



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council

June 2, 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) May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

a) Re-Appointments:

- Conant Trust Fund: John Syliva (2026 to 2031)
- Conservation Committee: Marilyn MacDonald (2026 to 2029)
- DEIB Committee: Sherley Phillips (2026 to 2027)
- DEIB Committee: Ashley Hansen-Brown (2026 to 2027)
- DEIB Committee: Philips Nichols (2026 to 2027)
- Disability Committee: Lorraine Carrozza (2026 to 2029)
- Planning Board: Daniel Greenberg (2026 to 2029)
- Tree Committee: Patricia Neary (2026 to 2029)

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2026-023: Transfer of Lodging House License - Pangaea Housing Services, LLC 46 Main Street
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 5/20/26 Enterprise. Abutter Letters mailed 5/20/26.

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Water Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Council Training
- b) Admin Code

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- b) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- c) Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- d) Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- e) Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- f) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.
- g) Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvments
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting at 6/1/26.
- h) Resolution R-FY26-015: Exploration of Additional Water Supply Sources
This measure was not referred to committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVII of the Council Rules & Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-072: Water Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
- b) Order O-FY26-073: Sewer Enterprise End of Year Budget Transfer
- c) Order O-FY26-074: Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
- d) Order O-FY26-075: General Fund End of Year Transfers
- e) Order O-FY26-076: Contractual Buyouts
- f) Order O-FY26-077: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer
- g) Budget Order O-FY27-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2027

- h) Ordinance D-FY26-016: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - High Intensity Data Centers
- i) Resolution R-FY26-016: Library Emergency Allocation of Resources Now (LEARN) Resolution
- j) Resolution R-FY26-017: Resolution Regarding Full Funding of the Bridgewater Public Library Budget

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares; Bridgewater Firefighters' Union.

R. ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Murphy called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- b) May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the May 5, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Murphy thanked the citizens for voting him for another 3 years and thanked the councilors for voting him as President. Also noted that the water and schools need to be funded and that the residents need to get involved by joining boards and committees.

Council President Murphy noted that the Charter Review Committee has been formed and will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Council President Murphy noted the following veterans have passed and held a moment of silence:

- Carole Brunke, US Army, Vietnam
- Gjon (pronounced John) Nivica, US Army, Vietnam

Council President Murphy noted the Memorial Day parade and when and where it will be taking place.

PROCLAMATIONS

a) State Memorial Day Proclamation

Council President Murphy read the State Memorial Proclamation into the record.

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Councilor Linde made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Jenise Means to speak. This was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

- Jenise Means, Franklin: spoke about the Library being a vital piece in the town and the Senior Center and the wonderful things that it does for the seniors. Also spoke about the Juneteenth celebration and asked that the council respect the history.
- Laurene Powers,: spoke about the Pride Flag raising taking place on June 1st at the Library and Juneteenth Flag Raising taking place on June 15th at the Library. Ms. Powers also spoke about the budget and what it has done to the Senior Center and Library.
- Sam Baumgarten, 60 Short Street: spoke about the BR Youth Road Race and noted the donors who supported the race: Bridgewater Pediatrics, Bridgewater Dome.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: spoke about the water rate hikes; in favor of D-FY26-002, D-FY26-003 and would like further information on D-FY26-012. Also noted that meetings should not be held on the same night, encourage all committees to include public comments. Would like open committees to be on the Town Council agenda every week and include when they meet, how long they meet and the description.

APPOINTMENTS - None

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.

Council President Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:21pm and noted that the Ordinance was advertised in the May 5, 2026 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

Councilor Kennedy made an amendment to change “Replace existing” with “Add the following language”, this was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Councilor Kennedy noted that the purpose was to pull from the previous Charter Review Committee and to add a term limit to the Town Manager.

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

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

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

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions. No questions were asked.

Council President Murphy closed the hearing at 7:30pm.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Proposed Ordinance D-DY26-002 with the amendment. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Linde noted that he is in favor of this because three-year contracts are the norm.

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

- 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.

Council President Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:31pm and noted that the Ordinance was advertised in the May 5, 2026 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

Councilor Kennedy noted that this was increasing the days from 10 to 30 days and that these were Charter Review Committee suggestions from prior years.

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

Council President Murphy asked if anyone wished to speak in favor:

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street noted that this will give residents time to look at legislation.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street noted that this makes more sense to have 30 days instead of 10 days for a petition.

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

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions. No questions were asked.

Council President Murphy closed the hearing at 7:34pm.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Proposed Ordinance D-DY26-003 with the amendment. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Spagone noted that this takes into consideration the needs of the residents.

Councilor Linde noted that this gives citizens a motion to be heard, 10 days is not enough time.

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

- 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.

Council President Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:35pm and noted that the Ordinance was advertised in the May 5, 2026 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

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

- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street noted that he would like the items in the ordinance to be voted on separately.

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

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

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions:

Councilor Perry noted that we do not need to vote on each individual item, could make amendments.

Councilor Spagone asked why the Affordable Trust was removed and Councilor Kennedy noted that it was his understanding that it has been years since that has been operational and he would rather see CPC have a quorum.

Councilor Hunt further noted that the committee required much more than most committees and the prior Town Manager could only get two people and it just never went forward.

Council President Murphy closed the hearing at 7:41pm.

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve Proposed Ordinance D-DY26-011 with the amendment. This was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- 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.

Council President Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:42pm and noted that the Ordinance was advertised in the May 5, 2026 Enterprise and on the Town Website.

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

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street that she feels there should be an explanation of what is happening to the department heads being removed.

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

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

Council President Murphy asked if any councilors had any questions:

Councilor Kennedy noted that this list has not been updated in quite some time.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that this ordinance would adjust to what the org chart is not, not changing anything operational.

Councilor Perry noted that this is a listing of the department heads and an explanation is not really needed on something like this.

Councilor Ellenberg noted the need of everything needing to be explained and since it has not been explained would like it deferred to another time so all the explanations can be put in.

Councilor McGrath noted that when this came to Rules we designated who the Department Head was on the org chart and then who goes under that department head.

Councilor Linde made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance D-DY26-026 by adding the following: Explanation: This is not the removal of any positions, this is organization of our department heads in the Administrative Code to be in line with our current organization structure. This was duly seconded by Councilor Ellenberg.

