



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

June 16, 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) June 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Harry Bailey

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Energy Committee: Will Longo (2026 - 2029)
- b) Board of Health: Joseph Sacco (2026 - 2029)
- c) Town Council Re-Appointment:
 - Finance Committee: Christopher Raymond (2026 - 2029)
- d) Reappointments:
 - Elder Affairs Commission: Nick Bagas (2026 - 2029)
 - Elder Affairs Commission: Marylou Harding (2026 - 2029)
 - Elder Affairs Commission: Robin Sherrick (2026 - 2029)
 - Elder Affairs Commission: Shari Sprong (2026 - 2029)
 - Parks and Recreation: Thomas Arrighi (2026 - 2029)

- Veterans Council: Marylou Bogle (2026 - 2029)
- Planning Board, Associate Member: Kris Fabroski: (2026 - 2027)

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) P-2026-024: Granting of the Class II Used Auto Dealers License – LaBelle Sales & Service
DBA Performance Auto & Marine, 1460 Pleasant Street

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Presentation

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Library Update
- b) Water Update
- c) FY27 Update
- d) CED Update
- e) Residents Survey

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Plymouth County Advisory Board Update: Councilor Linde

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O FY26-051: Declares the downtown corridor of Bridgewater a blight area
Referred to Downtown Revitalization Committee which has been dissolved. Needs to be referred to Community and Economic Development Committee.
- b) Order O-FY26-072: Water Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- c) Order O-FY26-073: Sewer Enterprise End of Year Budget Transfer
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- d) Order O-FY26-074: Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- e) Order O-FY26-075: General Fund End of Year Transfers
Budget & Finance 6/16/26. Finance Committee 6/15/26.
- f) Order O-FY26-076: Contractual Buyouts
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- g) Order O-FY26-077: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- h) Budget Order O-FY27-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2027
Budget & Finance meeting 6/16/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/15/26.
- i) Resolution R-FY26-017: Resolution Regarding Full Funding of the Bridgewater Public Library Budget
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.
- j) Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-009: Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Central Square Property Maintenance Standards

Referred to Downtown Revitalization Committee which has been dissolved. Needs to be referred to Community and Economic Development Committee.

- k) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-007: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Term Limits
This Charter Ordinance was previously approved and sent to the State for further approval. The State has sent it back with a request that an amendment be made and then referred back to the State for further approval.
- l) Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-009: Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Elected Officials Recall Provision
This Charter Ordinance was previously approved and sent to the State for further approval. The State has sent it back with a request that an amendment be made and then referred back to the State for further approval.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY26-078: Bridgewater Charter Review Committee
- b) Order O-FY26-079: Acceptance of Gift - Lopieke's Family Trust
- c) Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-017: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies
- d) Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-018: Zoning Ordinance to Amend Words Pertaining to 'Town Council'

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Paul Murphy called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

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

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

Council President Murphy noted that there were no veteran deaths but held a moment of silence for the veterans and their families.

Councilor Perry made a motion to take Q. Executive Session out of Order. 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

Council President Murphy noted that he would entertain a motion to enter into 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 and that the Council will come back to open session.

Councilor Perry made a motion to enter into Executive session, this was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

A roll call 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

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:04pm.

The Town Council returned from Executive Session at 7:26pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve the May 19, 2026 meeting minutes, which were duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Motion passed 9-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

- Thomas Shea, Tommi Terrace: spoke about concerns about the Library; donated \$1,000 and asked if others could donate \$1,000 maybe could keep it going.
- Nancy Sparo, 75 Legge Street: Library Trustee – spoke about the cuts to the Library and how the past two years the Library has been level funded. This year the Library will be short \$175k to meet State compliance. If the Library does not meet the hours it will be decertified by the State and card holders cannot use other libraries in MA.
- Gina Guasconi, 35 Ball Avenue: noted that Order 006 CPA notes it is for Open Space and Recreation. Also noted that water is important but there are other items in town that are issues and do not stop, the Library being one of them. Also asked everyone to work together and not against each other. Would like Bridgewater to donate to schools like Raynham did.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: spoke about the FY27 water rates and how their bill increased; slow down on building and water connections; supports the High Density Data Center Ordinance and believes we should support the Library.
- David Moore, 54 Flagg Street: last year the Library Archivist moved on to another position and the position was not funded; Motor Cars International called about a print that they had and Mr. Moore retrieved it; noted that banners are up, teamed up with Al Lacerda who has been very instrumental, thanked Fire for Effect for all of their help. Why has the town not taken advantage of the land of Stiles and Hart?
- Two Juniors from the High School spoke about their civic projects they are doing for their class. They are doing awareness for the Police Department having a Mental Clinician on staff and apply for a grant for a dedicated clinician for Bridgewater. Spoke with Lt. Hile and several other towns and spoke about how beneficial mental health clinicians are to have on staff as police are not fully educated to handle.
- Ray Ajamian, Aldrich Road: noted why BCCR was formed and when; all have equal protection of the law. BCCR received a monetary award from the Eastern Bank Foundation and attended a ceremony on 5/27.
- Melissa Ramondetta, 317 Lakeside Drive: noted that the CED Director said at the 1/20/26 meeting that 3 pre-approved projects need a water impact statement; now they are saying they are not required. When did that change? Why was there no notification to the public. What 26-13 Kennedy/Loreti what is the status? Spagone's water act status? Supports Resolutions to fully fund the library.
- Evan, 74 Paddock Road: supports 017 resolution; schools are underfunded and water is bad. Money is not there.

- Stephanie Burke: spoke about homeschooling and using the Library for their offerings; using books throughout the network and being delivered to Bridgewater is valuable.

APPOINTMENTS

a) Re-Appointments:

- Conant Trust Fund: John Syliva (2026 to 2031)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the re-appointment of John Syliva to the Conant Trust Fund, 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

- Conservation Committee: Marilyn MacDonald (2026 to 2029)

Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Marilyn MacDonald to the Conservation Committee, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that Ms. MacDonald's business is near Wells 10a and 10b, does the business or conservation take precedence.

Councilor McGrath noted that other individuals would have to remove themselves also, so she sees no reason to go after this one.

Councilor Hunt noted that she seconds what Councilor McGrath noted and that Ms. Macdonald has offered her skills for many, many years she has recused herself and most things she does not need to do that.

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

- DEIB Committee: Sherley Phillips (2026 to 2027)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Sherley Phillips to the DEIB Committee, which 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

- DEIB Committee: Ashley Hansen-Brown (2026 to 2027)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Ashley Hansen-Brown to the DEIB 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

- DEIB Committee: Philips Nichols (2026 to 2027)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Philip Nichols to the DEIB 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

- Disability Committee: Lorraine Carrozza (2026 to 2029)

Councilor Linde made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Lorraine Carrozza to the Disability 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

- Planning Board: Daniel Greenberg (2026 to 2029)

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Daniel Greenberg 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

- Tree Committee: Patricia Neary (2026 to 2029)

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Patricia Neary to the Tree 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

HEARINGS - None

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.

Council President Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 8:09pm and noted that the hearing was advertised in the 5/20/26 Enterprise and the abutters letters were mailed on 5/20/26.

Scott Dabney from Pangaea Housing Services noted that they were purchasing the property and nothing was going to change.

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

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

Council President Murphy asked the councilors if they had any questions:

Councilor Linde asked if all of the paperwork was in order and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that all of the paperwork was in order and complete.

Councilor Spagone noted that a resident had come in about the lodging house issues and asked if they were corrected. Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the resident that came in was having issues with a different location.

Councilor McGrath asked if Gene Grady the Resident Manager was going to live at the location and Mr. Dabney noted that Robin and Paul Garrity stay on-site and manage the property.

Council President Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 8:12pm.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve the transfer of the Lodging License at 46 Main Street to Pangaea Housing Services. 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

PRESENTATIONS - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Water Update

Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis gave an update on the water noting:
Plymouth Street Treatment System upgrades: significant milestones have been achieved.
Construction and equipment installation progress is on schedule at this point. Piping infrastructure, backwash supply lines and oxide water lines have been successfully installed up to the new filter pads. Iron and Manganese filters arrived last week and have been securely mounted onto the concrete pad. Piping installation for the internal components is currently underway.

In terms of PFAs Remediation: concrete pad for PFAs filters is currently being poured. Once that concrete cures filtration units can be put into place.

In terms of electrical and scat integration, collaborating closely with the electrical contractor and configure the internal components.

Councilors are scheduled for site tours this week. The website has the water dashboard where this information is being provided along with pictures. Being as transparent as possible showing the work that we are doing with wells 10a and 10b.

Water Conservation Emergency Enforcement: Water Department crews are actively patrolling the community to actively identify and address non-essential outdoor water use. We have heard we have had Tier 4 water restrictions in town for many years but want to reiterate that we have not had a water emergency in town, state petitioned water emergency. Calling upon our residents and community to adhere to this water emergency. Here for a reason. Know it is difficult to not fill our pools or water our lawns.

Infrastructure Maintenance: Well 5 has been successfully redeveloped and brought back on-line. Maintenance work that had to be done, pump was entirely replaced, which was under warranty, so that restored critical supply to our water system.

Tuberculation – iron, manganese in the piping: working at undergoing some work to mitigate tuberculation. The team is looking at potential new water transmission main. Potentially talking with East Bridgewater to do some high jetting into those pipes to clear out tuberculation. Doing a lot of work there to add capacity and supply.

