Councilor McGrath. If you start shifting money from one place to another place you are going to create a disaster. It is in the best interest of the town to keep the budget the way it was presented to the council.

Councilor Kennedy thanked the Town Manager and Finance Director for working on this budget. Sorry that the employees have to take the cuts, have to respect bargaining groups in this town. Library is an important piece but we are in a tough spot. CED is an important part of the town and there are different opinions on the person that was in the position. We need to find commercial growth in this town and grants.

Councilor Linde noted that he is not trying to tell the Library what to do, we will lose accreditation, will lose \$80k to go with it. Do not want the taxpayers to pay for something they can't use.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the CED director is currently gone and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that next fiscal year different director.

Councilor Murphy noted this is not a sustainable budget for our town. Cutting back salary and hours, departments. We need to make a decision this year. The State and Federal government is not going to come and help us. We need to decide what we want to do. Residents need to get involved, join committees, the work starts now for FY28.

Councilor Ellenberg made an amendment to Budget Order FY27-001 by cutting the CED department line item by 50% (\$126,334.50) and have 25% go to Library and 25% go to Town Clerk. This was seconded for discussion by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Perry noted that he does not support this amendment.

Councilor McGrath noted that she does not support this amendment.

Councilor Trocchio noted he is not in support of moving this money around.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that a mid-year adjustment could remedy the CED Department and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that it would have impact on multiple employees.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he is not in favor of this amendment.

A roll-call vote was taken on the amendment and the results are as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – No; Hunt – No; Kennedy – No; Murphy – No; Trocchio – No; Perry – No; Linde – No; McGrath – No. Motion to amend fails: 1-8-0

A roll-call vote was taken on the motion to approve and the results are as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) ADA Transition Plan
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he included the ADA Transition Plan on the agenda and encouraged the residents to look at the plan and provide feedback to the team handling the plan.
- b) Budget Earmark Requests
Town Manager Casanova-Davis thanked Representative Gallagher and Senator Driscoll for the recent budget earmark approved requests. Procured \$25k for the downtown Common area; \$25k for Fire Department tools; \$250k for water filtration system for Bridgewater Middle school and \$50k for town common. Focus has been wastewater, town common and our schools. In terms of additional funding for water they have been able to get an additional \$1.5M dollars including the environmental

bond bill, we will advocate for that. Also working with the Senator for additional monies from Senator Driscoll.

Town finally got approval from the EPA for the \$2M grant for wells 10a and 10b. Want to address the question with Concom. That \$2M grant that we got is only eligible for permanent projects. Initially it was a temporary project we thought and we transitioned to permanent. The filing for Concom is considered interim because it needs to be updated to reflect the full composition of the building there but it is a permanent project, we have said it multiple times, until that filing is completed it is interim.

c) Water Update

Water Supervisor Bill Young noted that crews have been out daily doing site work. They have started laying the water pipe through the new filtration pads. One is completely poured and one is in the process of being poured. PFAs treatment system has been finalized with Apex, received all the components, now working on the actual automation and mechanical work that is being done.

Mr. Young gave a Flushing Program update: completed the eastern side of town, meaning everything east of Broad Street and east of Bedford Street. At this time going to stop flushing operations which is necessary because of the amount of water flow that we have had in the past couple of months with the fires and multiple water main breaks. Want to let the system rest a little bit before starting the western side of town.

Mr. Young further noted that other than that, things have been going smoothly. Will continue to work on the water dashboard and will continue to update as we receive feedback from our customers.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis further noted that one additional item at our next Town Council there will be a new loan authorization and overall budget based on where we are at with the \$2M grant, with our expenditures with the purchase of vessels. Will present that so the Council has and submit a new loan authorization. Everything so far is moving on schedule and on time.

Councilor Perry asked if the flushing on the east side showed clearer water to the residents and Mr. Young noted that they were out there yesterday at the water main break on Walnut Street and after the water main break started to see clear water coming out of the fire hydrant which is a good sign.

Councilor Spagone asked about the amount of water main breaks and if it was a result of the pressure change with the interconnection with Middleboro or general age and are we able to apply for any emergency funds for repairing the water main breaks.

Mr. Young noted that there are a lot of variables, depending on what time of day it is, fire creates a demand on the flow, where it is in the system. There is a lot of funding available, it is just a matter of going out to get it.

Councilor Spagone asked about the level of issues with the pipes and the presentation by Apex there was a reference to tuberculation and condition of pipes where they start to degrade over time, was there a survey done of how much tuberculation in the pipes there is that require cleaning out or could be exasperating the water main issue.

Mr. Young noted that it is tough to determine the tuberculation in the pipe unless you cut it out and see the tuberculation yourself. Part of the flushing program is to limit the tuberculation that is developed in those pipes.

Councilor Kennedy asked if cameras have been sent down at Carvers Pond and Mr. Young noted that they took Well 5 down yesterday and motor being pulled and should have an update later on this week.

Councilor Kennedy further asked if the assumption of the redrilled wells kind of maintained the same level of water coming out and main component of that is going to be tuberculation in those pipes. Mr. Young noted a little bit, yet.

Councilor McGrath noted that she looked at the EPA and read that our water and sewer need to be protected against cyber security, had a lot of problems during Covid, and they recommend that the things that you are doing in the roadmap. I appreciate what you are doing and I hope residents check that out and find out why you are doing a lot of the things you are doing.

Councilor Ellenberg asked how many water main breaks there have been in the last 6 months and Mr. Young noted that there have been 6 since he has started.

Councilor Ellenberg then asked how much water was lost. Mr. Young noted that it would vary depending on the size of the break and how quickly the workers could get to the break. We do account for water loss where we do some calculations the days following to see what was actually pulled out of the ground to what we put into the storage tanks.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the loss of water due to the water main breaks data readily available and Mr. Young noted that they are still working on some but yes it can be available.

Councilor Murphy asked when 10a and 10b come on with the treatment trailers and we are able to turn off the Middleboro interconnection, are we able to sustain the same amount of water. Mr. Young noted that right now yes. Right now we are projecting Plymouth Street to be able to do about 500k gallons a day. Right now we are taking 200k to 300k gallons a day from Middleboro.

Councilor Ellenberg asked about the vessels that are going to be put on wells 10a and 10b, are they spoken for, the whole \$2M of that grant that came in or can there be any leftover to begin the next phase of Vernon Street wells.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the \$2M will be spoken for wells 10a and 10b. We will lay out the budget for you at the next meeting. That project is looking to be about \$6.1M. We are going to apply for a One Stop Shop grant. Also pursuing relief funding to pay for the Middleboro expenses. Looking at all avenues of funding sources.

Future Town Manager Items

Councilor Kennedy asked that the website for committee openings be updated so that the councilors know what is open.

Councilor McGrath asked if BSU could have their own Fire Department like they have their own police department.

DISCUSSIONS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION - None

- a) Budget Order O-FY27-002: FY27 Water Enterprise Fund
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 5/5/26 meeting. Finance Committee voted 5-0-1 at their 5/4/26 meeting.
Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY27-002, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- b) *Budget Order O-FY27-003: FY27 Sewer Enterprise Fund*
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 5/5/26 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 at their 5/4/26 meeting.
Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY27-003, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea.
Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- c) Budget Order O-FY27-004: FY27 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 5/5/26 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 at their 5/4/26 meeting.
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY27-004, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- d) *Budget Order O-FY27-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds*
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 5/5/26 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 at their 5/4/26 meeting.
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Budget Order O-FY27-005, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- 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. Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-057, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

- f) Order O-FY26-061: Town Clerk's Salary
Budget & Finance voted 2-0 to recommend at their 5/5/26 meeting. Finance Committee voted 6-0 at their 5/4/26 meeting. Councilor Kennedy made a motion to Amend Order O-FY26-061 by adding a 2.5% Step Increase of \$1,190 for a total salary of \$81,609. This was seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-061 with the amendment. This was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution R-FY26-014: Restoration of the Former Town Hall aka Town House
Councilor Ellenberg noted that this being a historic landmark it can get grants. Asking for citizens to join an ad hoc committee

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to postpone Resolution R-FY26-014 until the next meeting. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – No; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 8-1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: residents should be involved not just CED. Questions on wells 10a and 10b, already laying the pipes and putting the pads, how can they be doing that if not recommend by Concom yet. Proper way is to wait.
- Gina Guasconi, 35 Ball Avenue: congratulated the councilors, can the budget process be changed if the school comes back and says they need more? The Library faces severe cuts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked those who won and thanked the citizens who came out.
- Councilor Spagone: spoke about this being her first town council meeting.
- Councilor Hunt: welcomed Councilors Spagone and Trocchio.
- Councilor Trocchio: thanked everyone who turned out to vote, looking forward to serving. Congratulated Dr. Murphy for being elected President and Sean for Vice President. Looking forward to learning and making the best decision possible.
- Councilor Perry: congratulated Councilor Spagone and Trocchio, congratulated Dr. Murphy and Mr. Kennedy, lot of work ahead to deal with as a council. Passed a big hurdle tonight with the budget. The budget number is small for a town this size.
- Councilor Linde: thanked the two newly elected councilors. Remember that we report to the people that elected us.
- Councilor McGrath: flag football has started and it's a great sport for all kids. Easter Seals President was a guest on my podcast and I encourage people to take a look at Easter Seals
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked the public for coming out; congratulated Paul.
- Councilor Murphy: thanked Fire for Effect for First Responders Day; thanked the Town Clerks Office for the Election; thanked the 4th of July Committee for their events coming up. Please go out and support their events. Thanked the council for their vote this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

A voice vote was taken with the results as follows: Ellenberg – Yea; Spagone – Yea; Hunt – Yea; Kennedy – Yea; Murphy – Yea; Trocchio – Yea; Perry – Yea; Linde – Yea; McGrath – Yea. Motion Passed: 9-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, In the aftermath of the Civil War, communities across the nation gathered to honor the soldiers who had given their lives, marking the first Decoration Day; and

Whereas, Following World War I, the nation again united to honor those who died in service to our country. Renamed Memorial Day, the last Monday in May is a time to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in all American wars and conflicts; and

Whereas, Throughout our history thousands of Massachusetts residents have answered the call to serve—defending our nation, our freedoms and our way of life; and

Whereas, Their courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty represent the very best of the Commonwealth and continue to inspire generations; and

Whereas, We must pause to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and recommit ourselves to honoring their legacy through service, unity and gratitude,

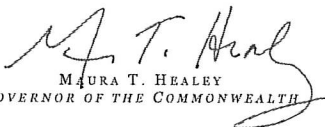
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 25th, 2026, to be,


MEMORIAL DAY


And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS CALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Mark Linde, Councilor

Date Introduced: 8/12/2025

First Reading: 8/12/2025

Second Reading: 10/21/2025

Amendments Adopted: 10/21/25

Third Reading: 5/19/2026

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-002: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter: Article IV, Section 4-1 Town Manager Term of Office

ORDERED that pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution, that allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Bridgewater Town Charter; the Town Council vote to amend said Town Charter Article 4-1 as follows:

Replace existing language with the following:

The Town Council shall appoint by a majority vote of the full Town Council, a Town Manager for a term not to exceed three (3) years, which may be renewed for additional terms of up to three (3) years each upon a majority vote of the full Town Council, subject to the procedures for appointment and removal outlined in this Article.

