



Town of Bridgewater Finance Committee

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Dana Sullivan motioned to approve the April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

D. Reorganization

a) Vote for Chair of the Committee

Dana Sullivan nominated herself as chair of the committee which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Old Business

a) Order O-F26-057: Acceptance of Grant – Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division

The Town of Bridgewater has received notice of a Green Communities Competitive grant award of \$84,995.00 from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-057 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Budget Order O-FY27-001: FY2027 Annual Town Budget

For the operation of the Town and further that such appropriation in the sum of \$76,276,525 be for personal services, general expenses, principal and interest, for such purposes, each department and group being considered a separate appropriation. The committee asked questions on bridging the shortfall gap, specifically regarding the school's actions to address the shortfall. Superintendent Powers provided answers that included grants for staffing, savings in health insurance, reduction in staff contracts, and upcoming state aid.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY27-001 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 6 yea and 1 nay, the motion was approved.

- c) Budget Order O-FY27-002: FY27 Water Enterprise Fund
Derek Bennet motioned to recommend O-FY27-002, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d) Budget Order O-FY27-003: FY27 Sewer Enterprise Fund
Derek motioned to recommend O-FY27-003 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- e) Budget Order O-FY27-004: FY27 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund
Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY27-004 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- f) Budget Order O-FY27-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds
Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY27-005 which was duly seconded. The motions was approved unanimously.
- g) Order O-FY26-061: Town Clerk's Salary
Mark Thomas motioned to recommend O-FY26-061 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 6 yea and 1 member abstaining, the motion was approved unanimously.

F. New Business

G. Additional Items for Discussion

H. Adjournment of Meeting

Derek motioned