In December 2025 the Town petitioned the State for a water emergency and I felt it was the right decision to make so we could try expedite and work as quickly as possible to make the infrastructure improvements that we are doing. These projects were talked about for years to get 10a and 10b to pipe into the treatment plant. We are potentially going to have a new treatment plant entirely in months and we were able to do that in collaboration with Mass DEP under this water emergency. We petitioned for a 6 month water emergency which would be expiring in June so my intention is to petition the State to continue that water emergency so we can continue to do the work that we are doing.

During that period we have been successful in getting a grant for \$2M to help offset the work. The team has applied for additional grants through the One Stop Program. Met with the Secretary of the EOHOC and submitted additional grants for Vernon Street, design and engineering potential, alternative water sources so we are working as aggressively and timely as possible, doing a lot of work in months that was planned for years.

Councilor Linde asked if this information was on the water dashboard and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that the progress reports are on the water dashboard. The grants are not because we may not get them. A Water Forum is being scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30pm, it will be recorded by BTV.

Council President Murphy noted that a brief presentation should be included on how Enterprise Funds work and what our current status is and where we are going with that. Then opening it up to the public to ask questions so that we can provide those answers.

Councilor Ellenberg read two emails sent to her into the record: 1st email was dated 3/24/26 from Troy Clarkson to Justin Casanova-Davis and 2nd email was not dated, no recipient noted on email, from Winthrop Farwell, Brockton City Council.

Councilor McGrath noted that it was her understanding through the conversations that she has had, that the land was not free from Lincoln Andrews, there would be a cost.

Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis noted that the only indication we have had from Lincoln Andrews team directly to me has been there was a desire for a purchase of property

Councilor Spagone asked why the email that Councilor Ellenberg noted was not shared with the Town Council back in March.

Council President Murphy noted that it has been discussed openly during meetings to ask the Town Manager to pursue every option for the town. It was not withheld from us. It was 3 months ago and there still is no agreement. We discussed this in open forum as an option.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that she is not saying things are being withheld, she is saying that there has not been equal treatment with Brockton and Lincoln Andrews.

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he has said multiple times during council meetings and at venues talked about that option. I have talked to each councilor individually, part of operational updates, several presentations which are on the website, mentioned on the podcast with Mary and Paul. I try to get it into as many venues as possible as understand not everyone can attend a council meeting. Disagree with the notion about equal, my job is to present as much information as possible to the council. I have stood by that, I continue to do that and I will continue to do what I said I would do.

Councilor Kennedy noted that we have spoken about this topic in a meeting and I have spoken with other councilors about this. Part of the process is the Town Manager doing his due diligence before bringing to a public meeting.

Councilor Kennedy asked Town Manager Casanova-Davis through the Town Council President, if there was any movement would it go through the town council and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted absolutely.

Town Attorney Rawlins noted that in terms of a legal prospective discussions regarding bargaining of real property cannot take place during an open meeting because it is detrimental to the town, must be discussed in executive session and none of that would be discussed outside of executive session. The government allows that exemption. The town needs to be in the best possible position.

Councilor Kennedy noted that the Lincoln Andrews property continues to come up and the transitions surrounding this property have been that there is a well readily available for us to hook up to, to it is not actually a municipal well certified and residents asking why we can't just hook up a hose to it and pump right into our water supply. That well has double the manganese that our Plymouth Street wells have. And now it has shifted to a separate property and now it is shifted to that property and being given to the town for free. So if anyone is following along, this has been shifted a lot on-line and it has been brought to the council multiple times. The council has discussed this property and I am just going to propose this question again even though it was already asked to the Town Manager "have we been offered any parcel over there for free".

Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted no.

Councilor Kennedy further noted that this has gone on for months and months and every step of the way it hasn't been quite right and now apparently the property is for free, the properties tax status has changed multiple times during this discussion. So if that is truly for free then I would hope that Lincoln Andrews would send that information to our Town Manager, who will then give that to the Town Council and we can take a serious look at taking property over for free. But at the moment, it is not free and anyone getting that information from where we sit is not accurate. So we have shifted from a municipal well readily available to pump into our water supply to separate land locked parcel of land that we cannot readily access except through power lines and the power company to take this land over. So is it maybe wise for the town to collect land in certain areas that may make sense for the town, absolutely. Is it appropriate for the town to plan in advance for these things, absolutely. We

have done that, we have wells on Vernon Street that need to be hooked up and paid for, which we don't have the funding for. But to buy land for some amount of money or even if for free, is kind of irrelevant right now because it is at least 8 to 10 years out. It is not going to make any difference to our current water supply situation. A lot of us want the water supply to stay in Bridgewater, want it to stay in our control, conversations about outside water sources, in my opinion, would hopefully be to bridge the gap to be able to maintain our own destiny on water. But our current situation is pretty tough and we are trying to deal with it the best we can. But that property continues to come up and I would hope that people following along with how much that conversation shifted in the last 5 months or so, because it has been quite a bit. And at this point it is landlocked land and if that is offered to us I hope we have that discussion. I know we have a resolution on the agenda to discuss further and I hope that is part of the process you look into.

Councilor Linde thanked Council Kennedy for his remarks and noted it is his understanding that if he believes what he reads, the offer for free has been withdrawn. We are also asking the Town Manager to explore all possible water sources with the Resolution that is being voted on tonight. He further noted that Brockton was discussed in public because he noted how strongly he does not agree with getting water from Brockton.

Councilor Perry noted that he echoed Councilor Kennedys' sentiments, well said. Asked the Town Manager, extending the water emergency for another 6 months and if the Town does not need to full 6 months can it be pulled? The Town Manager noted yes for both of those questions.

Councilor Trocchio asked if there were still vacancies on the water board and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that there are still vacancies on both water boards.

Council President Murphy noted that it was a good discussion this evening, appreciated the Town Manager giving the update. Council President Murphy also noted that we all have the opportunity to get involved in town government; it's an awful feeling to see the comments when people say they are moving to town and comments say don't. Give back to the town and stop fighting with each other and come together to solve the problems.

DISCUSSIONS

a) Council Training

Council President Murphy noted that there were several council training over the past year. One being on line and no councilor signed up for it.

Councilor Linde noted that he went to MMA webinars and those are free of charge. He asked that the Attorney Generals office come in and do an Open Meeting Law Training and volunteered to reach out to the Attorney General's office to schedule.

Councilor Kennedy noted that some of the training last year was beneficial. Maybe see what the council is looking for and then schedule something. Open discussions so residents can understand.

b) Admin Code

Councilor Spagone noted that residents reached out to her about how long the meetings are. Thinks meeting twice a month is not working and to be fair to the residents we should consider going to a weekly schedule, 4 meetings per month.

Councilor Spagone also noted that residents reached out about the 3 minute rule – not everyone can finish in 3 minutes, deprives them of their right to speak. Should remove or increase the timeframe.

Councilor Linde noted that he does not think there should be a summer break, should not just meet once a month, should look at options. He also noted that he does not think removing the 3 minute rule would work, other towns do not even include public comments.

Councilor Trocchio noted that perhaps presentations could be limited to 30 minutes which would include the presentation and Q&A.

Councilor Kennedy noted that when you do not have a 3 minute rule you are giving people time to go off on talking; we can call special meetings if needed.

Councilor Hunt noted that she thinks it is good that we have the standards we have, 3 minutes is good amount of time and tonight the president allowed people to go over the 3 minutes.

Councilor Perry noted that the timeframe between meetings is important; up to the Council President to give a little bit more time if needed. Council President controls the agenda. Suggest keeping the agenda to one presentation. Feel we are set up appropriately.

Councilor McGrath noted that she does not want 4 meetings a month, needs the extra time to research what is on the agenda to come prepared for the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

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.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-065, which 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

- b) Order O-FY26-066: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-066, 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-FY26-067: FY27 Water Rates
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.

Councilor Perry made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-067, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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

- d) Order O-FY26-068: FY27 Sewer Rates
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.

Councilor Murphy made a motion to amend Order O-FY26-068 by changing “100” to be “30”, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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 approve Order O-FY26-068, which was duly seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

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

- 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.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-069, which 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

- f) Order O-FY26-070: Rescind Plymouth Street Wells Project Loan Order
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting 6/1/26.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to approve Order O-FY26-070, 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-FY26-071: Loan Order - Water System Improvments
Budget & Finance meeting 6/2/26. Finance Committee meeting at 6/1/26.

Councilor Perry made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-071 to advertising, which 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

- 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.

Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve Resolution R-FY26-015, which was duly seconded by Councilor Spagone.

Council Kennedy noted that he agreed with this resolution and thanked Councilor Murphy for putting this together.

Councilor Murphy noted that all options to improve water situation will be explored. All 9 councilors are on the same page.