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

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve Proposed Ordinance D-DY26-011 with the amendment. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

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

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

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

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve Petition P-2026-022. This was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- a) Roselli, Clarke & Associates: Paul Gargano, Don Piatt
- Results of FY2025

Paul Gargano and Don Piatt from Roselli, Clarke & Associates gave a presentation of the Audit. Noting in 2010 there were negative reserves and now in 2025 there are reserves. Been at 20% Reserve ratio for 8 years in a row.

Councilor Spagone asked what certain initials stood for and Mr. Piatt noted what those were for those watching.

Councilor Kennedy asked for a brief overview of the auditing process for the town and Mr. Gargano noted that it is a financial audit not a fraud audit. Look at cash and payroll process. The IT process and the risk associated with that, then analyze the balance sheets, using a standard materiality for each fund.

- b) Raftelis: Toby Fedder
- Water and Sewer Rate Updates

Toby Fedder of Raftelis did a presentation on Water and Sewer Rates. Noting several recent changes and challenges: new staff managing both water and sewer; establishment of interconnection with Middleboro, 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 and the town has begun the process of re-evaluating connection charges to ensure equitability between long-time residents and new customers.

Mr. Fedder noted that they are recommending a 10% rate increase on the water. Which will be an increase of about \$10 per quarter.

Mr. Fedder noted that they are recommending a 20% rate increase in the sewer which will be about \$24 per quarter.

Mr. Fedder noted that if the Town did not change last year to this new rate structure then the residents would be paying 7% more. This new rate structure is saving the residents and charging the higher end user more money.

Councilor Trocchio asked if there was any variable that would cause these projected rates to rise at all and Mr. Fedder noted it could be a loss of customers or if incorrect with the cost of capital costs.

Councilor Trocchio further asked where are we with other communities and their rates and Mr. Fedder noted that he does not have those figures with him but it could be greatly different depending on what each community has.

Councilor Kennedy noted that we have building going on with our wells, was that factored into the rate increase. Mr. Fedder noted that there was money that was built in for the Capital Plan.

Councilor Spagone asked what is the overall burden on the percentage of people in town paying the new water rates and Mr. Fedder noted all the rates are going up the same percentage but the tier rates are higher.

Councilor Spagone noted her concern for the residents on a limited income basis and the cost to them. Mr. Fedder noted that he has empathy for those that are on limited income but there needs to be a fixed cost so that all are paying fixed costs.

Mr. Fedder noted that they went through a rate study and came up with a recommendation that was fair for all the users not just a certain user.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that the college is the largest user of water and asked if it is possible to have a level that the college can use but if they exceed that they pay more revenue to the town. Mr. Fedder noted that this is common out west but you need to keep detail demographic records. They probably have larger meters which pushes them into the larger tier and that is the rationale of the tier system. Councilor Ellenberg asked if it would be difficult for Mr. Fedder to obtain that information and the stats on that. Mr. Fedder noted that it is an analysis that can be done but not sure how to get demographic information. Have never seen it here.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that BSU is our largest user and they are a tier 3 user and they pay more than what the average single family user pays. When we changed the water structure last year and shifted to tier structure we met that challenge. If we stayed at the prior rate structure the single family would be paying 7% higher in water rates. The tier structure puts more on the larger users.

Councilor Murphy asked if there was future water growth placed into the rates and Mr. Fedder noted that they did not include future growth.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) DPW Highway Update
Paul DeCosta, Highway Superintendent gave an update on the Roadwork. Chapter 90 BW will receive about \$1.1M. Noted that Flagg Street has had paving and top coat will be done this year which is about \$300k. Taking place in the next few weeks.

Winter Street will be realignment, paving, etc. it went out to bid and construction will start in early June. Came in at \$1.1M.

Recent projects have been sidewalks in front of the Library and up Pleasant Street – Approximately \$350k. Another source of revenue is grant funding and for three years in a row we received shared streets grants with the help from BSU. We did not receive the last round but did receive the next round which will be spent on Park Avenue for pedestrian safety.

Hoping to do some pedestrian safety downtown, nothing specific but working on it.

MA DOT Municipal Pavement program selected Plymouth Street (3 ½ Miles on roadway) for FY28.

Other Plans: High Street – last segment is the railroad bridge to Route 18 which had bad drainage which we did last year so we are hoping for it to be a fall project this year.

Concerned with Main Street – needs water main work. Cross Street has been engineered but projected to be \$5M and we just don't have that kind of money.

115 miles of Roadway, 8 or 9 cemeteries and we do our best every day.

Mr. Decosta noted that Street Logic came in about 8 years ago and gave recommendations and it was done again about 2 years ago. The only problem with that it just does the surface, it does not know about water lines.

Councilor Hunt noted that the DPW does a great job. Would love to see the sidewalks on High Street coming over the bridge on both sides of the street.

Councilor Kennedy thanked the DPW for all they did this winter. Asked about Winter Street and the time frame for completion. Mr. DeCosta noted that it is a June start date and wrapped up in September.

Councilor Kennedy asked what the grant for Park Avenue was he mentioned. Mr. Decosta noted that it was a shared streets grant in partnership with BSU.

Councilor Kennedy noted that the sidewalks by Carvers Pond have roots coming out of them and asked that those be added to the list.

Councilor Trocchio asked what information is used to prioritize the road repair and Mr. DeCosta noted that they use standard data and knowledge.

Councilor McGrath asked who does the street sweeping on Plymouth Street near sand and gravel and Mr. DeCosta noted it was the Town.

b) Residential Survey

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he prepared a residential survey for December and received feedback from councilors but did not send the survey out yet. Can resend to councilors if that is what you would like to do.

Council President Murphy noted that he would like to get the survey out but would like it sent to all the councilors for further comments.

c) Open Space & Recreation Plan

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan is on the website. If you could not attend the meeting you can get the information from the website or reach out the Shane O'Brien.

d) FY27 School Budget Update

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that we are on track and Raynham held their Town Meeting last night and approved their budget.