Said Amendment shall only become effective and is contingent upon approval by the Town Council, the State Legislature and the voters of the Town of Bridgewater.

Explanation:

As proposed by the 2021 Charter Review Committee, the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Article IV, Section 4-1 of the Bridgewater Town Charter to establish a maximum three-year term for the Town Manager, renewable by majority vote of the Town Council, to ensure periodic performance review while maintaining administrative stability, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 43B and the Charter (Article I, Section 1-4). Pursuant to Article II, Section 2-9, this ordinance shall be published in full in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Bridgewater at least ten (10) days before its final passage by the Town Council, or, if exceeding eight octavo pages, in a municipal bulletin or printed pamphlet. The ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Town Council, the Massachusetts State Legislature, and a majority of Bridgewater voters at a

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regular or special town election, per Article II, Section 2-7(a) and Article I, Section 1-4.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/12/25: Referred to Rules and Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/9/25: Voted 3-0 to recommend.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/21/25: Voted to Refer to Advertising with Amendments

Attachments: None

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 8/12/2025
First Reading: 8/12/2025
Second Reading: 10/21/2025
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 5/19/2026
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-003: Amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter Article VIII, Section 8-2 Citizen Referendum Petition Timeframe

ORDERED that pursuant to Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution, that allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Bridgewater Town Charter; the Town Council voted to amend said Town Charter, Article VIII, Section 8-2 as follows:

Replace the existing language regarding the timeframe for submitting referendum petitions with the following:

Citizen Referendum Procedures; Referendum Petition; Effect on Final Passage

If within **30 days** after the final passage of a measure, a petition signed by voters equal in number to at least 5 per cent of the total number of voters and addressed to the town council, protesting against the measure or any part thereof taking effect, is filed with the elected town clerk, the same shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from taking effect and the town council, as the case may be, shall immediately reconsider the measure or part thereof and if such measure or part thereof is not entirely rescinded, the town council shall submit the same, to a vote of the voters either at the next regular town election or at a special election which may, in its discretion, be called for the purpose and the measure or part thereof shall forthwith become null and void unless a majority of the voters voting on the same at the election vote in favor thereof.

Said Amendment shall only become effective and is contingent upon approval by the Town Council, the State Legislature and the voters of the Town of Bridgewater.

Explanation:

As proposed by the 2021 Charter Review Committee, the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Article VIII, Section 8-2 of the Bridgewater Town Charter to extend the timeframe for submitting citizen referendum petitions from 10 days to 30 days after the final passage of a measure, enhancing voter participation and access to the referendum process while maintaining compliance with the Charter and M.G.L. c. 43B. This

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change provides citizens with additional time to organize and gather signatures for petitions, promoting greater engagement in town governance. The ordinance requires approval by the Town Council, the Massachusetts State Legislature, and the voters of Bridgewater, as mandated by Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/12/25: Referred to Rules and Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/9/25: Voted 3-0 to recommend.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/21/25: Voted to refer to advertising.

Attachments: None

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
First Reading: 2/17/2026
Second Reading: 3/10/2026
Amendments Adopted: 3/10/2026
Third Reading: 5/19/2026
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 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
- (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

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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 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.

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- (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"> • 3/10/26: Voted amendments and to refer to advertising
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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: 3/10/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 5/19/2026
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

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- ~~(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"> • 3/10/26: Voted to refer to advertising.
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:

Date Introduced: 5/19/2026

First Reading: 5/19/2026

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

**Petition P-2026-022: Change of Officers and Change of Beneficial Ownership Interest for Circle K
Massachusetts, LLC 1385 Pleasant Street**

WHEREAS, Circle K Massachusetts LLC dba Circle K located at 1385 Pleasant Street has petitioned the town for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers and Change of Ownership Interest; and

WHEREAS, Approval of such requests is required by Massachusetts General Law – Chapter 138 prior to the final submission to the Commonwealth’s Alcohol Beverages Control Commission who must ratify such appointment; and

WHEREAS, Circle K Massachusetts LLC has complied with the policies and requirements of the Town of Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such local licensing authority and with affirmative recommendation from Police Department, it appears that the public good so requires such petition be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Law (MGL), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Circle K Massachusetts LLC dba Circle K, change the officers/directors/LLC managers and change of ownership interest as requested.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Circle K of Massachusetts, LLC dba Circle K has submitted all required ABCC paperwork. Once approved by the Town Council, paperwork is uploaded to the Commonwealth’s Alcohol Beverages Control Commission for final approval.

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL

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Attachments:

1. Circle K Checklist

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town Council Meeting Date: 5/19/26

Applicant Name: Circle K Massachusetts, LLC dba Circle K
Address: 1385 Pleasant Street
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

CHANGE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/LLC MANAGERS

State Documents:

_____ Form 43 – LLA Certification (Completed after approval)
X \$200 fee via ePay
X Monetary Transmittal Form
X DOR Certificate of Good Standing
X DUA Certificate of Compliance
X Change of Officers/Directors Application
X Vote of the Entity Board
X CORI Authorization
X Business Structure Documents

Notes: All required ABCC Paperwork has been received.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST

State Documents:

_____ Form 43 – LLA Certification (Completed after approval)
X \$200 fee via ePay
X Monetary Transmittal Form
X DOR Certificate of Good Standing
X DUA Certificate of Compliance
X Change of Officers/Directors Application
X Financial Statement
X Vote of the Entity Board
X CORI Authorization
X Business Structure Documents
X Purchase and Sale Agreement
X Supporting Financial Records

Notes: All required ABCC Paperwork has been received.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

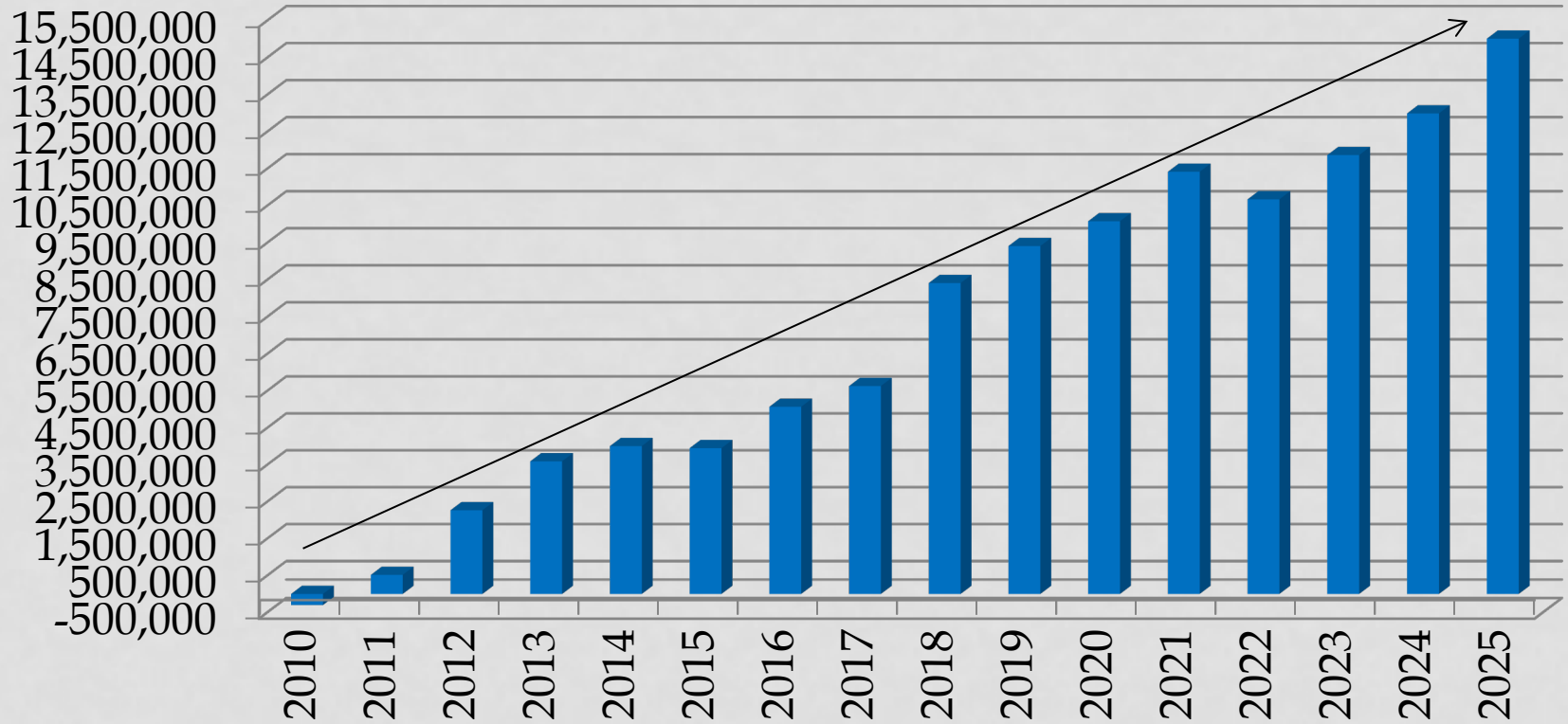
AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE - TOWN COUNCIL
ROSELLI, CLARK & ASSOCIATES
MAY 19, 2026