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-FY26-072: Water Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-072 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

- b) Order O-FY26-073: Sewer Enterprise End of Year Budget Transfer
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-073 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

- c) Order O-FY26-074: Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Year End Budget Transfer
Councilor Spagone a motion to refer Order O-FY26-074 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which 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

- d) Order O-FY26-075: General Fund End of Year Transfers
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-075 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which 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

- e) Order O-FY26-076: Contractual Buyouts
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-076 to Budget & Finance and Finance Committee, which 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

- f) Order O-FY26-077: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer
Councilor Spagone made a motion to refer Order O-FY26-077 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

- g) Budget Order O-FY27-006: CPA Reserve Accounts - FY2027
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Budget Order O-FY27-006 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

- h) Ordinance D-FY26-016: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - High Intensity Data Centers
Councilor Linde made a motion to refer Ordinance D-FY26-016 to Planning Board and CEDC, which was duly seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Murphy noted that he put this together because of the high intensity data centers that are being built.

Councilor Trocchio noted that he fully support this, started to see these pop up across the country. Mansfield was the first town to ban AI data centers. Should look at Mansfield and look at their legislation to see how they did theirs.

Councilor Kennedy noted that data center are electrical and water issues at the moment but maybe in the future it might be something Bridgewater will want to bring in tax revenues to the town.

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) Resolution R-FY26-016: Library Emergency Allocation of Resources Now (LEARN) Resolution
Councilor Spagone noted that she had heard from residents about the Library and wanted to offer up a resolution, noting she would support the meshing of both of the resolutions together.

Councilor Kennedy noted that he would like to postpone both resolutions until the next meeting and have 3 councilors on one resolution.

Councilor Linde noted that he thinks the urgency is now and the promise is to mesh them together for the next meeting.

Councilor Ellenberg noted that we need to act on this and July 1st is when the fiscal year starts and have very little time for the Town Manager to find funds to keep our library certified.

Councilor Perry noted that we should pull Councilor Spagone's resolution back and edit the other resolution.

Councilor McGrath noted that she knows the Library is important but I think giving back to the senior citizens is important too. Senior Center is opening every day but less hours, the library director should try to do the same. I think we should leave the budget as it is and do the best with what we have.

Councilor Spagone withdrew her Resolution.

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

Councilor Linde noted that he has always supported the Library and noted how to work towards finding a way to keep the Library opened.

Councilor Trocchio noted that the Library is not just a building, it has spirit. Spoke in March about the funding for the Library.

Councilor Spagone made a motion to retain Resolution R-FY26-017 at Town Council, which was duly seconded by Councilor Linde.

Councilor Hunt asked if there was anyway to see if there is full funding for the Library and Town Manager Casanova-Davis noted that he will have the Library Director available at the next meeting to discuss.

Councilor Kennedy noted that his biggest concern is what other department do we take the money from.

Councilor Linde noted some kind of stabilization fund and then we put it back into the stabilization fund. I got comments that we voted the budget too fast. I am asking the Town Manager to find the money. We have free cash.

Councilor Perry noted that with our current Budget Resolution we have a tight budget; concerned about where this money is coming from. We don't know if we are going to have free cash to put it back. What other department are we taking it from; could cost someone a job. It is a difficult ask.

Councilor McGrath noted that we received the budget on 4/27 and we had 45 days to approve the budget. We met every week and pulled the budget apart so for anyone to say we rushed the budget that is not fair.

Councilor Trocchio noted that is a tough decision, this resolution is asking the Town Manager to find the funds.

Councilor Kennedy noted that we do not have a revolving fund so until the state wakes up and gives the towns money and until an override passes we do not have the money to fund the library. We cannot fund the library from the stabilization funds because that has a trickle down effect for bond ratings. I do not like any of this. Not everyone in town uses the Library.

Councilor Linde noted that the Library has taken a 20.8% cut over the past 7 years.

Councilor Trocchio noted that this is asking for information to make a decision and then plan an attack.

Councilor Murphy noted that Bridgewater has a revenue issue. Effects schools, library, roads, water. We are now living within our means. We have to find a long term solution or we will have to make significant cuts. We need to come together and find a way.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Gina Guasconi, 35 Ball Avenue.: great discussions tonight, people sometimes leave because they hear their agenda item and leave, it is not always because the meeting is long. Open meeting law training is a great idea, suggest to do it for all Boards and Committees. Thanked MJ for working with the other councilors on the resolution.
- Carlton Hunt, Austin Street: great meeting; feel the pain with the Library, thanked Councilor Kennedy for explaining what is going on with the water situation and explaining those steps. Thanked Councilor Murphy for setting up the water forum, Concerned about the limitation of a 30 minute presentation.
- Nancy Sarno, Trustee of Library: Library budget is 2% of the town budget. Library has not been cut like the other budgets.
- Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: Concom is still working on wells 10a and 10b and there is an NOI so work will stop when it gets there. Meeting comments should be 5 minutes, have one presentation at a meeting and not two.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Ellenberg: no comments made.

- Councilor Spagone: noted proposed legislation for the water act has made some progress, met with town attorney; hoping to have it before the council in the near term. Stem the tide of water issues and over building of the community. Great attendance at the Memorial Day events last week. Thanked those who came out to the Pride flag raising.
- Councilor Hunt: thanked Council President Murphy for his speech at the Pride Flag Raising; this morning the Town Manager spoke at the South Coast Rails Review at BSU; noted that Boundless Bean opened at the YMCA in East Bridgewater.
- Councilor Trocchio: this is what democracy looks like; debates; honored to be here.
- Councilor Perry: thanked all that came out for Memorial Day; rain did not discourage people from attending. Thanked Fire for Effect for helping out with the Veterans Banner program; congratulations to all the graduating seniors; great banter tonight; if I could write a check I would but there are limitations in our budget and if there was extra money the Town Manager would fully fund the Library. We are not getting federal or state funding and it trickles down to us and we need to look at possibly stepping up and contributing more.
- Councilor Linde: appreciate the residents that were here and the spirited discussions. Pride event was wonderful yesterday. I also share Councilor McGrath's concerns with the Senior Center also. People need to know we take this seriously.
- Councilor McGrath: Also attended the South Coast Rails Review at BSU; we should work together to solve the towns problems and not criticize town employees.
- Councilor Kennedy: thanked Fire for Effect for the banners; a lot of the funding issue is with the state.
- Councilor Murphy: thanked our veterans agent, veterans council for putting together the Memorial Day event. Great event at Town River Landing. 4th of July Committee out there collecting donations so if you can help out. 6/23 Water Forum, please attend. Ask citizens to be mindful and to be kind to the staff.

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.

The Executive Session was held at the beginning of the Town Council meeting. See above for details.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Spagone made a motion to adjourn, 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

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm

Dr. Paul Murphy
Councilor-At-Large
President

Sean Kennedy
District 3 Councilor
Vice President

Mark Linde
District 2 Councilor

Adelene Ellenberg
Councilor-At-Large

Michaela Spagone
Councilor-At-Large

Town of Bridgewater

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Timothy Trocchio
District 1 Councilor

Dr. Kevin Perry
Councilor-At-Large

Mary McGrath
Councilor-At-Large

Marilee Kenney Hunt
Councilor-At-Large

Harry E. Bailey, Jr. Proclamation

Whereas, Harry E. Bailey, Jr. moved to Bridgewater in 1979; and

Whereas, Harry dedicated many years of volunteer service to the Town, serving on numerous boards, committees, and community organizations; and

Whereas, Harry was an original members of the Community Preservation Committee when it was established in 2006, then served as Chair for two years and remained an active member for nearly two decades; and

Whereas, Harry joined the Taunton River Stewardship Council in 2010 as Bridgewater's representative and served on the Council for more than sixteen years, eventually assuming leadership roles as Vice Chair and Chair; and

Whereas, Harry served as a member of the Bridgewater Conservation Commission from 2010 through 2026, working diligently to protect Bridgewater's open spaces and uphold the laws safeguarding wetlands and natural resources; and

Whereas, Harry volunteered at the Bridgewater Transfer Station beginning in 2009 when the Town transitioned to volunteer operations, and remained a dedicated and familiar presence there through 2026; and

Whereas, Harry's commitment, leadership, and willingness to serve have made lasting and positive impacts on the Town of Bridgewater and its residents;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Bridgewater Town Council hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Harry E. Bailey, Jr. for his many years of dedicated, selfless, and tireless service to the Town of Bridgewater, and extends its best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success in all his future endeavors.

In Witness Whereof, this Proclamation is presented on behalf of the Bridgewater Town Council in recognition of Harry Bailey's outstanding contributions to the community and his enduring legacy of public service.

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Mary McGrath
Councilor-At-Large

Board/Committee/Commission Application

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Submitted by: William Longo

Submitted On: 2026-04-30 16:15:00

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Committees Email

Due Date: Open

Attachments

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Board/Committee/Commission Application

* Select the Board, Commission, or Committee you are applying for:

Energy Committee

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* First Name

William

* Last Name

Longo

* Address

45 Jillian's Way

Phone

* Email

* Are you presently, or have you ever served on a Board, Committees, or Commission in Town of Bridgewater?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please provide dates of service and Identify B/C/C:

Are you Applying for reappointment?

☐ No ☒ Yes

If Yes, number of years previously served?

How did you hear about this vacancy?

☒ Town Website

☐ BTV

☐ Newspaper

☐ Existing B/C/C member

☐ Other

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In addition to providing a resume, please detail below experience and skills relevant to the B/C/C to which you are applying. List work/volunteer experience, technical skills or other abilities which will make a positive contribution to the B/C/C.

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☒ I Agree.