Councilor Linde asked about the gift Raynham voted on to the school system to hire teachers on Raynham side to bring down class size, does Bridgewater have to pick up the cost and the fringe benefits for future

years of those and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that Raynham is planning to have to absorb those costs as part of their levy.

e) **Boards, Committees & Commissions Update**

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that a new Facebook post has been done for requests for vacant seats on the Boards, Committees and Commissions and encourages residents to reach out to Josh McGraw in the Town Manager's office for more information to get an understanding of what the committee does, when they meet and the time commitment.

f) **Assistant Town Manager Introduction**

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the Assistant Town Manager position was on hold until December and that the Councilors had the opportunity to meet with Trish Shropshire.

Ms. Shropshire introduced herself to the councilors and residents, noting that she grew up in Bridgewater and has a vested interest.

Councilor McGrath noted that she had a question about 10.5 and Town Manager Casanova-Davis asked her to send over the question for a future meeting.

Councilor Linde asked about the evaluation of the Town Manager and when it will be reported publicly.

DISCUSSIONS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

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

Councilor Ellenberg noted that this is for the council to create an ad hoc committee of citizens. Historic landmark and there are grant monies available to upgrade the building; there are CPC funds available to match what the MCC grant is and the reason she has taken up this matter is that a survey has already been conducted and the citizens said they would like the Town House to become a cultural center. This will help with the real estate value of our homes. Ask that the council support this and it be citizens who are passionate about this. Councilor Ellenberg further noted that a constituent suggested renting out the first floor and the second floor could be a teen center with a police officer supervising.

Dr. Perry noted that council Ad Hoc committees are set up with council members not residents. And the council President would make those elections.

Councilor Linde noted that he is not a big fan of Ad Hoc Committees, have a CED Committee and that would be a good place to start. The Ad Hoc Committee should be made up of Councilors. The previous committee did a lot of work.

Attorney Rawlins noted that if the intent is to create an Ad Hoc Committee it should be an order not a resolution. Under the Charter the Town Manager has the use of Town Facilities. Ad Hoc Committee cannot decide what can go there.

Councilor Hunt noted that as chair of CED this is high on her list and she plans on bringing in other departments to discuss. We should keep with council and the Town Manager until we decide what we can do as a council to get moving on this.

Councilor Kennedy noted that this is a Resolution so it is not binding, does not oppose something being done if we have the funding.

Attorney Rawlins noted that an Ad Hoc Committees is for a specific period of time and needs to have the make up of the committee, what is the specific tasks of the committee. That is what the order should look like.

Councilor Perry noted that the Downtown Revitalization was just dissolved and we do not know how we can get the funding that needs to be done, we should put this under the CED Committee.

Councilor McGrath made a motion to refer Resolution R-FY26-014 to the Community and Economic Development Committee. This was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Motion passed 9-0

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-062: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Stonemore Place
Councilor Perry made a motion to intent to take the way for Order O-FY26-062, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Motion passed 9-0

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-062 to the Planning Board, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Motion passed 9-0

- b) Order O-FY26-063: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Quail Run Road
Councilor Perry made a motion to intent to take the way for Order O-FY26-063, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Motion passed 9-0

Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-063 to the Planning Board, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Motion passed 9-0

- c) Order O-FY26-064: Laying Out and Accepting Private Way - Oldfield Road
Councilor Kennedy made a motion to intent to take the way for Order O-FY26-064, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-064 to the Planning Board, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to extend the meeting past 10:00pm, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

- d) Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-065 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

- e) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-066 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- f) Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-067 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

- g) Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates

Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-068 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- h) Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-069 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- i) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that there will be a new loan order that will replace this loan order and update the project.

Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-070 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

- j) Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvements
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that looking at doing additional work because of water main breaks on Main Street and also looking at developing Vernon Street wells, that is why the increase from the previous loan.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-071 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Hunt.

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

- k) Resolution R-FY26-015: Exploration of Additional Water Supply Sources
Council President Murphy noted that he wanted to put something together to start discussing what our water supply sources are, what we are doing and what needs to be done in the future.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that having these conversations is what the council asked us to do and it is what we are doing.

Councilor Ellenberg asked what the three alternative water sources were and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that Apex had noted them when they were here, Vernon Street, Brockton and land.

Councilor Ellenberg asked if the Town has looked at Lincoln Andrews land and are we going to be drilling there in the future and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that we have to look at all the sites and Mass DEP has already approved Vernon Street.

Council President Murphy noted that the resolution asks to put together a report so the council can review all options.

Councilor Trocchio thinks this is a good step in the right direction, looks good as it sits.

Councilor Linde asked if Apex could come back in but would like them to speak in plain English so the public can understand.

Councilor Kennedy noted that if anyone has any edits they should send those to President Murphy.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Resolution R-FY26-015 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

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

Motion passed 9-0

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: suggest putting Josh’s name on the website; would like it added to every town council agenda to remind people of the openings;
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: thanked the council for moving forward with the CPC at large.
- Resident who resides at 74 Paddock Road: noted if the town wants more people involved meetings should not be 3 hours long; not realistic to ask people to join for free labor.

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor McGrath: Saturday the Cert Team placed wreaths on the veterans graves; fire department.
- Councilor Linde: Friend’s of the Library meeting a citizens gave \$1,000 to keep the Library opened. Feels it is an injustice to close the library, can find it within our reserves. Senior Center has shortened their hours and are staying open 5 days a week.
- Councilor Perry: thanked everyone for the presentations tonight; thanked the town employees who came to the meeting; wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.
- Councilor Trocchio: would like to see a one page update to post at Senior Center or Library of what the Town Council does at the meeting.
- Councilor Hunt: good meeting, sorry it takes so long but there are things we have to talk about.
- Councilor Ellenberg: thanked the residents who came out; to the young man who spoke about the meetings being long, perhaps we should meet every week. We the people are the government.
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked the public for staying here.
- Councilor Spagone: thanked the folks who came out tonight; meetings do go long. Does not think people will volunteer if there is no transparency and someone in an office makes a comment. We need to work together.
- Councilor Murphy: updated about Memorial Day and encouraged people to come out. Hope we can encourage folks to reach out to Town Councilors to be on a board or committee.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:

Date Introduced: 6/2/2026

First Reading: 6/2/2026

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Petition P-2026-023: Transfer of Lodging House License - Pangaea Housing Services, LLC 46 Main Street