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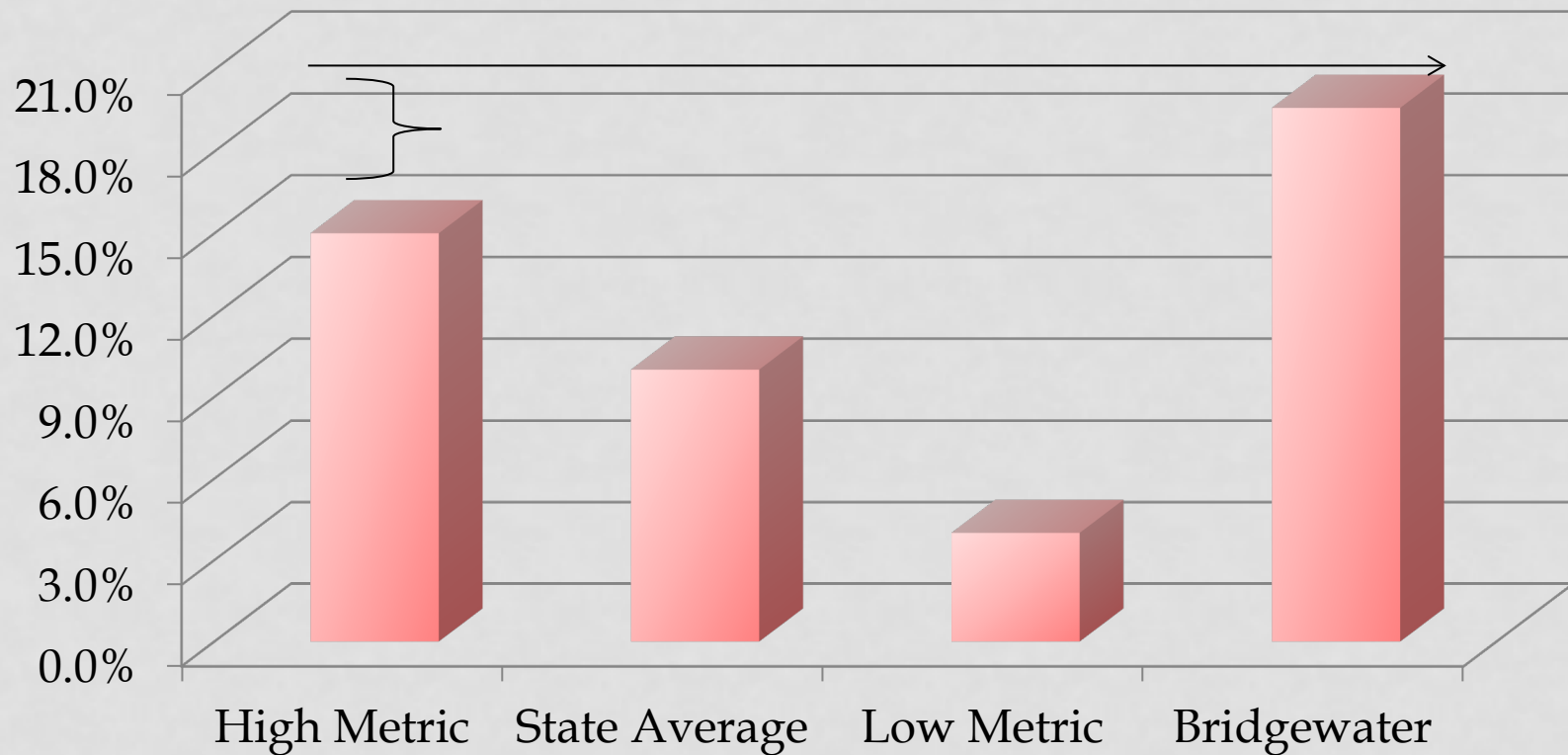
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Reserve Balances



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Reserve Ratio



ECONOMIC TRENDS

- ❑ Reserves increased by \$2.0M from 2024 to 2025.
- Local receipts exceed forecast by \$3.0M, primarily from excise and investment income.
- Appropriations beat budget by \$1.0M.
- Stabilization funds appropriated caused a \$2.0M decrease in reserves.
- ❑ Metrics continue to exceed State averages and have also achieved S+P tier 1 status as reserve ratio has exceeded 15% for the 8th consecutive year.
- ❑ Bond rating is Aa3 with Moodys and AA with Standard and Poor's.

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- ❑ GASB 74 (effective 2017) and GASB 75 (effective 2018)

- ❑ Estimated net liability under GASB 75 is approximately \$35.1M which is \$3.9M less than prior year. This was the result of the following:
 - Assumption gains due the discount rate being increased from 5.61% to 5.97.
 - Favorable plan experience primarily from 9% active employee health premium increases vs the expected 20% increase.

- ❑ Currently \$1.6M in the fund, but still only 4% funded, which is slightly below the state average.

PENSION LIABILITY UPDATE

- ❑ GASB 68 implemented in 2015
- ❑ June 30, 2025 Bridgewater's proportionate share of pension liability was \$36.7M – improvement of \$5.4M to the prior year
- ❑ The funding of this liability is in the control of Plymouth County Retirement; to which the Town belongs
- ❑ Discount rate used in calculation is 7.875%; the highest in the State.
- ❑ Liability is updated annually and certified by separate audit report.
- ❑ Funded % is 68.3%, which is about the state average.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- ❑ SAS 114/115 – requirement to communicate material weaknesses to those charged with governance. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.
- ❑ Network Security – continue to train employees and be vigilant against external attacks.
- ❑ Fraud Risk – monitor departmental controls, particularly regarding cash handling, and consider internal audit processes and risk assessments of cash handling, purchasing and payroll

OBSERVATIONS

- ❑ Pay attention to the macro climate
 - ❑ Bond market – still volatile.
 - ❑ Stock market – very volatile – could impact pension and OPEB assets.
 - ❑ Possible supply chain issues due to geopolitical concerns.
 - ❑ Rising health insurance premiums.
 - ❑ Recessionary fears.
 - ❑ Possible stagflation.

QUESTIONS





Town of Bridgewater, MA

Utility Rate Check-in & Recommendation FY2027 Water & Sewer Rates

May 2026

Opening Thoughts

It has been a year of changes and challenges:

- New staff managing both water and sewer utilities
 - Establishment of interconnection with Middleborough
- Rapid roll-out of unanticipated water treatment to fully employ existing sources
- Continued construction and investment for the future at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)
 - Onset of WWTP bonding repayment
- Town has begun the process of re-evaluating connection charges to ensure equitability between long-time residents and new customers

Major Question coming from FY2026:

- How well did the rates instituted last year allow the Town to meet these challenges?
 - › Water Revenue: **102.4% of target**
 - › Sewer Revenue: **98.5% of target**
- Verdict: **Success!**
- Makes setting FY2027 rates a practice of continuing the plan established coming out of last year's full rate study
 - › Last year's recommendation was the first in a 5-year set of recommendations
 - › As expected, Bridgewater needs to continue to follow the financial plan implicit in last year's changes to the rates

FY 2027 Rate Recommendations - Water

- Bridgewater’s recommended rates with the current structure include a 10% annual increase in the revenue requirement
- In Bridgewater’s current structure 70% of revenues are from volumetric charges, 30% from fixed
- Continuation of successful rates from FY2026

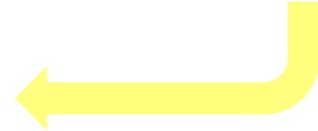
Meter Size	FY 2027
5/8" res	\$ 46.45
5/8" non-res	\$ 69.68
3/4"	\$ 46.45
1" res	\$ 139.35
1" non-res	\$ 209.03
1 1/2" res	\$ 232.25
1 1/2" non-res	\$ 348.38
2" res	\$ 371.61
2" non-res	\$ 557.41
3" res	\$ 743.21
3" non-res	\$ 1,114.82
4" res	\$ 1,161.27
4" non-res	\$ 1,741.91
Tier 1 0-15 CCF	\$ 3.86
Tier 2 15-100 CCF	\$ 8.18
Tier 3 100+ CCF	\$ 10.02

Fixed Quarterly Charges by customer connection size

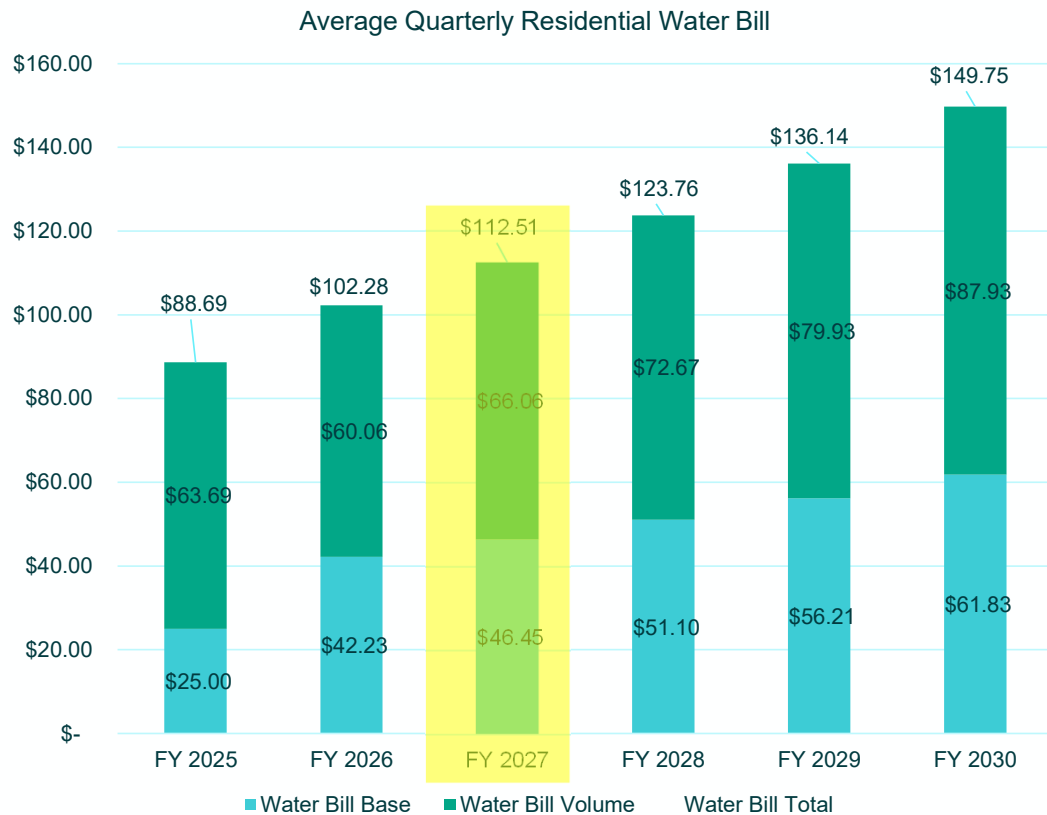
Volumetric Charges by water usage tier

Current Water Rate Structure
(full table from last year's Rate Study)