Electronic Signature

Date

William Longo

04/30/2026

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

EDUCATION

Northeastern University (School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs) **Expected Apr 2026**
 Master of Public Policy (MPP) with concentration in Sustainability and Climate Change Policy
Relevant Coursework: Economic Analysis for Policy, Techniques of Program Evaluation, Strategizing Public Policy, GIS for Urban/Regional Policy, Sustainable Urban Coastal Policy, International Environmental Policy, Statistical Analysis

Fordham University, Bronx, NY **2022**
 B.S. in Environmental Science with minor in Economics

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

skills: policy research, team leadership, community outreach, event planning, program evaluation
certifications: IS-700 FEMA Certification, IS-100 FEMA Certification

EXPERIENCE

Homeworks Energy, Boston, MA **Aug 2024 – Jun 2025**
Home Energy Assessment Sales Associate

- Developed leads for home energy assessments and encouraged customers to sign up for no-cost assessments
- Identified sales opportunities and used persuasive techniques to close deals with potential customers
- Responded to customer inquiries regarding Mass Saves programs such as discounted insulation and mini splits heating/cooling systems

AmeriCorps, Boston, MA **Sep 2023 – Jul 2024**
Energy Efficiency Coordinator

- Organized environmental education campaign events to highlight home energy savings and climate change action in low-income communities
- Created an Energy Efficiency Manual that provided key information about home energy efficiency assessments and programs to low-income residents
- Recruited volunteers to assist with the three pillars of AmeriCorps climate action outreach work: environmental education events; clean energy interventions in homes; and environmental stewardship of at-risk ecosystems

AmeriCorps Cape Cod, MA **Sep 2022 – Jul 2023**
Member

- Served 1,700 hours assisting various partner organizations on land and water management projects, environmental education, community outreach and disaster preparedness
- Engaged in environmental education programs that focused on promoting water quality awareness to approximately 1,000 students (60% of the elementary and middle schools on Cape Cod)

Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, Barnstable, MA **Oct 2022 – Jul 2023**
Intern

- Assisted with a water sampling project for cranberry bog restoration; obtained weekly streamflow data, nitrogen levels, and water samples from 8 different sites on the Marston Mills River over the course of 10 months
- Summarized relevant scientific and economic studies on topics including the American White Cedar, fertilizer laws on Cape Cod, and the economics of the cranberry industry on Cape Cod
- Produced an environmental field guide and a variety of other environmental outreach programming resources targeting a high school student audience

Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment, Barnstable, MA **Oct 2022 – Jul 2023**
Intern

- Coordinated an informational outreach and education program that arranged “Emergency Preparedness for Seniors” talks at 15 libraries throughout Cape Cod
- Created an emergency preparedness mock exercise that simulated a blizzard impacting the Cape
- Created social media content to promote Barnstable County's participation in National Safety Month

Board/Committee/Commission Application

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Submitted by: Joseph Sacco

Submitted On: 2026-05-03 16:01:13

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Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Committees Email

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Board/Committee/Commission Application

* Select the Board, Commission, or Committee you are applying for:

Board of Health

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* First Name

Joseph

* Last Name

Sacco

* Address

25 Butternut Way

Phone

* Email

* Are you presently, or have you ever served on a Board, Committees, or Commission in Town of Bridgewater?

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Additionally I owned and operated an offsite catering business for 10 plus years.

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Electronic Signature

Joseph Sacco

Date

05/03/2026

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JOSEPH F SACCO

COMPLIANCE REGULATORY PHARMACIST

📍 Bridgewater, MA 02324

Professional Summary

Experienced pharmacy professional with over two decades of expertise in regulatory compliance, medication management, and team leadership. Skilled in optimizing pharmacy operations through advanced system integration and process improvements. Seeking to leverage comprehensive knowledge and skills as a Compliance Regulatory Pharmacist to enhance patient safety and regulatory adherence.

Skills

- Microsoft Office
- Control Check Diversion Software
- Smart Scan
- Omnicell CSM
- Meditech 4.6 through 4.9
- HCS and SMS Pharmacy System
- Secure Fill
- Epic
- Tray Safe
- Pharmacykeeper
- Omnicell Analytics
- Pharmacy Data Systems
- Ariel Secure Med

Experience

Oct 2021 - Apr 2026

COMPLIANCE/REGULATORY PHARMACIST

Spaulding Rehabilitation, Cambridge, MA

- Developed policies and procedures related to pharmacy services that comply with accreditation requirements.
- Ensured compliance with federal regulations related to controlled substances such as DEA requirements.
- Performed regular audits of the controlled substance medication system.
- Demonstrated expertise in the use of drug diversion software.
- Demonstrated expertise in compounding sterile and non-sterile products, developing policies and protocols.

Education

May 1977

BS IN PHARMACY

Mass College of Pharmacy,
MA

- Demonstrated expertise in hazardous drugs developing policies and protocols.
- Implemented and maintained procedures for mixing, packaging and labeling pharmaceuticals, according to policy and legal requirements, for quality, security, and proper disposal.
- Updated or troubleshoot pharmacy information databases.
- Published educational information for other pharmacists.
- Participated in committees that focus on advancing standards in safe medication use across the health system.
- Implemented strategies for improving efficiency within the department through workflow optimization initiatives.
- Maintained compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations related to pharmacy practice.

Apr 2001 - Oct 2021

DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY SERVICES

Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center,
Cambridge, MA

Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to ensure effective communication between medical staff, pharmacists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals.

- Performed regular audits of medication orders and documentation within electronic medical record systems.
- Maintained compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations related to pharmacy practice.
- Engaged stakeholders at all levels within the organization for successful integration of new technologies or procedures into existing workflows.
- Implemented strategies for improving efficiency within the department through workflow optimization initiatives.
- Participated in committees that focus on advancing standards in safe medication use across the health system.
- Managed day-to-day operations of the department including staffing, policy development, implementation, inventory

control, management, budgeting,
financials and customer service.

- Developed policies and procedures related to pharmacy services that comply with accreditation requirements.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive medication management system to improve patient safety and reduce medication errors.
- Monitored quality assurance activities to ensure adherence to regulatory standards and best practices in pharmaceutical care.
- Created and managed budgets for pharmacy services, ensuring cost-effective procurement of medications and supplies.
- Facilitated timely resolution of drug shortages by identifying alternative suppliers or alternate formulations when necessary.
- Coordinated with purchasing agents regarding selection and acquisition of pharmaceutical products while maintaining compliance with government regulations.
- Oversaw the recruitment, hiring, orientation, and training of new staff members in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Evaluated current processes related to healthcare delivery systems, suggesting changes that could enhance effectiveness or reduce costs.

May 2000 - Mar 2001

**MANAGER OF PHARMACY
OPERATIONS**

Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital,
Salem, MA

- Responsible for the oversight of pharmacy services to all inpatients.
- Supervise Technicians, Pharmacists and work with other Northshore Medical Center Pharmacy Managers to plan and administer the programs of the Department.
- Restructure pharmacy services to improve quality and customer service.
- Manage and improve clinical programs

currently in place, daily Coumadin dosing, SNF unit 30 Day DUR's.

- Facilitated communication between interdisciplinary teams across departments within the organization; ensured efficient exchange of information between stakeholders.
- Monitored inventory levels of drugs, medical supplies and equipment; coordinated ordering process as needed.

May 1996 - May 2000

PHARMACY SUPERVISOR

Healthsouth/New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, MA

- Responsible for the day to day operation of pharmacy department in the absence of the director.
- Oversee Staff Pharmacist, Technicians, Students to maintain adequate department productivity.
- Arrange work schedules, do payroll, daily ordering, maintain narcotic inventory, conduct department meeting.
- Assist in the planning and control of budget, develop and implement DUE, CQI, and QA projects for the department as well as the hospital.
- Involved with JCAHO unit & department visits.
- Meet with other department managers to resolve pertinent issues.
- Inservice new nursing personnel on pharmacy policy and procedure.
- Perform duties of a staff pharmacist.

Oct 1979 - May 1996

STAFF PHARMACIST

Healthsouth/New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, MA

- Filling Doctors Orders, Filling Unit Dose Cassettes.
- Frequent Rounds to Nursing Units, Daily billing and filling of narcotics.
- Consult with Nurses, Doctors & allied health professionals.
- Prepare IV Cancer chemotherapeutic

medication.

- Contribute to Pharmacy Newsletter.
- Give inservices and C.E. programs to Nurses and allied health professionals.
- Involved in Departmental & Hospital CQI, QA & DUE programs.
- Assist in the daily ordering and control of inventory.
- Filling and counseling of employee prescriptions.
- Monthly monitoring of code carts and nurses stations for outdated medications.

Automation

- Certified systems operator for Omnicell automated dispensing machines versions 6 to 22.5.
- Omnicell Workflow Carousel version 9.0 super user.