WHEREAS, Pangaea Housing Services LLC has submitted all applicable documentation as required for consideration of a transfer of license to operate a lodging house at 46 Main Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Pangaea Housing Services LLC proposes a total of 31 rooms at 46 Main Street; consisting of 13 rooms on the 1st floor, 12 rooms on the 2nd floor and 6 rooms on the 3rd floor, with a total of 6 bathrooms; and

WHEREAS, Gene Grady will serve as the establishment's Resident Manager; and

WHEREAS, a proprietor of a lodging house must comply with the bylaws and requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department's governing lodging houses; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority; having duly weighted the recommendations of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire, Police and Health departments, have determined that it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140 § 22 to § 31 inclusive, in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Pangaea Housing Services LLC that they be granted a license to operate a lodging house with 31 rooms in the dwelling and Gene Grady acting as the resident manager at 46 Main Street. This license is subject to renewal annually.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL

REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments:

1. 46 Main Street Packet

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Town Council Meeting Date: 6/2/26

Applicant Name: Pangaea Housing Services LLC
Business Address: 46 Main Street
Contact Name: George Dabney
Telephone: _____
Email: Scott@alliance-realty.com

TRANSFER - LODGING HOUSE

<u>X</u>	Lodging House Transfer Application
<u>X</u>	Articles of Organization (if applicable)
<u>N/A</u>	Vote of the Corporate Board (if applicable)
<u>X</u>	Business Certified (from Town Clerk)
<u>X</u>	One of the following: Purchase & Sales Agreement, Pledge Agreement, Lease Agreement or Deed (if property owner)
<u>X</u>	Floor Plan(s)
<u>X</u>	Certified Abutters List (Town Council Clerk will Provide) <i>Mailed 5/22/26</i>
<u>X</u>	Advertisement (Town Council Clerk will post in the local newspaper and invoice you for the costs) <i>Enterprise 5/20/26</i>
<u>X</u>	Workmen's Compensation and a copy of the Certificate of Insurance
<u>X</u>	Delinquent Tax Certification
<u>X</u>	State Tax Affidavit
	Town Fees:
<u>X</u>	\$150 Application Fee
<u>X</u>	\$ 25 Abutter Listing

Recommendations:

<u>X</u>	Fire Department
<u>X</u>	Police Department
<u>X</u>	Building Department

Notes:

1. Pangaea Housing Services, LLC is purchasing the property located at 46 Main Street and is requesting a transfer of the Lodging License that is currently issued to Iron Fence Inn.
2. Pangaea Housing Services, LLC has submitted all the required paperwork.
3. There are no outstanding taxes owed.
4. The Fire, Police and Building Departments have no issues with the transfer of this license.



BUSINESS LICENSING OFFICE
 Academy Building, 66 Central Square
 Bridgewater, MA 02324
 Debra Ward, Town Council Clerk
 Email: dward@bridgewaterma.org

APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF LODGING HOUSE LICENSE

Date: 4/29/26

Business Name: Pangaea Housing Services LLC

Business Address: ~~333 Elm St, suite 210, Dedham, MA 02026~~
40 MAIN ST.

Total Number of Rooms: 31
 1st Floor 13
 2nd Floor 12
 3rd Floor 6

Total Number of Bathrooms: 6
 Where Located 3/2/1

Total Number of Individuals Applied for: _____

Owner of Premises:

Name: Pangaea Housing Services LLC

Residential Address: 333 Elm St, suite 210, Dedham, MA 02026

Phone Number: 617-340-6505

Resident Manager:

Name: Gene Grady

Phone Number: 508-280-1057

The undersigned applicant has read, understands and agrees to be bound by REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FOR LODGING HOUSES, as amended by the Town Council on July 26, 2016.

The Town Council Clerk will obtain the approvals from the following:

- Building Inspector _____
- Wiring Inspector _____
- Plumbing Inspector _____
- Health Agent _____
- Fire Chief _____



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Town of Bridgewater
 Plymouth County
 Business Certificate

April 30, 2026

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter One Hundred and Ten, Section Five of the General Laws, as amended, the undersigned hereby declare(s) that a business is conducted under the title of:

Pangaea Housing Services LLC
(Name of Business)

and is conducted at 46 Main Street
(Address of Business)

in Bridgewater Massachusetts, by the following person(s), entity, partnership, or corporation.

FULL NAME

George Dabney

RESIDENCE

333 Elm St, Dedham, MA 02026

SIGNATURE(S)

George Dabney

Email address for renewals: Scott@alliance-realty.com

George Dabney Personally, appeared before me and made oath that the foregoing statement is true.

A certificate issued in accordance with this section shall be in force and effect for four years for the date of issue and shall be renewed every four years thereafter so long as such business shall be conducted and shall lapse and be voided unless so renewed.

April 30 2030
 Certificate Expires

(Town Seal)

Jolie Sprague Martin

Town Clerk/Notary

(notary seal)

Please Check One: New Business Renewal



Town of Bridgewater Business (D.B.A) Certificate/ Zoning Approval Form

Applicant Information (please print or type)

Name: Pangaea Housing Services LLC
 Address: 333 Elm St, Suite 210, Dedham, MA 02026
 Phone: 617-340-6505
 E-mail: scott@alliance-realty.com

Business Information

Business Name: Pangaea Housing Services LLC
 Type of Business: Rooming House

Business Location/ Address: 46 Main Street, Bridgewater

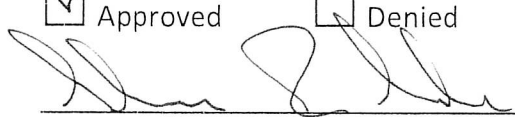
Do you have Company Vehicles: Yes No If Yes, How Many _____

Number of Employees: 0

If this is a home business, complete the following:

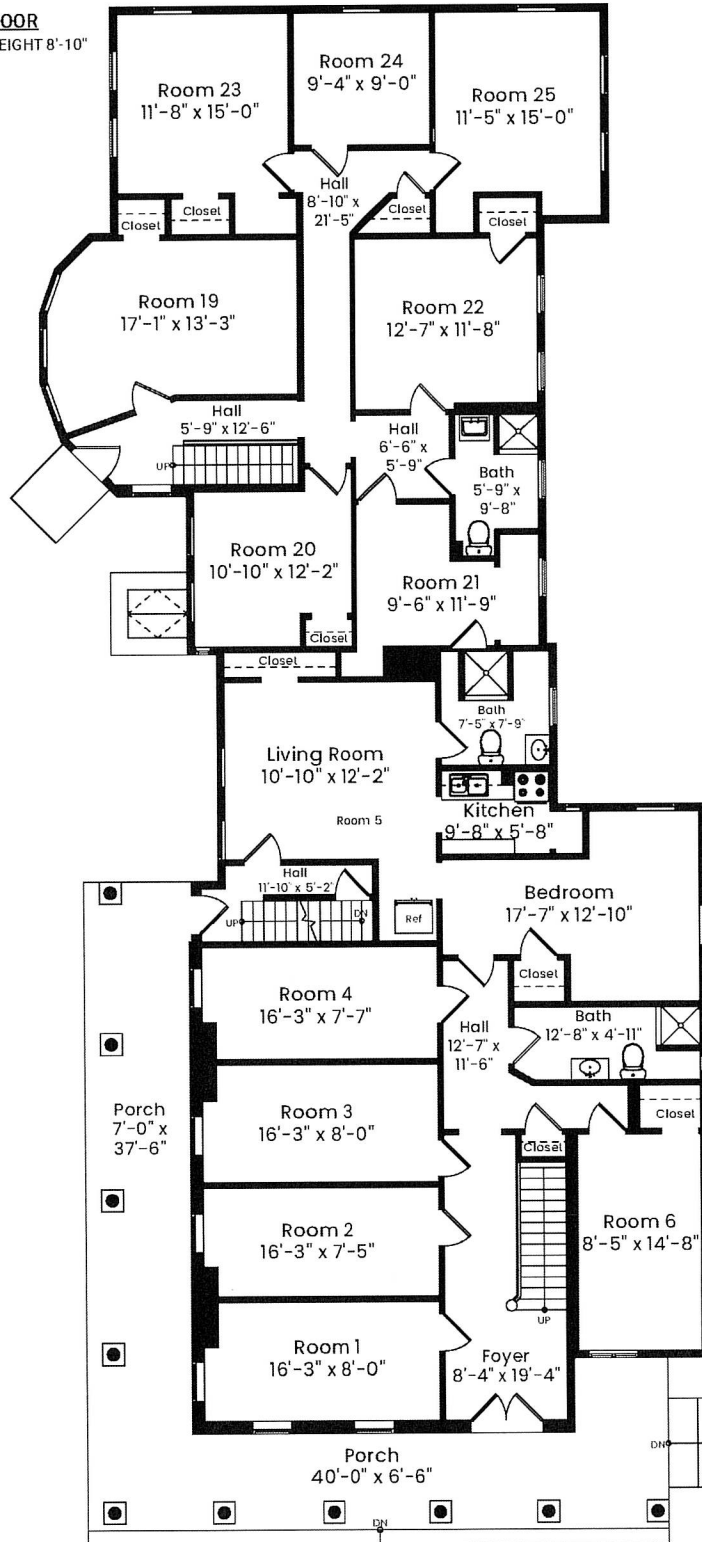
- Will there be non-resident employees on premises?
If so how many? _____ Yes No
- Will there be patrons coming to the house Yes No
- Will there be outside advertising on premises Yes No

- Transfer of ownership
 - Inspected in November.

Official Town Use Only	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<div style="text-align: right;"> <u>A/30/26</u> Date </div>
 _____ Zoning Enforcement Official	

46 Main Street | Bridgewater, MA 02324

FIRST FLOOR
CEILING HEIGHT 8'-10"



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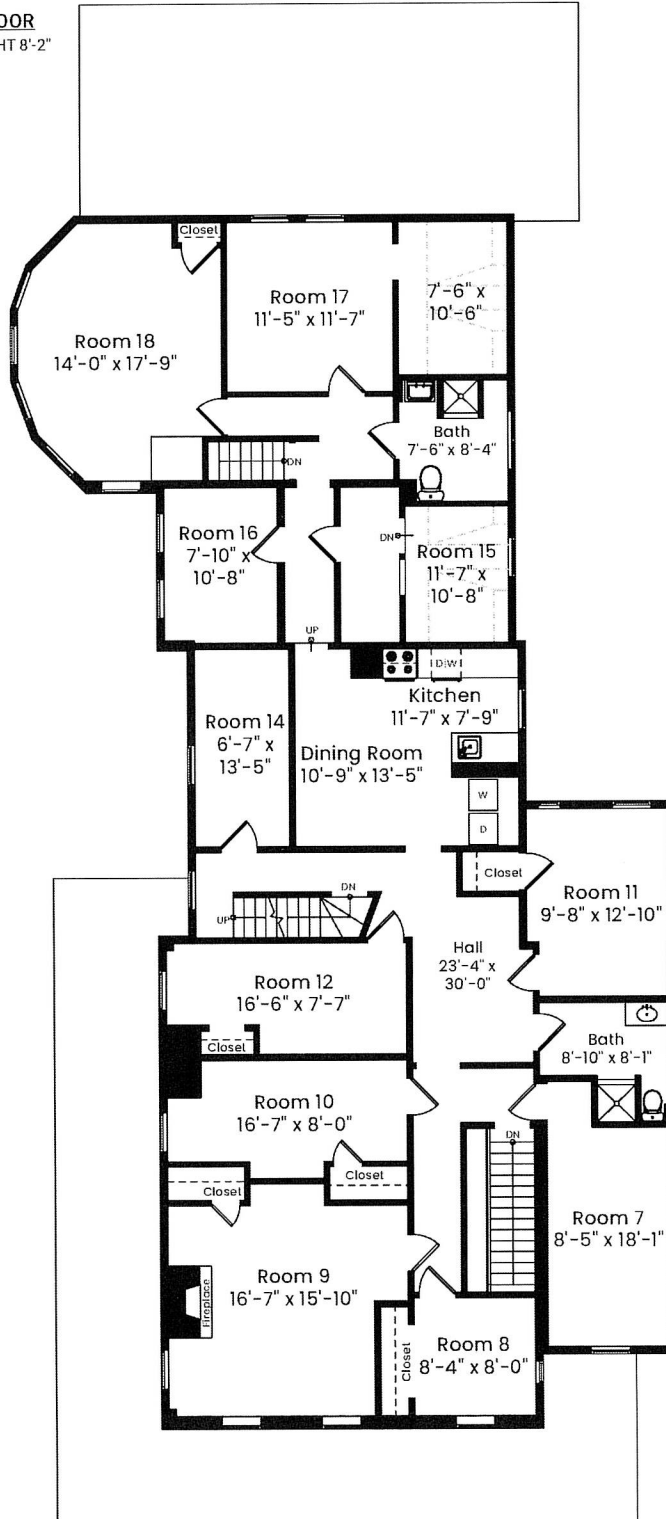