Meter Size	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
5/8" res	\$ 25.00	\$ 42.23	\$ 46.45	\$ 51.10	\$ 56.21	\$ 61.83
5/8" non-res	\$ 25.00	\$ 63.34	\$ 69.68	\$ 76.64	\$ 84.31	\$ 92.74
3/4"	\$ 25.00	\$ 42.23	\$ 46.45	\$ 51.10	\$ 56.21	\$ 61.83
1" res	\$ 75.00	\$ 126.68	\$ 139.35	\$ 153.29	\$ 168.62	\$ 185.48
1" non-res	\$ 75.00	\$ 190.03	\$ 209.03	\$ 229.93	\$ 252.93	\$ 278.22
1 1/2" res	\$ 125.00	\$ 211.14	\$ 232.25	\$ 255.48	\$ 281.03	\$ 309.13
1 1/2" non-res	\$ 125.00	\$ 316.71	\$ 348.38	\$ 383.22	\$ 421.54	\$ 463.70
2" res	\$ 200.00	\$ 337.82	\$ 371.61	\$ 408.77	\$ 449.64	\$ 494.61
2" non-res	\$ 200.00	\$ 506.74	\$ 557.41	\$ 613.15	\$ 674.47	\$ 741.91
3" res	\$ 400.00	\$ 675.65	\$ 743.21	\$ 817.54	\$ 899.29	\$ 989.22
3" non-res	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,013.47	\$ 1,114.82	\$ 1,226.30	\$ 1,348.93	\$ 1,483.83
4" res	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,055.70	\$ 1,161.27	\$ 1,277.40	\$ 1,405.14	\$ 1,545.65
4" non-res	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,583.55	\$ 1,741.91	\$ 1,916.10	\$ 2,107.71	\$ 2,318.48
Tier 1 0-15 CCF	\$ 3.72	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.86	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.67	\$ 5.14
Tier 2 15-100 CCF	\$ 7.89	\$ 7.44	\$ 8.18	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.90	\$ 10.89
Tier 3 100+ CCF	\$ 9.66	\$ 9.11	\$ 10.02	\$ 11.02	\$ 12.12	\$ 13.34



FY 2027 Rate Recommendations - Water



- Average Quarterly Water Bills are based on a residential 5/8" meter and quarterly consumption of 16CCF
- Average Residential Water Bills will increase by ~ \$10 per quarter, equivalent to an increase of:
 - Approximately \$0.11 per day*
 - < 1/10th ¢ / gallon usage*
- Provides the water utility the resources needed to fully fund its operations and investments

FY 2027 Rate Recommendations - Sewer

- Bridgewater’s recommended rates with the current structure include a 20% annual increase in the revenue requirement
- In Bridgewater’s current structure 75% of revenues are from volumetric charges, 25% from fixed
- Similar to water, this is a continuation of successful rates from FY2026

Meter Size	FY 2027
5/8" res	\$ 57.28
5/8" non-res	\$ 85.92
1" res	\$ 171.84
1" non-res	\$ 257.75
1 1/2" res	\$ 286.39
1 1/2" non-res	\$ 429.59
2" res	\$ 458.23
2" non-res	\$ 687.35
3" res	\$ 916.46
3" non-res	\$ 1,374.69
4" res	\$ 1,431.97
4" non-res	\$ 2,147.96

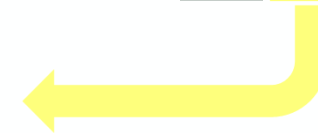
Fixed Quarterly Charges by customer connection size

Tier 1 0-15 CCF	\$ 4.88
Tier 2 15-30 CCF	\$ 9.61
Tier 3 30+ CCF	\$ 13.83

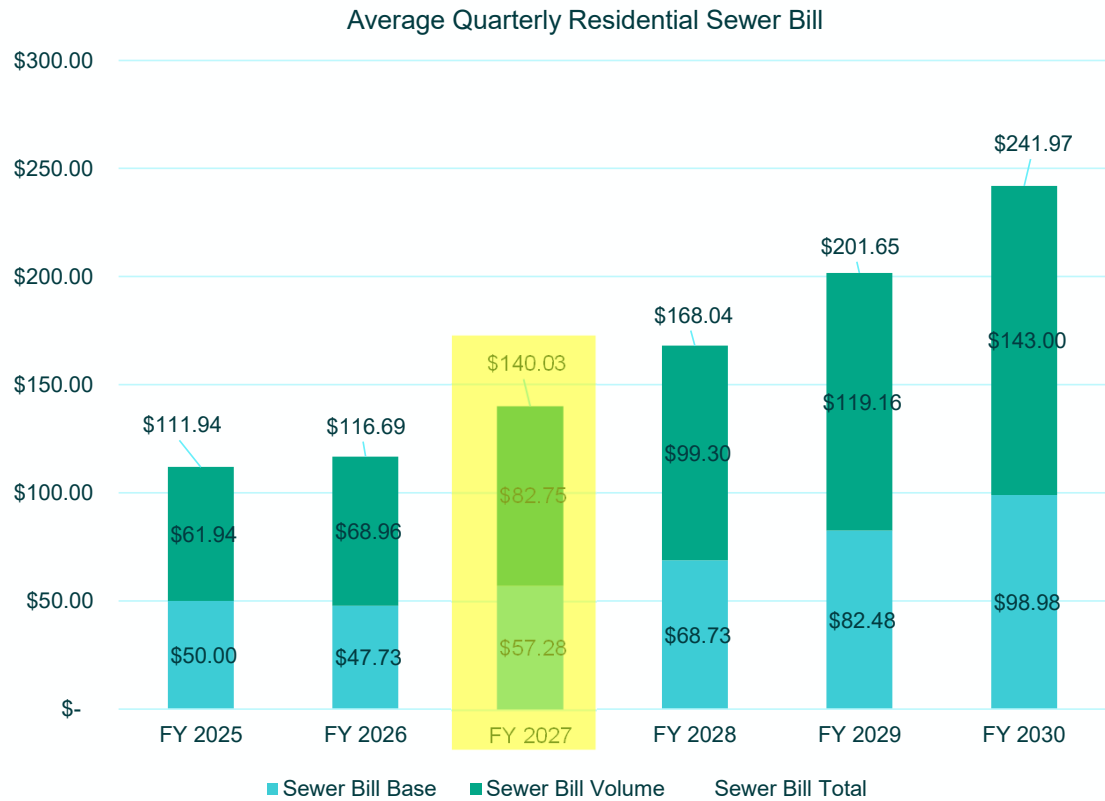
Volumetric Charges by sewer usage tier

Current Sewer Rate Structure (full table from last year’s Rate Study)

Meter Size	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
5/8" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.73	\$ 57.28	\$ 68.73	\$ 82.48	\$ 98.98
5/8" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 71.60	\$ 85.92	\$ 103.10	\$ 123.72	\$ 148.47
3/4"	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.73	\$ 57.28	\$ 68.73	\$ 82.48	\$ 98.98
1" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 143.20	\$ 171.84	\$ 206.20	\$ 247.44	\$ 296.93
1" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 214.80	\$ 257.75	\$ 309.31	\$ 371.17	\$ 445.40
1 1/2" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 238.66	\$ 286.39	\$ 343.67	\$ 412.41	\$ 494.89
1 1/2" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 357.99	\$ 429.59	\$ 515.51	\$ 618.61	\$ 742.33
2" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 381.86	\$ 458.23	\$ 549.88	\$ 659.85	\$ 791.82
2" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 572.79	\$ 687.35	\$ 824.81	\$ 989.78	\$ 1,187.73
3" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 763.72	\$ 916.46	\$ 1,099.75	\$ 1,319.70	\$ 1,583.64
3" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,145.58	\$ 1,374.69	\$ 1,649.63	\$ 1,979.56	\$ 2,375.47
4" res	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,193.31	\$ 1,431.97	\$ 1,718.36	\$ 2,062.04	\$ 2,474.44
4" non-res	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,789.96	\$ 2,147.96	\$ 2,577.55	\$ 3,093.06	\$ 3,711.67
Tier 1 0-15 CCF	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.88	\$ 5.85	\$ 7.02	\$ 8.43
Tier 2 15-30 CCF	\$ 7.19	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.61	\$ 11.53	\$ 13.83	\$ 16.60
Tier 3 30+ CCF	\$ 10.35	\$ 11.52	\$ 13.83	\$ 16.59	\$ 19.91	\$ 23.89



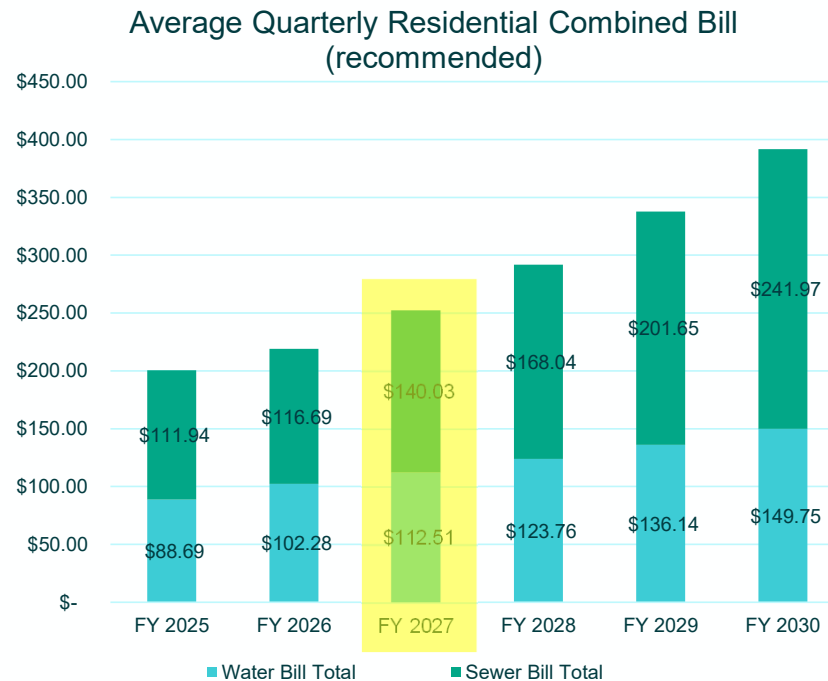
FY 2027 Rate Recommendations - Sewer



- Average Quarterly Sewer Bills are based on a residential 5/8” meter and quarterly consumption of 16CCF
- Average Residential Sewer Bills will increase by ~ \$24 per quarter, equivalent to an increase of:
 - a. *Approximately \$0.25 per day*
 - b. *< 2/10^{ths} ¢ / gallon usage*
- Increase due to new WWTP debt service
- Provides the sewer utility the resources needed to fully fund its operations and investments

FY 2027 Rate Recommendations - Combined

- Continuing the approach used in FY2026 rates, recommended rates include:
 - Fully funding water and sewer operations and investments
 - Increases maintain the course of the financial plan
 - Combined increase of approximately \$0.36 / day for average residential customer of both utilities
 - Maintains the long-term viability of both Enterprise Funds
- Revenue predictability will help manage financial impacts of un-anticipated challenges



As the result of changes made to the rate structure last year, residential combined bills will be ~7% lower with recommended changes than they would be with the Town's prior rate structure

Final Thoughts

- *Town has encountered several unanticipated challenges over the past year*
 - › *Significant drought*
 - › *Loss of well capacity due to PFAS – returning with treatment early summer*
 - › *Additional costs due to water purchases*
- **The FY2026 rates performed as designed**
- **Next steps:**
 - › Continue the planned financial path
 - › Dynamic capital investment picture – importance to continue with necessary projects
 - › Rate recommendation includes the flexibility to manage inherent variability
- Update connection charges to ensure equitability between current/long-time customers and new customers

Bridgewater’s prudent path includes adopting the planned rate modifications envisioned last year in the full rate study:

- Ensures continued progress towards fully funding long-term needs
- Maintains the predictability of revenues to fund these critical services
 - Provides flexibility in covering the past year’s unanticipated expenses

Bridgewater is evaluating current connection charges to ensure long-term equitability between current Town residents and growth within the community.