Publications

Implementation of a compliance audit program in an Inpatient pharmacy, Franklin Small, PharmD, MBA; Joseph Sacco, RPh, ASHP MidYear 2024

Policy harmonization across a small hospital system Franklin Small, PharmD, MBA, BCSCP; Joseph Sacco, RPh ASHP MidYear 2025

Use of an IV software solution to manage pharmacy competencies and regulatory operations beyond the clean room. Franklin Small, PharmD, MBA; Joseph Sacco, RPh, ASHP MidYear 2025



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:

Date Introduced: 6/16/2026

First Reading: 6/16/2026

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

P-2026-024: Granting of the Class II Used Auto Dealers License – LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine, 1460 Pleasant Street

WHEREAS, LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a Class II license to operate an auto dealer establishment at 1460 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Steve LaBelle will serve as the establishment's manager of record; and

WHEREAS, LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine is requesting a license for 80 vehicles to be displayed; and

WHEREAS, LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine proposes to operate the business during the following hours:

Monday to Saturday: 8:00am to 9:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am to 5:00pm

and;

WHEREAS, LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine have complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the zoning requirements, Building and Fire Codes governing the operation of such licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector with consensus from the Fire and Police Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted.

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 58 specifically; and also sections 57 and 59 generally, of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine to be granted a Class II license to operate as a Class II - Used Car Dealer within the Town of Bridgewater

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL

REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

- Attachments:
1. 1460 Pleasant Street Class II Transfer Checklist
 2. 1460 Pleasant Street Class II Transfer Paperwork

Town Council Meeting Date: 6/16/26

Applicant Name:	LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine
Address:	1460 Pleasant Street
Telephone:	(508) 326-4896
Email:	stevelabelle@comcast.net

TRANSFER CLASS II LICENSE

<u>X</u>	Form 53 (State Application)
<u>X</u>	Application – Town of Bridgewater
<u>X</u>	Copy of one of the following: Purchase & Sale Agreement, Pledge Agreement, Lease Agreement or Deed (if property owner)
<u>N/A</u>	Articles of Incorporation
<u>X</u>	Newspaper Advertisement (6/5/26 Enterprise \$135.14)
<u>X</u>	Certified Abutter's List (Mailed 6/5/26)
<u>X</u>	Plot Plan
<u>X</u>	Delinquent Tax Certification
<u>X</u>	State Tax Affidavit
<u>X</u>	Workman's Compensation Insurance Affidavit
<u>X</u>	\$25,000 Proof of Bond
<u>X</u>	Town Fees:
	\$150.00 Application Fee (Non-Refundable)
	\$200.00 License Fee
	\$25.00 Assessors Fee for Abutters Listing

Recommendations:

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

Notes:

- LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine has purchased the property at 1460 Pleasant Street, formerly Motor Cars International and is requesting to transfer the Class II license.
- LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine will be selling used cars, trucks and boats.
- LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine has submitted all of the appropriate paperwork and has paid the required Town fees.



BUSINESS LICENSING OFFICE
Academy Building, 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Debra Ward, Town Council Clerk
508.659.1254(Office)
Email: dward@bridgewaterma.org

DATE: _____
LICENSE NO. _____
TOTAL FEES: \$ 200.00

APPLICATION FOR CLASS I, II OR III LICENSE

YEAR _____ NEW ☒ RENEWAL _____ DATE: _____

Business Name: LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine

Business Address: 1460 Pleasant St Tel. No. 508-326-4896

Class of License: II Number of Vehicles to be Displayed for Sale 160

Proposed Hours of Operation: Weekdays 8am-9pm Sundays 11-5

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

Number of Buildings: 1

Size of Buildings: 7,620 s.q.f

Structure of Buildings: Metal

Exact Area of Land Occupied by License: 2.53 AC Total Area of Premises 2.25 AC

Has a surveyed plot plan been filed with the Town? ☒ YES ☐ NO

* DATE FILED: _____

** If not, please submit a plot plan to the Town including locus location, designed parking areas and access/egress.*

APPROVED: Date: _____

Steve LaBelle
Name of Applicant (Please Print)

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant
5 Lang Rd E. Freetown, Ma 02717

Home Address

Telephone 508-326-4896

Email stevlabelle@comcast.net

Fax 508-401-2707

LICENSING AUTHORITY

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

OF

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO BUY, SELL, EXCHANGE
OR ASSEMBLE SECOND HAND MOTOR VEHICLES
OR PARTS THEREOF

I, the undersigned, duly authorized by the concern herein mentioned, hereby apply for a
class license, to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof, in accordance with
the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws.

1. What is the name of the concern? *LaBelle Sales & Service DBA*
Performance Auto & Marine

Business address of concern. No. *1460 Pleasant* St.,
Bridgewater, MA 02324 City — Town.

2. Is the above concern an individual, co-partnership, an association or a corporation? *LLC*

3. If an individual, state full name and residential address.

4. If a co-partnership, state full names and residential addresses of the persons composing it.

5. If an association or a corporation, state full names and residential addresses of the principal officers.

President *Steve LaBelle*

Secretary *Jason LaBelle*

Treasurer *Jill Stucchi*

6. Are you engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles? *Yes*

If so, is your principal business the sale of new motor vehicles? *No*

Is your principal business the buying and selling of second hand motor vehicles? *Yes*

Is your principal business that of a motor vehicle junk dealer? *No*

7. Give a complete description of all the premises to be used for the purpose of carrying on the business.
we intended to use the gargae and the current parking lot as it is currently being used.. This.
will use up the entire developed property of approximatley 170 spaces plus 3 ADA spots. . . .
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8. Are you a recognized agent of a motor vehicle manufacturer? No
(Yes or No)
If so, state name of manufacturer

9. Have you a signed contract as required by Section 58, Class 1? No
(Yes or No)

10. Have you ever applied for a license to deal in second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof? Yes
(Yes or No)
If so, in what city — town Bridgewater, Ma
Did you receive a license? Yes For what year? current
(Yes or No)

11. Has any license issued to you in Massachusetts or any other state to deal in motor vehicles or parts thereof ever been suspended or revoked? No
(Yes or No)
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.....

Sign your name in full..... Steve LaBelle
(Duly authorized to represent the concern herein mentioned)

Residence.....

IMPORTANT

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED WITH
FULL INFORMATION, AND FALSE STATEMENTS
HEREIN MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF
YOUR APPLICATION OR THE SUBSEQUENT
REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE IF ISSUED.

NOTE: If the applicant has not held a license in the year prior to this application, he must file a duplicate of the application with the registrar. (See Sec. 59)



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

Applicant Information (please print or type)

Name: Steve LaBelle
Address: 1460 Pleasant St Bridgewater Ma 02324
Phone: 508-326-4896
E-mail: stevelabelle@comcast.net

Business Information

Business Name: LaBelle Sales & Service DBA Performance Auto & Marine
Type of Business: Auto and MARine sales and service

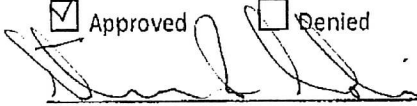
Business Location/ Address: 1460 Pleasant St Bridgewater Ma 02324

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

Number of Employees: _____

If this is a home business, complete the following: No

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

Official Town Use Only	
☒ Approved	☐ Denied
	<u>5/29/26</u>
Zoning Enforcement Official	Date



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Bridgewater
Plymouth County
Business Certificate

May 28, 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:

LaBelle Sales & Service LLC DBA Performance Auto & Marine

(Name of Business)

and is conducted at 1460 Pleasant St Bridgewater Ma 02324

(Address of Business)

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

FULL NAME

RESIDENCE

Steve LaBelle

5 Lang Rd East Freetown, Ma 02717

SIGNATURE(S)

[Signature]

Email address for renewals: stevelabelle@comcast.net

Steve LaBelle 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.

May 29, 2030
Certificate Expires

(Town Seal)

[Signature]
Town Clerk/Notary

(notary seal)

Please Check One: ☒ New Business ☐ Renewal

UNDERSTANDING LIBRARY STANDARDS

MBLC Certification Overview

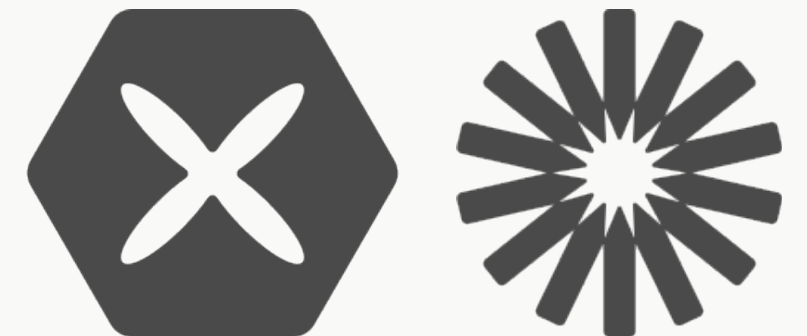


PRESENTED BY
JED PHILLIPS/BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Certification Requirements

MBLC certification is based on several standards, not a single budget number. Key requirements include local municipal support, minimum open hours and days, free service to residents, annual reporting, trained personnel, materials spending, and participation in resource sharing. When a standard is not met, the library will need a waiver, corrective action, or face decertification.