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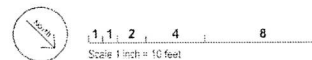
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SECOND FLOOR
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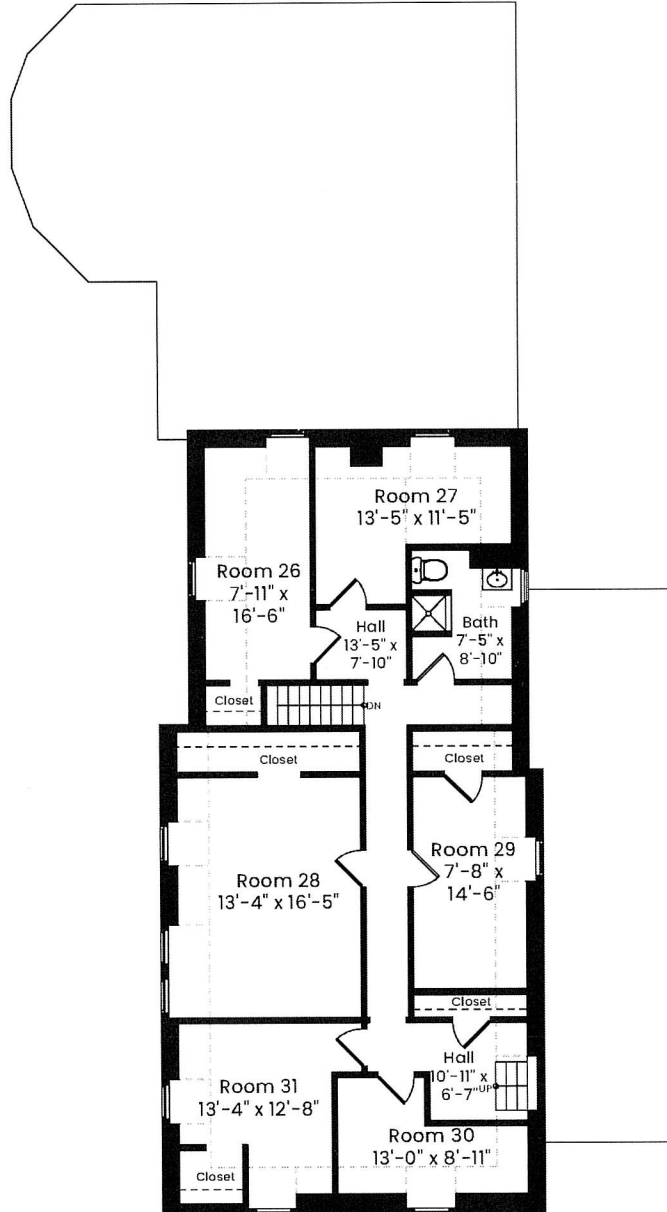


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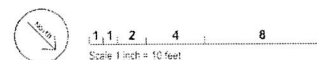


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THIRD FLOOR
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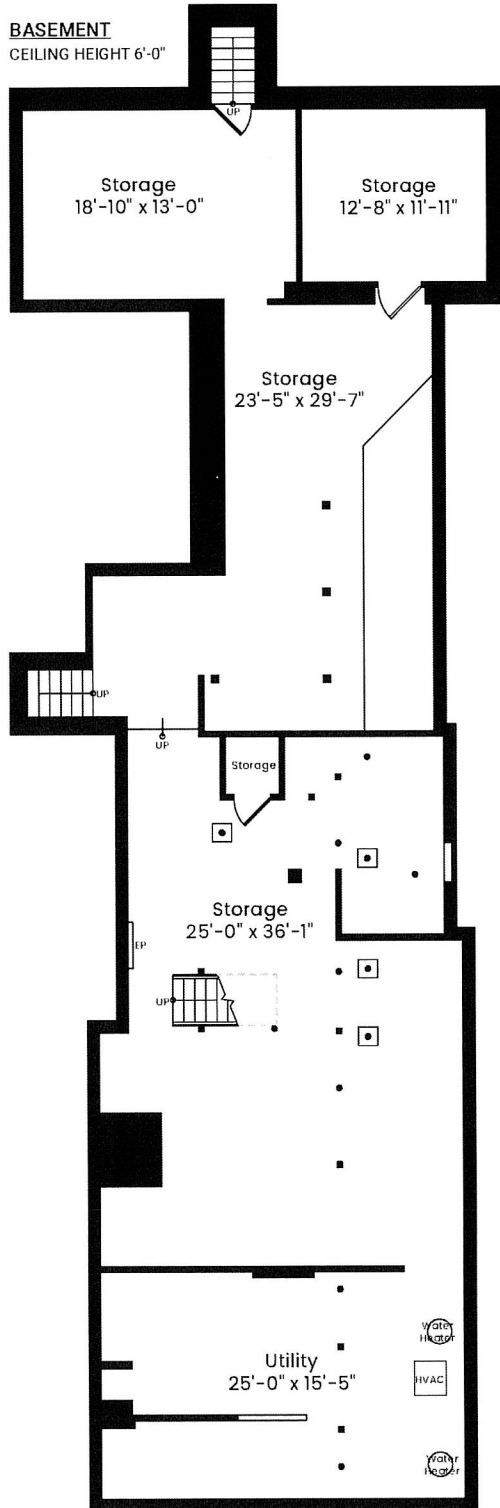
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BASEMENT
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Bridgewater Town Council

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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:

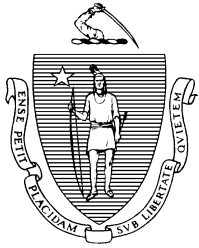
Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/1/26.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/2/26.