Q&A

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Adelene Ellenberg
Date Introduced: 5/5/2026
First Reading: 5/5/2026
Second Reading: 5/19/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

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

WHEREAS, the Council shall consider whether to establish a “Town House Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Committee” to advance the restoration of our town’s former Town Hall on the Town Common. Said Committee shall be a designated Council Ad Hoc Committee, per the Charter Amendment voted in on the April 25, 2026 town ballot. Said Committee shall consist of five (5) Bridgewater citizens.

WHEREAS, the Town House Reuse Committee (now defunct) had already completed a report, pertaining to the preservation of town documents and their digitization. More work needs to be done with the digitization of remaining town documents.

WHEREAS, in the meantime, the interior structural integrity of Town House must be assessed, and, as needed, brought up to modern building codes.

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater has already invested in TOWN HOUSE, including the exterior restoration, the insulation in the attic, and the shingling of the roof. This exterior restoration was funded by, and supervised by, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) of Bridgewater.

WHEREAS, the CPC has previously voted an assessment of the historic features of Town House interior using CPC’s Administrative Account funds; the CPC is in the process of notifying the Town Manager of such and requesting that an RFP be prepared for the project.

WHEREAS, the Council is requesting that the Town House Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Committee, spearhead the completion of Town House’s structural integrity, as well as such systems’ functions as heating, electrical, water/sewer and ADA compliance, all the while, adhering to the Historic Landmark Status currently upon Town House.

WHEREAS, a 2023 report, “Findings and Recommendations...for the Adaptive Reuse of TOWN HOUSE states: The Old Town Hall will require significant work to be usable as a public space, but can be effectively used as a cultural center that includes exhibit, retail, learning, and performance spaces”.

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, a prior survey of Bridgewater citizens revealed that the goal of establishing a Bridgewater Cultural Center was the citizens' recommendation.

THEREFORE, the Council hereby establishes the Town House Preservation Ad Hoc Committee to preserve, restore, and develop the Town House as a town asset for public use.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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.

Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-062: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Stonemore Place

WHEREAS, the 5 P Forester Real Estate Trust, Pricilla S. Lehtola and Patricia Lehtola Lee, Trustees, have completed all road work at their Oldfield Estates, Phase 1 location off Cherry Street, have requested the Town of Bridgewater lay out and accept Stonemore Place 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 Stonemore Place 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 "EXHIBIT A", attached hereto, and parties unknown.

Explanation:

Approval of this order would effectively adopt Stonemore Place as a public way.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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

- 1) INTENT TO TAKE THE WAY
- 2) REFER TO PLANNING BOARD

Attachments:

1. Acceptance Letter - Stonemore Place
2. Meets and Bounds Stonemore
3. Plan - Street Acceptance Plan
4. Stonemore Place Direct Abuttters 3-24-26

VOICE VOTE - REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

- 1) INTENT TO TAKE THE WAY
- 2) REFER TO PLANNING BOARD



LEHTOLA HOMES, INC.
LEHTOLA REAL ESTATE
P.O.Box 712, 640 Auburn Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324
Office: 508.697.4346 / FAX: 508.697.7767

rec'd
3.17.26

16 March 2026

To: Bridgewater Town Council
RE: Request for Acceptance of Private Way: Stonemore Place

Dear Town Council Clerk,

Hello Debra,

Lehtola Homes, Inc. has completed all road work at our Oldfield Estates location off Cherry Street, Bridgewater. We are requesting acceptance of Stonemore Place, part of Oldfield Estates, Phase 1.

Current owner---5 P Forester Real Estate Trust, Priscilla S. Lehtola and Patricia Lehtola Lee, Trustees.

If there are any questions or concerns with this submission, please respond to

P. Susan Lehtola, mobile: 508-577-2420, email: PSLehto0715@gmail.com, or

Paula A. Lehtola, mobile: 781-775-8286, house: 508-279-0060, email: PaulaLehtola@comcast.net

Sincerely,

P. Susan Lehtola
Trustee, 5 P Forester Real Estate Trust

Attachments:

1. Certified Abutters List
2. As-built Plan (5 copies, 2 pages each)
3. Legal Description of Road, Drainage and Easements (5 copies, MS Word Document provided via email from Silva Engineering Associates.)

Stonemore Place

beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole in the southeastern corner of Stonemore Place;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.81 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet; to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency;

thence N69°57'28"W a distance of 95.33 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of reverse curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 344.70 feet and a radius of 65.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of reverse curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency;

thence S69°57'28"E a distance of 96.92 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.02 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency on the north westerly sideline of Oldfield Road;

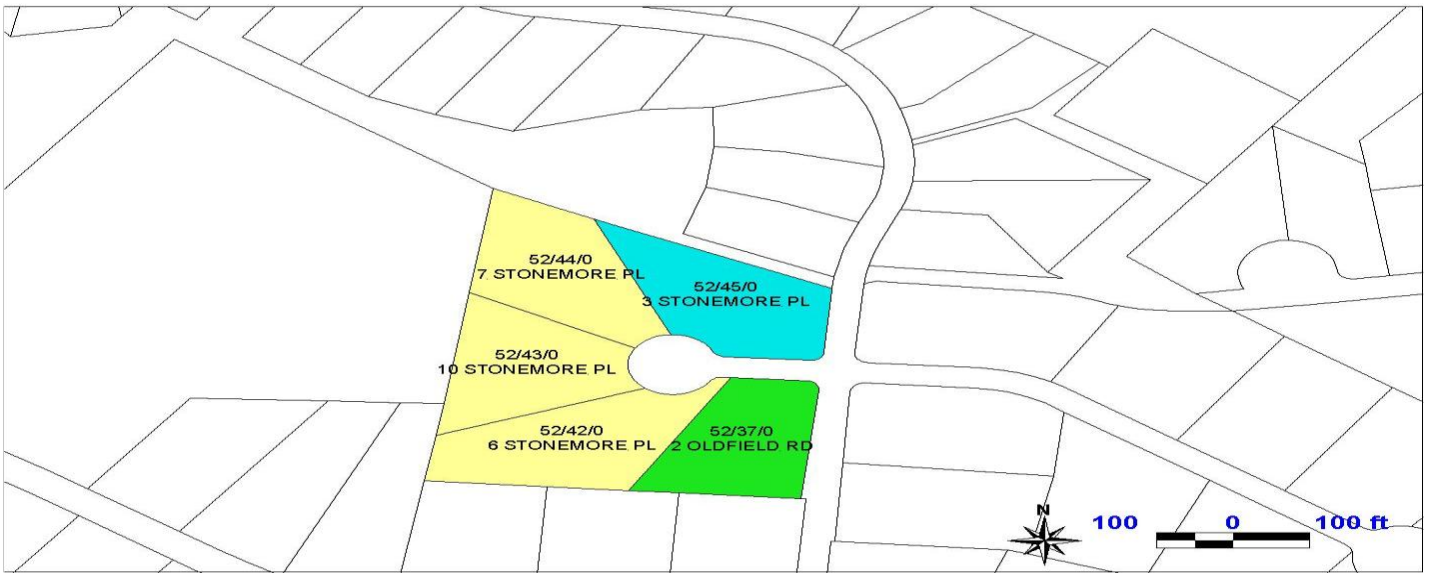
thence by the sideline of Oldfield Road S21°11'00"W a distance of 80.02 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole and the point of beginning,

having an area of 18,590 square feet, 0.43 acres




TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MA
 BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 66 Central Square

Direct Abutters to Stonemore Place



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12021	52-45-0-R	ROLAND DANIEL & ANNA	3 STONEMORE PL	3 STONEMORE PL	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Sean Kennedy, Councilor
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Order O-FY26-063: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Quail Run Road

WHEREAS, the 5 P Forester Real Estate Trust, Pricilla S. Lehtola and Patricia Lehtola Lee, Trustees, have completed all road work at their Oldfield Estates, Phase 1 location off Cherry Street, have requested the Town of Bridgewater lay out and accept Quail Run Road 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 Quail Run Road 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 "EXHIBIT A", attached hereto, and parties unknown.

Explanation:

Approval of this order would effectively adopt Quail Run Road as a public way.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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

- 1) INTENT TO TAKE THE WAY
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Attachments:

1. Acceptance Letter - Quail Run Road
2. Meets and Bounds Quail Run
3. Plan - Street Acceptance Plan
4. Quail Run Road Direct Abutters 3-23-26

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Office: 508.697.4346 / FAX: 508.697.7767

16 March 2026

To: Bridgewater Town Council
RE: Request for Acceptance of Private Way: Quail Run Road

Dear Town Council Clerk,

Hello Debra,

Lehtola Homes, Inc. has completed all road work at our Oldfield Estates location off Cherry Street, Bridgewater. We are requesting acceptance of Quail Run Road, part of Oldfield Estates, Phase 1.

Current owner---5 P Forester Real Estate Trust, Priscilla S. Lehtola and Patricia Lehtola Lee, Trustees.

If there are any questions or concerns with this submission, please respond to

P. Susan Lehtola, mobile: 508-577-2420, email: PSLehto0715@gmail.com, or

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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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3. Legal Description of Road, Drainage and Easements (5 copies, MS Word Document provided via email from Silva Engineering Associates.)