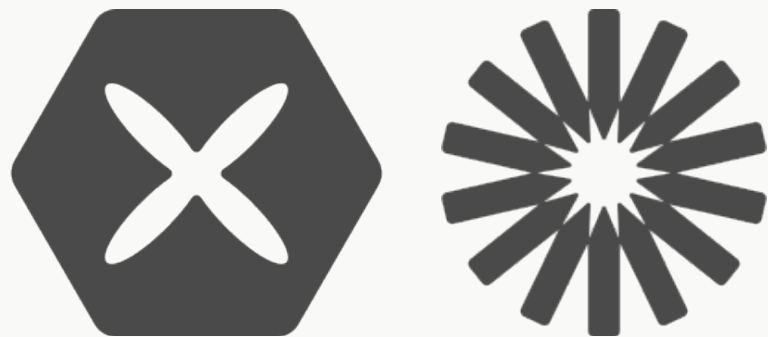
FY27 Local Funding Compliance

State-mandated MAR

FY27 MAR for Bridgewater: \$774,126.80.
This is the municipal appropriation
level required for state compliance.

Approved FY27 budget

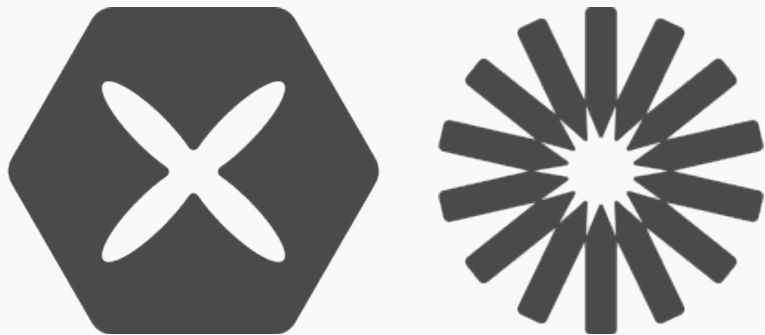
Approved FY27 library budget: \$677,477.



FY27 Budget Gap

Compliance impact

As approved, the FY27 budget is below the state-mandated MAR. The gap is \$96,649, or 14.27% of the approved FY27 library budget. This creates a local funding compliance issue for FY27.

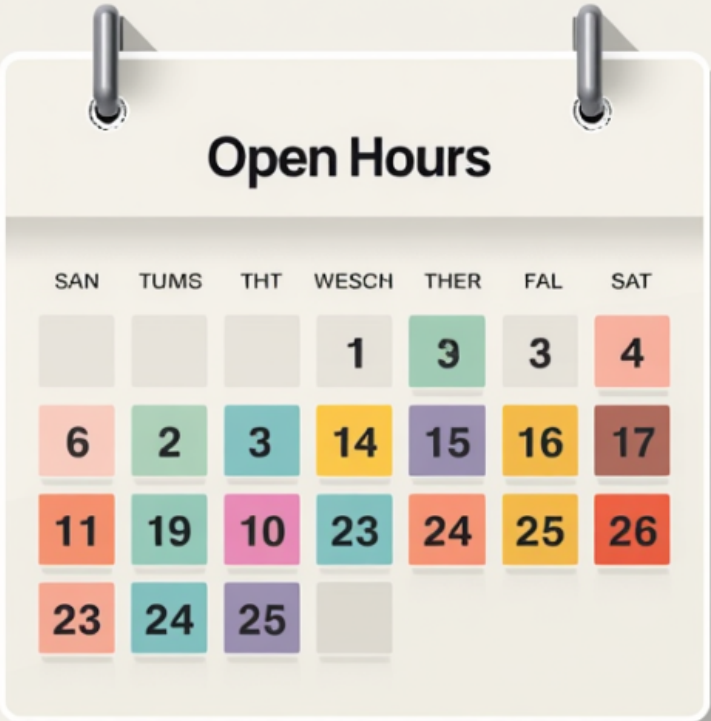


FY27 Service-Level Impact

Because the FY27 budget cuts primarily affect staffing and payroll, weekly staffing capacity drops from 308.5 staffing hours in FY2025 to 237 in FY27 – a reduction of a little more than 30%.

At the approved FY27 budget level, the library will need to reduce public service hours to 41 open hours across 4 days per week starting July 1, 2026. Full certification compliance requires 59 hours and 6 days per week

Open hours must meet at minimum 53 hours and 5 days per week in order to be eligible for a waiver. Failure to meet this minimum requirement will trigger decertification.





Commonwealth of Massachusetts | Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Department of Environmental Protection

Southeast Regional Office

Address: 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 | **Phone:** 508-946-2700

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June 5, 2026

William Young, Superintendent
Bridgewater Water Department
25 South Street
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

RE: **BRIDGEWATER-BWR/DWP**
Bridgewater Water Department
Program ID # 4042000
Amendment to Water Supply
Emergency Declaration
Record No.: 00023256

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. FAILURE TO TAKE ADEQUATE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.

THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED PUSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 21A, § 16, 310 CMR 5.00 AND G.L. c. 111, §§ 159-160 AND 310 CMR 22.00.

Dear Mr. Young:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") received a petition (the "petition") from the Bridgewater Water Department ("Bridgewater") on June 3, 2026, requesting an extension of an Emergency Declaration under the provisions of the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c. 21G (the "WMA") and the Water Management Act regulations, 310 CMR 36.00. According to the petition, the water supply emergency declared on December 4, 2025, persists, and the PWS needs significantly more time to restore its potable water supply system.

MassDEP, in reviewing the request to extend the Emergency Declaration, found that an extension of the Emergency Declaration to December 4, 2026, is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Pursuant to Paragraph 15 of the Emergency Declaration (enforcement document number 00021813 issued December 5, 2025), MassDEP may amend or terminate this Emergency Declaration, on its own initiative or at Bridgewater's request, upon a finding that the public health, safety or welfare is no longer endangered by a water supply shortage in all or part of the area to which the Emergency Declaration has been made.

In response to the petition, MassDEP approves Bridgewater's request to extend the State of Water Supply Emergency through December 4, 2026. Enclosed please find an amendment to the Water Supply Emergency Declaration and Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO).

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Jim McLaughlin, Drinking Water Program Chief, at james.m.mclaughlin@mass.gov or at 857-260-1002.

Sincerely,



Gerard M.R. Martin
Regional Director

JM/encl.

DWP Archive\SERO\Bridgewater-4042000-Enforcement-2026-06-05-Emergency-Dec-Extension
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Lead Counsel

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Environmental Health
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	RE: BRIDGEWATER – BWR/DWP
	)	Program ID #: PWS ID 4042000
	)	Enf. Doc. No.: 00023256
BRIDGEWATER WATER	)	Issuing Bureau: Water Resources
DEPARTMENT	)	Issuing Region/Office: SERO
	)	Issuing Program: Drinking Water

FIRST AMENDMENT TO UNILATERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 00023256

On December 5, 2025, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP” or the “Department”) issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (“Emergency Declaration” - Enforcement Document No. 00021813), to the Town of Bridgewater Water Department (“Respondent”). The Emergency Declaration was issued following Respondent’s emailed request for an Emergency Declaration on December 4, 2025. The Emergency Declaration allowed Respondent to install and activate an emergency interconnection with the Town of Middleborough and take other actions to restore Respondent’s water supply following Respondent’s inability to maintain adequate water storage tank levels to supply the Town of Bridgewater.

Respondent has complied with all facets of the Emergency Declaration. On June 3, 2026, Respondent submitted a request to extend the Emergency Declaration to December 4, 2026, allowing Respondent to continue using the emergency interconnection while projects are undertaken to restore the capacity of the water system. Relevant facts include:

- A. 310 CMR 36.42(2) states, “No state of water supply emergency will remain in effect for more than six months in the aggregate in any 12-month period unless the Department determines that a longer state of emergency is required to protect the public health, safety or welfare in all or in part of the area served by the public water supplier. (a) An extension may be granted on the Department’s initiative or at the request of the public water supplier.”
- B. Respondent’s June 3, 2026, petition articulates the following ongoing challenges:
 - a. “Our primary production wells continue to experience reduced production due to ongoing localized drought conditions.”
 - b. “While construction of our upgraded treatment facilities is underway, supply chain constraints on critical mechanical components may extend our construction timelines.”

- c. "We remain reliant on our supplemental water agreement with the Town of Middleborough to help meet peak demands heading into the summer months until Plymouth Street wells are in service."
- C. Respondent has timely submitted monthly reports documenting Respondent's progress towards restoring the capacity of its water system. Activities include redeveloping existing wells and progressing on installing temporary treatment to remove manganese and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from Wells 10A and 10B.
- D. Respondent's June 3, 2026, extension request includes an Action Plan for the Extension Period comprised of the following:
 - a. "Accelerate Treatment Plant Upgrades: We will continue to work closely with our environmental engineering consultants to finalize construction and safely bring offline capacity back into service."
 - b. "Enhanced Demand Management: The Town will maintain and strictly enforce a Tier 4 (Essential Use Only) outdoor watering ban to minimize nonessential groundwater depletion."
 - c. "Regular Progress Reporting: We will continue to submit monthly status reports to MassDEP SERO detailing progress."