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

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Department of Fire Services



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

GINA K. KWON
SECRETARY

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.

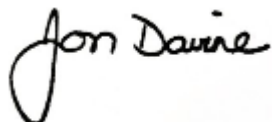
The expenses eligible for funding through this award, based on the contents of your application and our review, are listed at the bottom of the first page of your Contract Addendum. Please review this list carefully and contact DFS if you have any questions or identify a need to amend it at any point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

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

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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

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
 REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Explanation:

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

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Finance Committee	• Meeting 6/1/26
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 6/2//26 prior to Town Council meeting
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

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 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
 Second Reading: 6/2/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

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.

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

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 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
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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

**VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Explanation:

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

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Finance Committee	• Meeting 6/1/26
• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 6/2/26
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Attachments: None

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
 Second Reading: 6/2/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

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:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/1/26.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget & Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting 6/2/26.
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

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 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
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 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

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:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/1/26.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/2/26.
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

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 Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
 First Reading: 5/19/2026
 Second Reading: 6/2/2026
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

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:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/1/26.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 6/2/26.
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Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Paul Murphy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 5/19/2026
First Reading: 5/19/2026
Second Reading: 6/2/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
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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)
- Anticipated timelines for implementation

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- 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:

Referral(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-072: Water Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote 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 of Use of Funds:

SOURCES OF FUNDING			Amount
6200	WTR RETAINED EARNINGS	WTR RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 52,503.00
Total			\$ 52,503.00
USES OF FUNDING			Amount
62005001	SALARIES/WAGES	WTR Salaries/Wages	\$44,780.00
62005001	SALARIES/WAGES	WTR Salaries/Wages - Contractual	\$ 7,723.00
Total			\$ 52,503.00

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING
 VOICE VOTE - REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Explanation:

Due to the hiring of new Sewer and Water Superintendent, contractual obligations for FY26 budget needs. The former W/S superintendent was funded 50/50 in both Water/Sewer. New Superintendents are full time in both funds. Also, several contractual obligations were unanticipated, and this funding will address this cost

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
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 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-073: Sewer Enterprise End of Year Budget Transfer

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote 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 of Use of Funds:

SOURCES OF FUNDING			Amount
6100	SWR RETAINED EARNINGS	SWR RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 31,226.00
Total			\$ 31,226.00
USES OF FUNDING			Amount
61005001	SALARIES/WAGES	SWR Salaries/Wages	\$ 23,293.00
61005001	SALARIES/WAGES	SWR Salaries/Wages - Contractual	\$ 7,933.00
Total			\$ 31,226.00

Explanation:

Due to the hiring of new Sewer and Water Superintendent, contractual obligations for FY26 budget needs. The former W/S superintendent was funded 50/50 in both Water/Sewer. New Superintendents are full time in both funds. Also, several contractual obligations were unanticipated, and this funding will address this cost.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)

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VOICE VOTE - REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-074: Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote 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 of Use of Funds:

SOURCES OF FUNDING		Amount
6400	TRANSFER STATION RETAINED EARNINGS	TRNSFR STATION RETAINED EARNINGS
		\$ 80,000.00
Total		\$ 80,000.00
USES OF FUNDING		Amount
64005012	EXPENSES	TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE
		\$ 80,000.00
Total		\$ 80,000.00

Explanation:

This transfer order from retained earnings will cover unanticipated inflationary costs in the trash industry.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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 VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE MEETING

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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-075: General Fund End of Year Transfers

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 the amounts from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

Dept	Dept Description	Group	Amount
Source of Funds			
123	TOWN MANAGER	1-Salary/Wages/Benefits	(30,000.00)
132	FINANCE RESERVE FUND	2-Expenses	(60,000.00)
135	ACCOUNTANT	2- Expenses	(15,000.00)
141	ASSESSORS	1-Salary/Wages/Benefits	(2,000.00)
152	HUMAN RESOURCES	2-Expenses	(3,500.00)
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2-Expenses	(25,000.00)
161	TOWN CLERK	2-Expenses	(3,050.00)
240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	2-Expenses	(4,025.00)
303	NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	2-Expenses	(47,425.00)
420	HIGHWAY	1-Salary/Wages/Benefits	(53,000.00)
543	VETERAN'S	1-Salary/Wages/Benefits	(700.00)
630	RECREATION	2-Expenses	(5,000.00)
912	WORKER'S COMP	1-Salary/Wages/Benefits	(22,000.00)
919	OTHER BENEFITS - HR	2-Expenses	(20,000.00)
Source of Funds Total			(290,700.00)

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Dept	Dept Description	Group	Amount
Use of Funds			
111	TOWN COUNCIL	2-Expenses	3,000.00
123	TOWN MANAGER	2-Expenses	40,000.00
141	ASSESSOR'S	2-Expenses	5,000.00
151	LEGAL	2-Expenses	20,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK	1-Salary/Wage/Benefits	3,050.00
192	TOWN BUILDINGS	2-Expenses	124,000.00
240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	1-Salary/Wage/Benefits	4,025.00
410	ENGINEERING	2-Expenses	10,925.00
543	VETERAN'S	2-Expenses	700.00
610	LIBRARY	2-Expenses	3,000.00
913	UNEMPLOYMENT	2-Expenses	5,000.00
914	MDCR/HEALTH/INSURANCES	1-Salary/Wage/Benefits	47,000.00
950	GASOLINE	2-Expenses	25,000.00
Use of Funds Total			290,700.00

Explanation:

This order is an annual year end process under M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 33B that allows cities and towns to close deficits and balance accounts for the fiscal year.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-076: Contractual Buyouts

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 \$69,930.00 to below schedule:

SOURCES OF FUNDING			Amount
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY FUND	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 69,930.00
Total:			\$ 69,930.00
USES OF FUNDING			Amount
Salaries CED	01825001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$ 60,700.00
Salaries IT	01555001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$ 1,325.00
Salaries Council on Aging	05415001-519005	Contractual Payout	\$ 7,905.00
Total			\$ 69,930.00

Explanation:

This transfer order will fund employment contractual agreements.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-077: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer

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 from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule of Use of Funds:

FUND	SOURCES OF FUNDING	Amount
6100	SWR RETAINED EARNINGS SWR CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 59,753.00
Total		\$ 59,753.00
USES OF FUNDING		Amount
6110	OTHER NEW GENERATOR - ROUTE 104 INFRASTRUCTURE PUMP STATION	\$ 59,753.00
Total		\$ 59,753.00

Explanation:

This will fund the purchase of a new generator for the Route 104 Sewer Pump Station.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Budget Order O-FY27-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2027

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 from the Community Preservation Fund FY2027 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$1,097,250 to meet the administrative expenses, and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2027.

