



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

June 16, 2026

6:00 PM

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) June 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Discussion**
 - a) Veteran Exemptions
- E. Legislation Referred**
 - 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
- F. Public Comment**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**



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MEETING MINUTES

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A. Call to Order

Councilor McGrath called the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 6:0apm. The meeting took place in Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor of the Academy Building.

Committee members present: Councilor McGrath, Councilor Linde and Councilor Murphy.

Also in attendance: Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, Assistant Town Manager Trish Shropshire, Finance Director Laurie Guerrini and Comptroller Ashley Pires

Superintendent Ryan Powers and Assistant Superintendent Angela Watson were in attendance for the discussion on the school budget.

Councilor Ellenberg was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – None

C. Public Comment – None

D. Discussion

- a) School Budget Discussion: Superintendent Ryan Powers
Superintendent Powers noted both towns passed the budgets; could not all positions but can add some and there are some retirements. Noted Raynham voted to gift money and possible E&D money for Bridgewater 3rd and 5th grade teachers and high school teachers. Positions will be posted as 1 year positions.

Councilor McGrath asked why not for the High School so that the kids were not sitting in Study and Superintendent Powers noted that Raynham felt money should be for K-8.

Councilor Murphy asked where will the money be funded from and Superintendent Powers noted it will be in a revolving fund and money must be paid out of the revolving fund.

Councilor Murphy further noted that he is all for giving more money but who pays for substitutes, supplies, field trips, pensions, etc?

Councilor McGrath noted that it feels divided, should withdraw from district K-8. Nothing to do with school or school committee.

Councilor Murphy noted that if both towns create funds, DESE probably would not go along with that. Superintendent Powers noted that he is not sure what authority DESE would have.

Councilor Linde noted that Bridgewater has given more each year, feels Raynham has put Bridgewater in a position and Bridgewater should not pay a dime for those 7 teachers.

Superintendent Powers noted that we will have to have a conversation with Raynham with their intentions.

E. Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY26-065: Acceptance of Grant– Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and senior SAFE Program in FY26
Councilor Linde made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-065, which was duly seconded by Councilor Murphy.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

- b) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-066, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

- c) Order O-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-067, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

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

Councilor Murphy made a motion to amend Order O-FY26-068 by changing the 2nd Tier to read “15-30” and the 3rd Tier to read “30+”. This was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-068, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

- e) Order O-FY26-069: Bridgewater Police Relief Assoc, MCOP Local 397 Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract Appropriation Transfer
Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-069, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

- f) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the initial project that is being rescinded needs more additional work which is on the capital plan but it cannot wait until 2030.

Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-070, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

- g) Order O-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvements
Councilor Murphy made a motion to recommend Order O-FY26-071, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

F. Public Comment – None

G. Adjournment of Meeting

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

A voice vote was taken on the motion with the results as follows: Loreti – Yea; McGrath – Yea; Murphy – Yea. Motion passes 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.



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



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 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
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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



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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:

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Attachments: None



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 Third Reading:
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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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 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/1/26: voted 6-0 to recommend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/2/26: voted 3-0 to recommend
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Attachments: None



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 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



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 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:

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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