MassDEP hereby orders with this First Amendment of the Emergency Declaration as follows:

1. Paragraph 15 of the Emergency Declaration is hereby amended by replacing said paragraph, in its entirety, with the following language:
 - (a) Unless amended, terminated, or extended by MassDEP, this Emergency Declaration shall continue without interruption and shall expire on December 4, 2026.
2. Paragraph 16 of the Emergency Declaration is hereby amended by adding the following as Paragraph 16.g):
 - g. By June 26, 2026, Respondent shall submit to the Department a Water Supply Emergency Plan for the Department's review and approval. The Water Supply Emergency Plan shall include applicable items listed at 310 CMR 36.40(5)(a) through (m). Respondent shall include a reason for those items (a) through (m) not included in the Water Supply Emergency Plan.
3. This Amendment shall be incorporated into the Consent Order and is effective and enforceable pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order.
4. Except as explicitly revised by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Emergency Declaration, including any previous amendments thereto, shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

5. This Amendment shall be deemed effective as of the date on which MassDEP executes this Amendment.

Issued By:

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By:  _____

Gerard M.R. Martin, Regional Director
MassDEP- Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, Massachusetts 02347

Date: June 5, 2026



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Mary McGrath, Councilor
Johnny Loreti, Councilor
Date Introduced: 2/17/2026
First Reading: 2/17/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O FY26-051: Declares the downtown corridor of Bridgewater a blight area

WHEREAS, within this area, most of the buildings are physically deteriorating, some unoccupied, others have a high occupancy turnover and are in violation of local codes.

WHEREAS, the existence of such blight area contributes to the decline of the town's economic wellbeing by discouraging new businesses to this location, as well as significant decline in property value.

WHEREAS, many, if not all, of these blighted properties can be rehabilitated for commercial and residential use.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the town of Bridgewater to protect and preserve this Historic area, while requiring owners of property to maintain their property.

THEREFORE, by the definition of the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 121b, that the corridor of the Town of Bridgewater is declared a blighted area.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

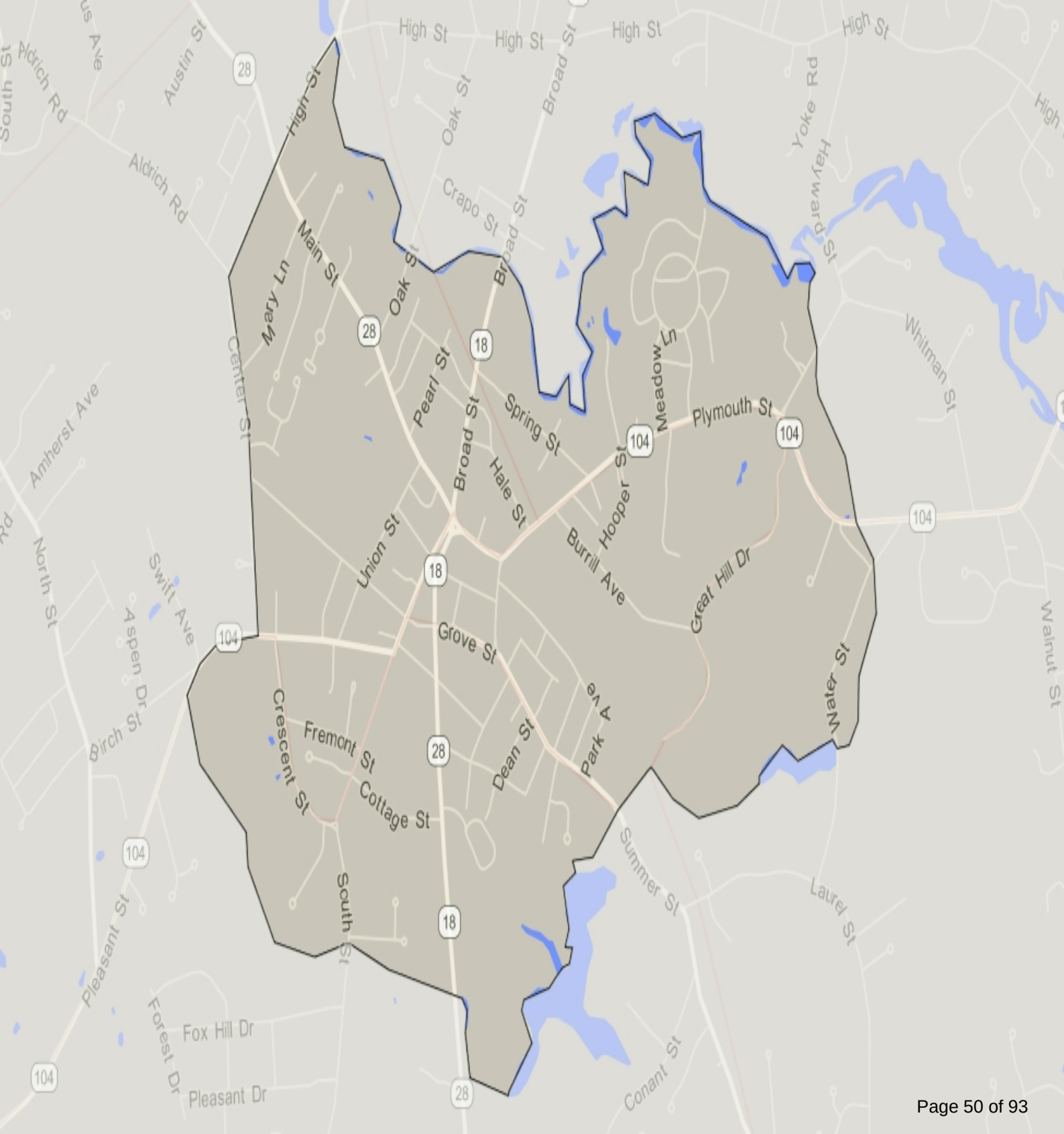
Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Town Council	• 2/17/25: Referred to Downtown Revitlization Committee
• Downtown Revitalization Committee	• 3/5/26: Voted with amendments to continue to the next meeting.

REFER TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REQUIRED MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

	• 4/2/26: Voted to continue to the next meeting. Downtown Revitalization Committee was dissolved. Need to refer to CEDC.

Attachments:

1. Downtown Census Map (002)
2. Downtown Census Map 2 low mod (002)







Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

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)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 6/16/26.
Finance Committee	Meeting 6/15/26.

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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:

Referrals(s)	Dispositions(s)
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VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 6/16/26
• Finance Committee	• Meeting 6/15/26

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 6/16/26.
Finance Committee	Meeting 6/15/26.

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL

REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
 First Reading: 6/2/2026
 Second Reading: 6/16/2026
 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)

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
 REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING

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)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 6/16/26
Finance Committee	Meeting 6/15/26

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 6/16/26
Finance Committee	Meeting 6/15/26

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: 6/16/2026
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:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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• Budget & Finance	• Meeting 6/16/26
• Finance Committee	• Meeting 6/15/26

Attachments: None

VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL
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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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)
Budget & Finance	Meeting 6/16/26

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• Finance Committee	• Meeting 6/15/26
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Attachments: 1. FY27 CPC - CPA Budget

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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: Mark Linde, Councilor
Timothy Trocchio, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/2/2026
First Reading: 6/2/2026
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
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)

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: 1. Amendments to Resolution R-FY26-017

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Amendments to Resolution R-FY26-017

Add Co-Sponsor:

Michaela Spagone, Councilor

Title Change:

From: Resolution Regarding Full Funding of the Bridgewater Public Library Budget

To: Library Emergency Allocation of Resources Now (LEARN) Resolution

Add the following:

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

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

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

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; and

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.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Johnny Loreti, Councilor
Date Introduced: 12/16/2025
First Reading: 12/16/2025
Second Reading: 6/16/2026
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-009: Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Central Square Property Maintenance Standards

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater that the Zoning Ordinance, effective March 4, 2025, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION ADDED

The Zoning Ordinance is amended by inserting a new Section 6.5 under general regulations, “**Central Square Property Maintenance Standards (CSPMS)**”, as follows, and renumbering subsequent sections as needed.

§ 6.5 CENTRAL SQUARE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS (CSPMS)

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to:

1. Maintain Central Square as a clean, safe, and visually appealing downtown;
2. Preserve the historic and architectural character of buildings in Central Square; and
3. Support economic activity and protect property values.

This Section is adopted pursuant to **G.L. c. 40A** and Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

B. Applicability

1. Applies to all principal and accessory buildings and structures within:
 - a. The **Central Business District (CB)**; and
 - b. The portion of the CB District located within the established historic district around Central Square.

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2. These standards are **in addition to** all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, the State Building Code, and any Historic District Commission requirements. Where standards conflict, the **more restrictive** shall apply.

C. General Maintenance Standard

All exterior building elements visible from any public street, sidewalk, or public parking area shall be maintained in **good repair, safe condition, and a clean, orderly appearance**. Failure to do so is a zoning violation.

D. Exterior Building and Façade Maintenance

Property owners shall:

1. Façades & Surfaces

- Keep exterior walls, trim, and decorative features free from:
 - Peeling or flaking paint;
 - Significant cracking, rot, rust, or deterioration;
 - Missing or broken elements exposing the structure to weather.
- Repair or replace damaged materials with similar-appearing materials.

2. Windows & Doors

- Maintain windows and doors in working, weather-tight condition.
- Broken or missing glass shall be repaired or replaced within a reasonable time.
- Long-term boarded windows or doors are prohibited except where required by safety orders.

3. Signage, Awnings & Lighting

- Maintain signs, awnings, and exterior lighting in good condition, securely attached, and free of tears, excessive fading, broken components, or burned-out illumination.
- All signs must comply with **Section 6.2 – Signs** of the Zoning Ordinance.