And further,

To reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund FY2027 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$109,725 for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; \$109,725 for acquisition, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources; and \$109,725 for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing.

And further,

To appropriate \$58,668 to Administrative Expenses \$398,007 to Budgetary Reserves.

And further,

To appropriate \$311,400 for the payment of debt related to the Academy Building renovation from FY2027 estimated revenues.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: 1. FY27 CPC - CPA Budget

Town of Bridgewater
Community Preservation Fund
FY 2027 Recommended Budget

Sources & Uses of Funds	FY 2027
Revenue Estimates	
CPA Surcharge 2%	950,000.00
State Match	147,250.00
Total Estimated Revenue	1,097,250.00
Total Sources of Funds	1,097,250.00
Reserves	
Community Housing Reserve (Min 10%)	10% 109,725.00
Open Space Reserve (Min 10%)	10% 109,725.00
Historical Resources Reserve (Min 10%)	10% 109,725.00
Total Required Reserves	329,175.00
Administrative Expenses (No >5%) \$	
Payroll Expenses (104 hours@\$35.27)	3,668.00
Administrative Expenses	55,000.00
Total Administrative Budget	58,668.00
Debt Service - Due FY27	
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-PRINCIPAL	240,000.00
ACADEMY BUILDING RENOVATIONS-INTEREST	71,400.00
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-PRINCIPAL	0.00
KEITH HOMESTEAD-2012 CPC 00001-INTEREST	0.00
Total Debt Service	311,400.00
BUDGETARY RESERVES	398,007.00
Total Use of Funds	1,097,250.00
Total Surplus (Deficit)	0.00



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Paul Murphy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY26-016: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - High Intensity Data Centers

ORDERED, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A that the Town Council assembled votes to amend Zoning Ordinance amendment pursuant to High-Intensity Data Center as follows:

Section 11, Definitions, Add the following:

High-Intensity Data Center: Any facility or group of facilities used for the processing, storage, or operation of digital data, including artificial intelligence systems, that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- a. Electrical Demand: A peak electrical load of 5 megawatts (MW or greater);
- b. Water Demand: Consumption of 10,000 gallons per day or more of water for cooling or operations;
- c. Facility Size: Contains 25,000 square feet or more of data processing or server space;
- d. Cooling Systems: Utilizes industrial-scale cooling systems, including evaporative or liquid cooling, which increases water or energy demand;
- e. Cumulative Impact: Multiple facilities under common ownership or control that collectively meet or exceed the above thresholds."

Table of Use Regulations, G. Industrial Wholesale and Transportation, Add the following:

Amend Table of Uses Section G. to include "High-Intensity Data Center" and to have it be N in all zoning districts.

Explanation:

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Bridgewater by ensuring that land uses placing significant and continuous demands on municipal infrastructure are appropriately regulated.

The Town recognizes that certain high-intensity data centers, including those supporting artificial intelligence and large-scale computing operations, require substantial and continuous consumption of electrical power,

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water resources, and supporting infrastructure. Without appropriate regulation, such uses may exceed local infrastructure capacity, impact service reliability, and alter the character of the community.

This ordinance is intended to ensure that the Town has the ability to evaluate and plan for such uses in a manner consistent with long-term infrastructure capacity, environmental sustainability, and community needs.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Michaela Spagone, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY26-016: Library Emergency Allocation of Resources Now (LEARN) Resolution

Whereas: The Bridgewater Public Library is an important resource to the residents and greater regional community and;

Whereas: The Town of Bridgewater faces fiscally challenging times for Fiscal Year 2027, and;

Whereas: The Bridgewater Public Library serves as a cultural and education center of the Town of Bridgewater and the reduction of services would hinder that very mission, and;

Whereas: The Town Council should be empowered to ensure cultural services continue, and;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Council supports the Town Manager, and Finance Director in developing a supplemental fiscal appropriation in an amount certain to ensure Bridgewater Public Library's continued operation consistent with maintaining service and accreditation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Mark Linde, Councilor
Timothy Trocchio, Councilor

Date Introduced: 6/2/2026

First Reading: 6/2/2026

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY26-017: Resolution Regarding Full Funding of the Bridgewater Public Library Budget

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Public Library provides essential educational, informational, cultural, and community services to residents of the Town of Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, continued eligibility for state library funding and certification requires municipalities to meet the minimum appropriation requirement established by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC); and

WHEREAS, the lack of funding for adequate hours and purchase of borrowed materials not meeting minimum requirements will result in the loss of state aid money and de-certification resulting in the loss of borrowing privileges in other cities and towns, and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is necessary to maintain appropriate library open hours, staffing levels, collections, and materials purchases for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, our Bridgewater residents rely on open hours specifically on Friday and Saturdays that are slated to be cut, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of ensuring that the Bridgewater Public Library remains fully operational, accessible, and compliant with all applicable state standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, that the Town Manager is hereby directed to explore and develop options to fully fund the Bridgewater Public Library budget in an amount sufficient to meet or exceed the required minimum appropriation requirement, including funding necessary for library open hours and materials purchases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall report findings and recommendations to the Town Council, including potential funding strategies, budget adjustments, and any other measures necessary to achieve and sustain compliance with state library funding requirements; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council reaffirms its support for the continued strength, accessibility, and long-term sustainability of the Bridgewater Public Library.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026, by the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None