Quail Run Road

beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole at the north westerly corner of Quail Run Road on the easterly sideline of Oldfield Road;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.81 feet, with a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency;

thence S69°57'28"E along the northerly side of said road distance of 135.18 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 120.04 feet and a radius of 220.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency;

thence S38°41'46"E a distance of 479.26 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 21.62 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of reverse curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 344.71 feet and a radius of 65.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of reverse curvature;

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thence N38°41'46"W along the southerly line of said road a distance of 479.26 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 98.21 feet and a radius of 180.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of tangency;

thence N69°57'28"W a distance of 136.78 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 31.02 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole, on the westerly sideline of Oldfield Road;

thence by the westerly sideline of Oldfield Road N21°11'00"E a distance of 80.02 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole and the point of beginning,

having an area of 43,718 square feet, 1.00 acres

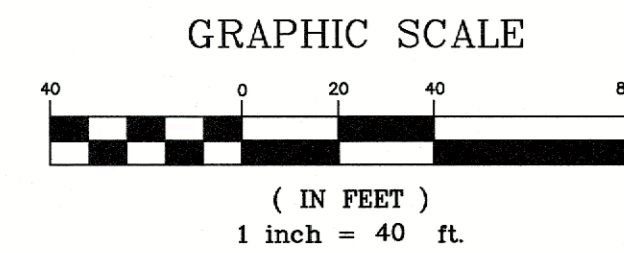
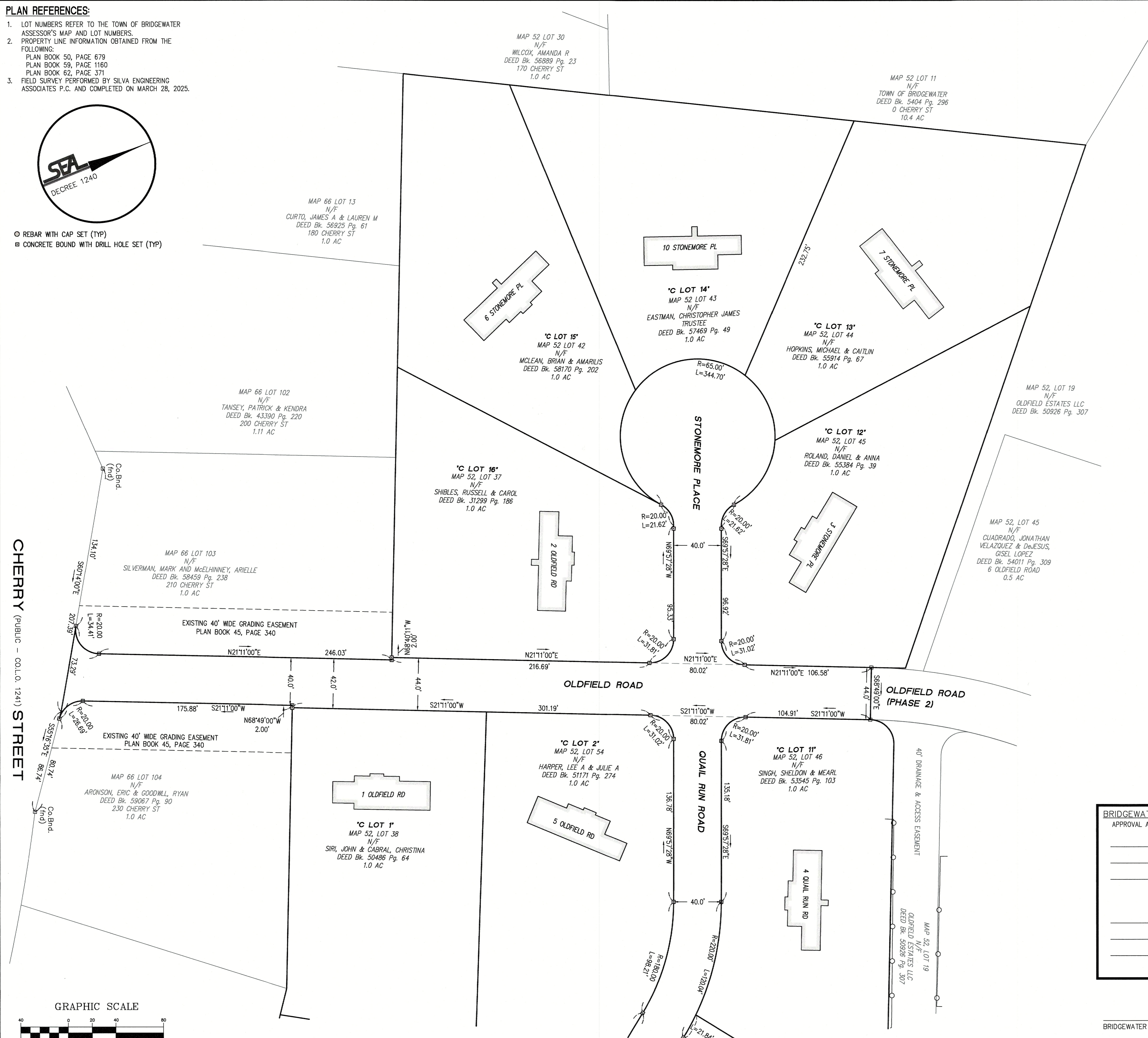
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LAWRENCE P. SILVA, P.E. REG. NO. 33381-C

DATE: 12-3-25
BRUCE R. PILLING, P.L.S. REG. NO. 29294

DATE: 12-3-25

ZONING REFERENCE: RESIDENTIAL A/B OPEN SPACE COMMUNITY

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 BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

PREPARED FOR:
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BRIDGEWATER PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION
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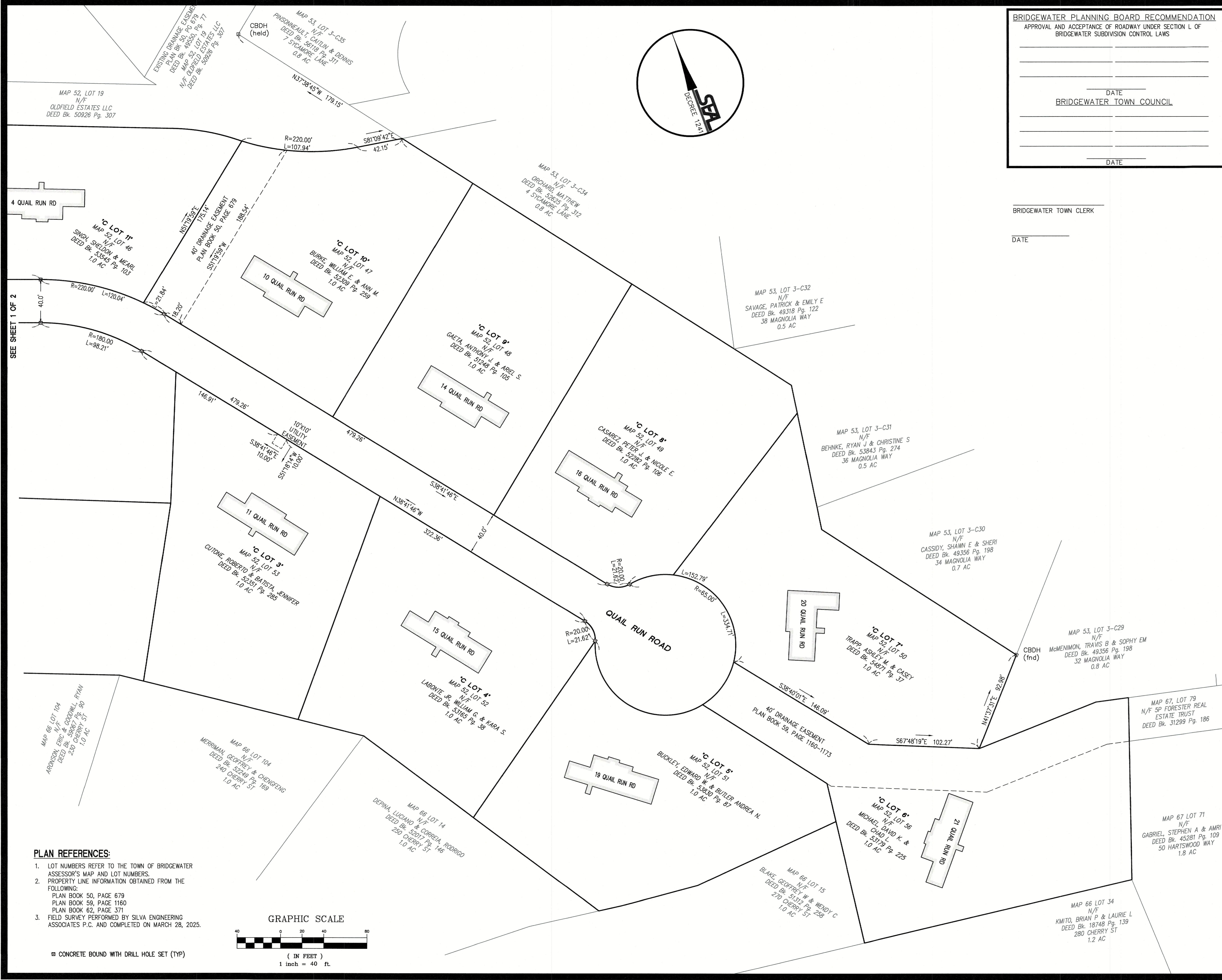
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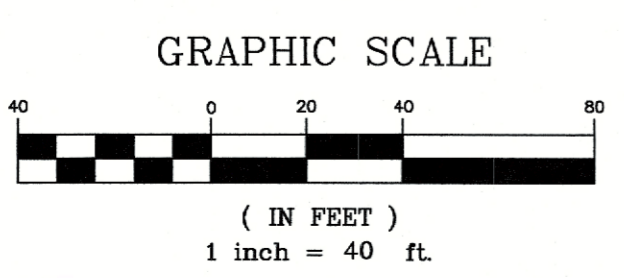
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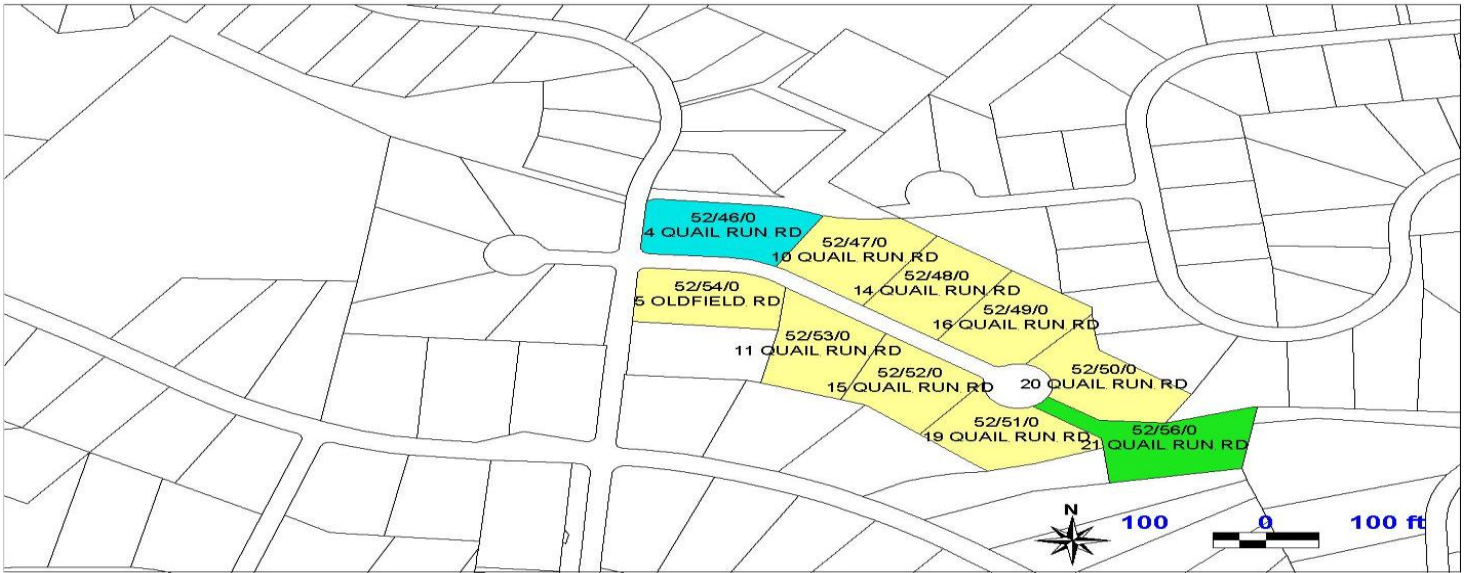


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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MA
 BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 66 Central Square

Direct Abutters to Quail Run Road



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12018	52-48-0-R	GAETA ANTHONY J & ARIEL S		14 QUAIL RUN RD	14 QUAIL RUN RD	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
12017	52-49-0-R	CASAREZ PETER J & NICOLE E		16 QUAIL RUN RD	16 QUAIL RUN RD	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
12016	52-50-0-R	DORAN ASHLEY & DORAN MARK		20 QUAIL RUN RD	20 QUAIL RUN RD	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
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12028	52-52-0-R	LABONTE JR WILLIAM G & KARA S		15 QUAIL RUN RD	15 QUAIL RUN RD	BRIDGEWATER	MA	02324
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Order O-FY26-064: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Oldfield Road

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Explanation:

Approval of this order would effectively adopt Oldfield Road as a public way.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments:

1. Oldfield Road Street Acceptance Request

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16 March 2026

To: Bridgewater Town Council
RE: Request for Acceptance of Private Way: Oldfield Road

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If there are any questions or concerns with this submission, please respond to

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Trustee, 5 P Forester Real Estate Trust

Attachments:

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Oldfield Road

beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole on the south westerly sideline of Oldfield Road and the northern sideline of Cherry Street;

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thence N21°11'00"E a distance of 246.03 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the westerly sideline of Oldfield Road;

thence N68°40'11"W a distance of 2.00 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the westerly sideline of Oldfield Road;

thence N21°11'00"E a distance of 216.69 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the south easterly corner of Stonemore Place;

thence N21°11'00"E a distance of 80.02 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the north easterly corner of Stonemore Place;

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thence along the Oldfield Estates Phase 2 demarcation S68°49'00"E a distance of 44.00 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole at the north easterly corner of said road;

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thence by the end of Quail Run Road S21°11'00"W a distance of 80.02 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the south westerly corner of said road;

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thence N68°49'00"W a distance of 2.00 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the easterly sideline of Oldfield Road;

thence S21°11'00"W a distance of 175.88 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the easterly sideline of Oldfield Road at a point of curvature;

thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 26.69 feet and a radius of 20.00 feet, to a concrete bound with drill hole on the south easterly sideline of Oldfield Road and the northern sideline of Cherry Street;

thence by said Cherry Street N55°16'35"W a distance of 6.00 feet to an angle point;

thence still by said Cherry Street N60°14'00"W a distance of 79.29 feet to a concrete bound with drill hole on the westerly sideline of Oldfield Road and the point of beginning, having an area of 28,975 square feet, 0.67 acres

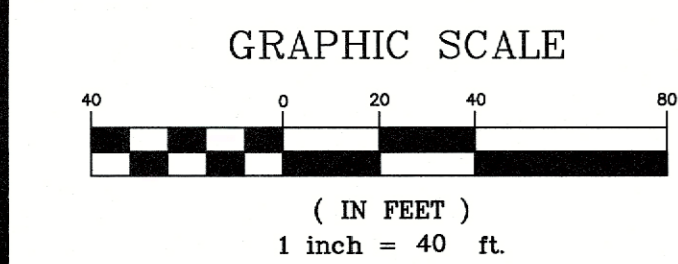
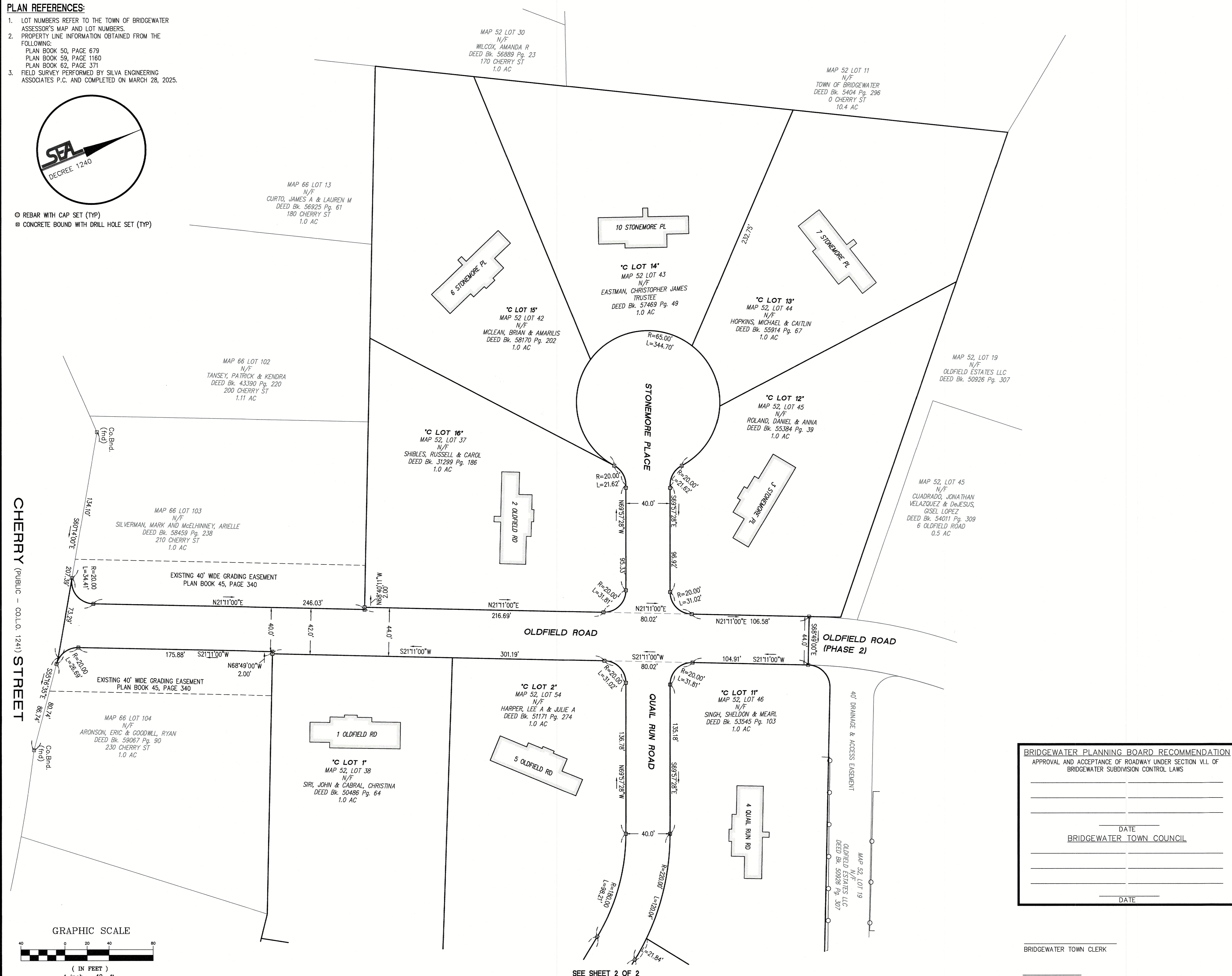
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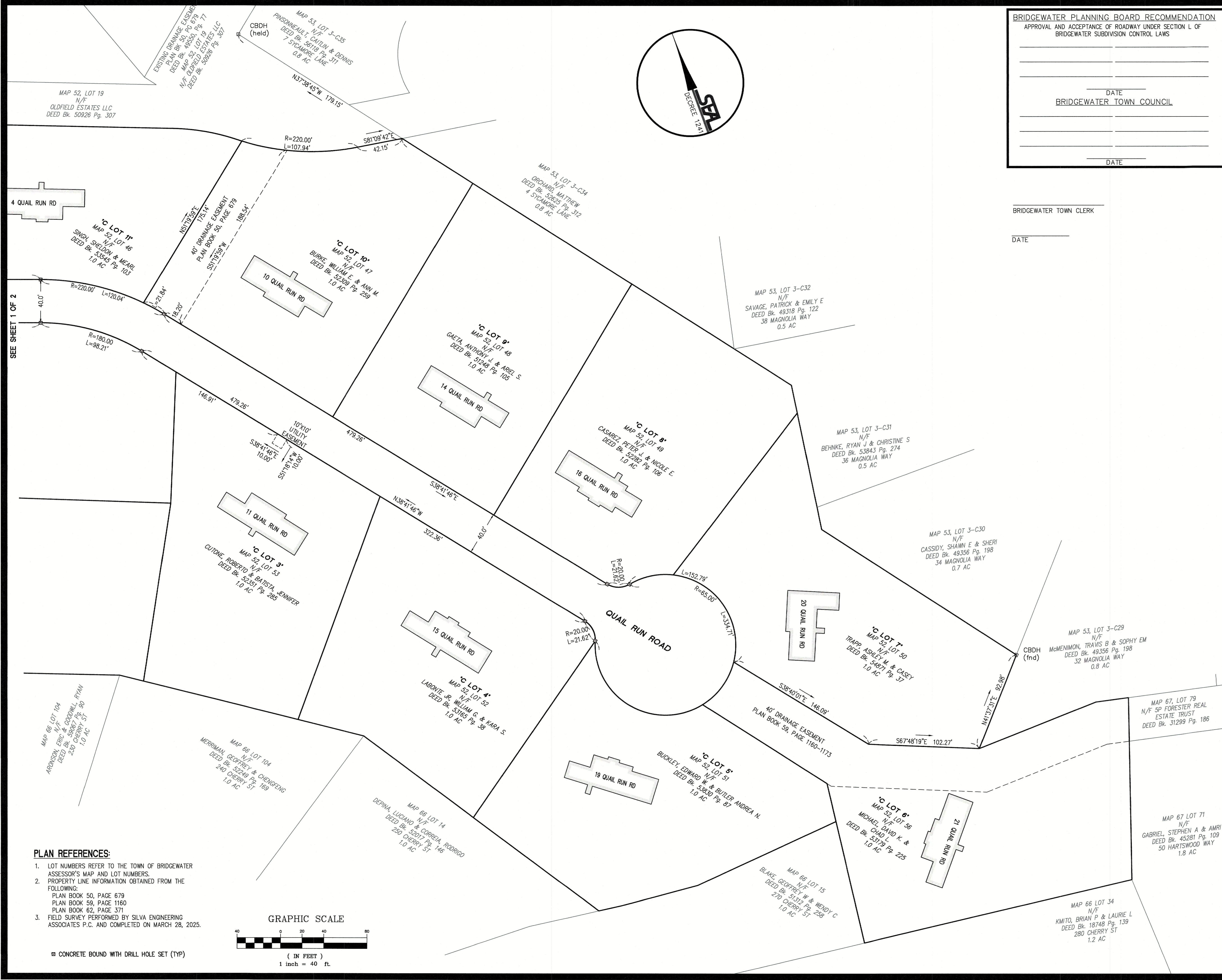
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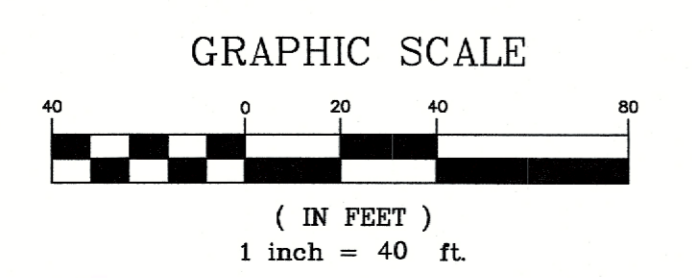
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Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26