4. Site Conditions & Rear Areas

- Keep alleys, rear entrances, and service areas visible from public ways reasonably free of trash, debris, and abandoned materials.
- Fences, railings, and site walls visible from public ways shall be structurally sound and reasonably maintained.

E. Historic Character

1. To the extent feasible, repairs and maintenance shall be compatible with the building's historic character and architectural style.
2. Nothing in this Section limits the jurisdiction or requirements of the **Historic District Commission**.

F. Administration and Enforcement

1. The **Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer** shall enforce this Section pursuant to **Section 10.2 – Enforcement and Penalties** of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. The Enforcement Officer may issue written notice of violation and require corrective action within a reasonable time.
3. Failure to comply may result in fines and other remedies authorized by **G.L. c. 40A, §7** and the Zoning Ordinance.

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4. Aggrieved parties may appeal enforcement actions to the **Zoning Board of Appeals** in accordance with Section 10.3 and G.L. c. 40A.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Town Council	• 12/15/25: Referred to Downtown Revitalization Committee
• Downtown Revitalization Committee	• 2/5/26: Voted to continue to next meeting. • 3/5/26: voted to continue to next meeting. • 4/2/26: voted to continue to next meeting. Downtown Revitalization Committee has been dissolved. Needs to be referred to CEDC.
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Attachments: None

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Dennis Gallagher, Councilor
Shawn George
Date Introduced: 9/7/2021
First Reading: 9/7/2021
Second Reading: 8/8/2023
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading: 6/16/2026
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-007: Bridgewater Town Charter Article II, Legislative Branch, Term Limits

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section 2-12 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 2-12(b) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(b) Term Limits –

- (1) No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as a District Council member of the Town Council if, at any point during the term of office for which the person may be elected or appointed, the service of the eligible person would exceed four District Councilor elections terms or appointments to the Town Council.
- (2) No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as an At-large Council member of the Town Council if, at any point during the term of office for which the person may be elected or appointed, the service of the eligible person would exceed four elections terms or appointments to the Town Council.
- (3) For the purpose of this section, prior service as an At-Large Councilor shall not prevent seeking election as a District Councilor. Prior service as a District Councilor shall not prevent seeking election as an At-Large Councilor.
- (4) A term lasting less than 24 months shall not be included in calculating the total number of terms served by a member of the Town Council.

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

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Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Rules & Procedures • Second Reading: 8/8/23 • Third Reading: 9/5/23 • Fourth Reading: 9/19/23 <i>This Ordinance was advertised in the 9/25/23 Enterprise.</i>	• 12/21/21: Voted to recommend as amended

Attachments: 1. Amendment to Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-007 Charter Change - Term Limits

Requested change to last paragraph on Propose Ordinance D-FY22-007 by State Legislation:

Original Ordinance wording:

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

State Wording:

Said Amendment shall only become effective and is contingent upon approval by the Town Council, the State Legislature and by a majority of the voters of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater, but not otherwise.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By:	Fred Chase, Councilor
Date Introduced:	9/7/2021
First Reading:	9/7/2021
Second Reading:	8/8/2023
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	6/6/2026
Date Adopted:	4/23/2024
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-009: Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Elected Officials Recall Provision

ORDERED that the Town Charter, Article II, Legislative Branch shall be amended to include a recall provision as below:

“(a) Any holder of an elective office in the Town of Bridgewater may be recalled and removed there from by the qualified voters of said Town as herein provided.

(b) One hundred or more of a district’s registered voters, or in the case of an at large official four hundred or more registered voters, may file with the Town Clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer and the office held whose recall is sought and a statement of the offenses upon which the petition is based. An allegation of offenses which shall constitute a basis for recall of an elected official under this section shall include, but not be limited to, the following transgressions: (1) conviction of a felony or conviction of the following misdemeanors as defined by Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment, while presently in office; or (2) admission of facts, while presently in office, sufficient to be convicted of a felony or sufficient to be convicted of the following misdemeanors as defined in Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment; or (3) violation of the conflict of interest law (M.G.L. c. 268A) while presently in office, as determined by the State Ethics Commission or the Attorney General; (4) attendance at less than fifty (50%) of the posted public meetings of the board or office of which the official was an elected member or to which the official has been elected or appointed as part of their elected position during the previous twelve (12) months; (5) insobriety while performing official functions, being placed under guardianship or conservatorship by a probate court; or (6) corruption, conviction of bribery, or extortion or (7) violation of law, regulation, bylaw or other abdication of the applicable requirements of the elected position. The elected official’s vote on a matter (other than in connection with a conflict of interest violation reference above) shall not be grounds for a recall petition. Said Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars shall, within five business days, certify thereon the number of

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signatures which are names of registered voters of the Town. The Town Clerk shall upon certification deliver to said voters making the affidavit copies of petition blanks demanding such recall, copies of which shall be kept available. The blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with said Clerk's signature and official seal attached thereto. They shall be dated, shall be addressed to the Town Council, and shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the office held by the person named, the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit and shall demand the election of a successor to said office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within 21 calendar days after the certification of the affidavit and shall have been signed by no less than at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the district or the Town, as the case may be, based on the last Town election, who shall add to their signatures the street and number if any, of their residences. The Town Clerk shall within twenty-four hours of receipt of the petition, submit the petition to the Board of Registrars of voters in the Town, and the Registrars shall within 14 calendar days certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the Town.

(c) If the petition shall be certified by the Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars, and found to be sufficient, the Town Clerk shall submit the same with the Town Clerk's certification to the Town Council without delay and said Council shall within five business days give written notice of the receipt of the certificate to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within five business days thereafter, the Town Council shall order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not less than 60 nor more than 90 calendar days after the date of the Town Clerk's certification that a sufficient petition has been filed; provided, however, if any other Town election is to occur within 100 calendar days after certification, the Town Council shall postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as specified in the section provided.

(d) An officer sought to be removed by recall may be a candidate for re-election and, unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the Town Clerk shall place the officer's name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act.

(e) The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of office until the recall election. If then re-elected, the officer shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this section. If the majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the affirmative, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If not re-elected in the recall election, the officer shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of the successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five calendar days after receiving notification of the election, the incumbent shall be deemed removed and the office vacant.

(f) Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following proposition in the order indicated: FOR the recall of (name of officer) (office held) or AGAINST the recall of (name of officer) (office held). Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be an oval in which the voter, by filling in the oval, may vote for either of said propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates", the direction "Vote for One", and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided. In the case of machine voting or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting provision shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the affirmative, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If a majority of votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates need not be counted.

(g) No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within six months after taking office, or in the case of an
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officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after that election.

(h) No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against that person, shall be appointed to any Town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.”

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

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s) and Disposition(s)
• 9/7/21: Town Council First Reading - Referred to Rules & Procedures • 12/22/21: Rules & Procedures Voted to recommend with amendments. • 8/8/23: Town Council Second Reading - Voted to retain at Council • 9/5/23: Town Council Third Reading - Referred back to Rules & Procedures • 10/3/23: Rules & Procedures Voted 3-0 to recommend changes • 10/10/23: Town Council Fourth Reading - referred back to Rules & Procedures • 11/9/23: Rules & Procedures - voted 3-0 with amendments • 11/21/23: Town Council - Approved for Advertising • 4/23/24: Town Council - Public Hearing held. Voted 8-0 to approve.

Attachments: 1. Amendment to Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-009 Charter Change - Elected Officials Recall Provision

Requested change to last paragraph on Propose Ordinance D-FY22-009 by State Legislation:

Original Ordinance wording:

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

State Wording:

Said Amendment shall only become effective and is contingent upon approval by the Town Council, the State Legislature and by a majority of the voters of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater, but not otherwise.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Paul Murphy, Councilor
Mary McGrath, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/16/2026
First Reading: 6/16/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-078: Bridgewater Charter Review Committee

ORDERED: The purpose of the Charter Review Committee shall be to review the current language of the Bridgewater Charter and identify provisions that may benefit from clarification, modernization, improved efficiency, consistency, or amendment.

FURTHER ORDERED: The purpose of the Committee shall be to review the current language of the Bridgewater Charter and identify language that could benefit from clarification, modernization, improved efficiency, consistency, or amendment.

The Committee shall evaluate the operation of the Charter, receive public input, and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding potential Charter amendments.

The Committee's work shall be limited to reviewing and recommending changes to the existing Charter. The Committee shall not be charged with studying, recommending, or advocating for a change in Bridgewater's form of government.

The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Town Council upon completion of its work.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO RULES & PROCEDURES

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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 6/16/2026
First Reading: 6/16/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-079: Acceptance of Gift - Lopieke's Family Trust

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 a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality 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 a gift of \$125,816, 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 the gift of \$125,816 from Doris Lopiekes Two Family Memorial Trusts and in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Bridgewater Library and the Town of Bridgewater are the beneficiaries of two Lopiekes family trusts to promote a Fourth of July celebration including but not limited to, fireworks, bands and a parade or other such artistic and cultural events in the community that would benefit everyone in the Town of Bridgewater and for the Bridgewater Public Library to purchase museum passes to any or all of the following museums: Museum of Fine Arts; Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; New England Aquarium and Museum of Science.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING
REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Attachments: 1. Lopicakes Trust Donation - Map 2026



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May 26, 2026

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Jed Phillips, