



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A Quorum of the Town Councili May Be In Attendance

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Discussion**
 - a) School Budget Discussion: Superintendent Ryan Powers
- E. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26
 - b) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
 - c) Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
 - d) Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates
 - e) Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
 - f) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
 - g) Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvments
- F. Public Comment**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**



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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:

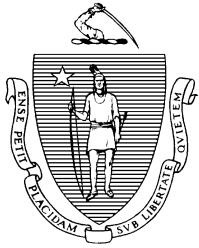
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Attachments:

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



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Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Department of Fire Services



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JON M. DAVINE
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.

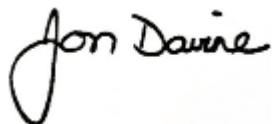
The expenses eligible for funding through this award, based on the contents of your application and our review, are listed at the bottom of the first page of your Contract Addendum. Please review this list carefully and contact DFS if you have any questions or identify a need to amend it at any point 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.

Administrative Services • Division of Fire Safety
Hazardous Materials Response • Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

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
Executive Assistant Renee Rushton



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April 27, 2026

Chief John Schlatz
Town of Bridgewater
1185 Pleasant Street
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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

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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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