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 notice of being awarded \$7,069.56 for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and \$3,004.56 for the Senior SAFE Program in FY26.

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 and to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) teaches fire and life safety to children in schools and the Senior SAFE Program delivers fire and life safety education specifically tailored to adults aged 65 and older.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

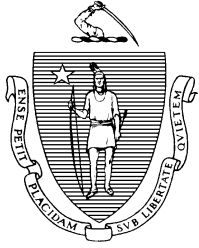
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Attachments:

- 1. FY26 Fire Marshal's Award Letter_Part31
- 2. FY26 Governor's Award Letter_Part31



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

April 27, 2026

Chief John Schlatz
Town of Bridgewater
1185 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Chief Schlatz:

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Bridgewater has been awarded \$7,069.56 for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program and \$3,004.56 for the Senior SAFE program in FY26.

Attached to this letter is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract Form and the Contract Addendum for your award. Please print and mail copies of these documents with original (wet ink) signatures to Sheryl Hedlund at the Department of Fire Services (DFS) address listed above. The Standard Contract Form Instructions and Commonwealth Terms and Conditions, which are incorporated by reference into this contract, may be found [here](#).

Please be aware that no grant purchases or grant-funded activities may begin until the contract has been fully executed by DFS and your department. Funds will not be disbursed until execution is complete. DFS will provide a copy of the fully executed contract, along with specific instructions, once it has been finalized.

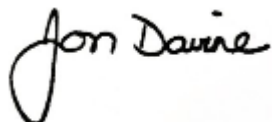
The expenses eligible for funding through this award, based on the contents of your application and our review, are listed at the bottom of the first page of your Contract Addendum. Please review this list carefully and contact DFS if you have any questions or identify a need to amend it at any point during the grant performance period. If SAFE or Senior SAFE grant funding are used for any item not explicitly listed in the Contract Addendum, the associated funding will need to be returned to DFS at the end of the grant performance period.

If you have any questions about the requirements described above, please contact Sheryl Hedlund at 978-567-3381 or Sheryl.Hedlund@mass.gov.

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As always, thank you for your dedication to educating our most vulnerable citizens on the risks of fire and other life safety hazards. Your tireless efforts will, without a doubt, continue to save lives, and I look forward to hearing of the success stories that result from this year's funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Davine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jon M. Davine
State Fire Marshal

CC: FF/Paramedic/SAFE Coordinator Cori Handoff
FF/Paramedic/SR SAFE Coordinator Jason Anacki
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April 27, 2026

Chief John Schlatz
Town of Bridgewater
1185 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Chief Schlatz:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the Town of Bridgewater has been awarded \$7,069.56 for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program and \$3,004.56 for the Senior SAFE program in FY26.

The SAFE Program has provided immeasurable benefits to the Commonwealth since its inception, and we are so proud to be continuing that tradition again this year. Please know how thankful we are for your ongoing dedication to educating and protecting our most vulnerable populations.

The contract, terms and conditions, and other award documents for this program will be provided to you by DFS. Please contact Sheryl Hedlund at the Department of Fire Services at 978-567-3381 with any questions you have about this award.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Maura T. Healey in blue ink.

GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Driscoll in blue ink.

LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

CC: FF/Paramedic/SAFE Coordinator Cori Handoff
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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
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Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer as noted on the attached Source of Funds and Schedule of Use of Funds.

FUND	SOURCES OF FUNDING		Amount
8010	CAPITAL STABILIZATION	Capital Stablization Trust Funds	\$ 521,031.65
2501	AMBULANCE RRA	ARRA	\$ 187,995.97
Total			\$ 709,027.62

Project#	USES OF FUNDING		Amount
220.45	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Engine (E3) Lease Pay#TE2250-4 #4/5	\$ 166,565.75
220.32	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Ambulance (A1) Lease Pay #TE2250-4 #4/5	\$ 90,103.19
300.00	Bldgs & Property	Town Raynham Old High School Purchase 7/12	\$ 70,000.00
420.09	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW John Deer Loader - Lease Payment 4/5	\$ 48,520.91
420.13	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-24 Freightliner 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 5/5	\$ 48,600.62
420.14	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	DPW No. 2-26 Freightliner 6-Wheeler Lease Pay 5/5	\$ 48,600.62
220.50	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Fire Engine Lease Pay#TE2250-6 #2/7	\$ 138,743.75
220.34	Mach/Equip/Vehicles	Ambulance (A1) Lease Pay#TE2250-5 #2/5	\$ 97,892.78
Total			\$ 709,027.62

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Explanation:

This transfer will fund FY27 leasing payment obligations as approved in the Master Capital Plan.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates

ORDERED that the Town Council assembled vote to establish water rates for FY27 for the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

WATER RATES	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL
5/8"	\$46.45	\$69.68
1"	\$139.35	\$209.03
1 1/2"	\$232.25	\$348.38
2"	\$371.61	\$557.41
3"	\$743.21	\$1,114.82
4"	\$1,161.27	\$1,741.91

Water Usage by Tier

1 st Tier – 0 -15 CCF	\$3.86
2 nd Tier - 15 - 100 CCF	\$8.18
3 rd Tier 3rd Tier – 100+ CCF	\$10.02

Explanation:

New Rates as outlined in multi-year rate projection model as recommended by Raftelis.

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Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to establish sewer rates for FY27 for the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

SEWER RATES	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL
5/8"	\$57.28	\$85.92
1"	\$171.84	\$257.75
1 1/2"	\$286.39	\$429.59
2"	\$458.23	\$687.35
3"	\$916.46	\$1,374.69
4"	\$1,431.97	\$2,147.96

Sewer Usage by Tier

1 st Tier – 0 -15 CCF	\$4.88
2 nd Tier - 15 - 100 CCF	\$9.61
3 rd Tier 3rd Tier – 100+ CCF	\$13.83

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Explanation:

New Rates as outlined in multi-year rate projection model as recommended by Raftelis.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer

ORDERED, Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule Use of Funds:

FUND	SOURCES OF FUNDING			Amount
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133	WAGE ADJ	WAGE ADJUSTMENTS CBA	01335001-578012	\$ 11,350.00
Total				\$ 11,350.00
DEPT	USES OF FUNDING			Amount
210-POLICE	FY25 PY	02105001-510001	PRIOR YEAR RETRO	\$ 11,350.00
Total				\$ 11,350.00

Explanation:

This is a retro calculation that is necessary that was not in the original numbers.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote, in accordance with MGL c.44 section 7 and Section 6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, to rescind the Loan authorization of \$7,400,000 that was approved on May 20, 2025 for the purpose of financing the Pump/Well upgrades to Wells 10A and 10B on Plymouth St and installing a new raw water transmission main that connects these two wells with the High Street Water Treatment plant.

The Original authorization of \$7,400,000 on O-FY25-062.

Explanation:

This order is to clear the authorized borrowing due to the change in work for Plymouth Street wells.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvements

ORDERED, that **\$8,500,000** is appropriated, to pay costs of the design and construction of upgrades to the Town's water production treatment and distribution system associated with the Plymouth Street Wells Project, so-called, and other water infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, costs of a water treatment study, well development, water treatment facilities, emergency tie-in facilities, constructing and reconstructing water mains and other distribution facilities, related engineering services, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c. 44, §§ 7 and/or 8 and/or G.L. c. 29C; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or any portion of this amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"), and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") with respect to such loan or loans and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the DEP, to expend all funds available for the project and to take all other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects.

Explanation:

This loan order provides funding for water infrastructure improvements, including the construction and completion of a new treatment system for treating the water at Wells 10A and 10B. Ultimately, it will ensure the Town recovers lost supply capacity and provides treatment for iron, manganese, and PFAS. The Town has already received \$2 million in grant funding to offset the project's costs. In addition, funds will be utilized to complete additional water infrastructure improvements, such as water main replacement, and additional water supply development, such as the Vernon Street Wells.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



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Resolution R-FY26-015: Exploration of Additional Water Supply Sources

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater is currently operating under a water emergency due to capacity constraints within its public water system; and

WHEREAS, ensuring a reliable, safe, and sustainable water supply is critical to public health, economic stability, and future growth; and

WHEREAS, the Town has taken steps to manage current demand, but long-term solutions are necessary to increase overall system capacity; and

WHEREAS, identifying and evaluating additional water sources is essential to inform both immediate and long-range planning efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bridgewater Town Council hereby directs the Town Manager, to explore and evaluate all viable options for increasing the Town's water supply capacity, including but not limited to:

- Development or expansion of groundwater wells
- Interconnections with neighboring water systems
- Regional or state-supported water supply partnerships

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall provide a report to the Town Council outlining:

- A summary of each option considered
- Feasibility, including regulatory requirements and permitting pathways
- Estimated costs and potential funding sources (including state/federal programs)

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- Anticipated timelines for implementation
- Any recommended short-term and long-term actions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report is intended to support informed decision-making by the Town Council regarding strategies to increase water capacity and ensure long-term system sustainability.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None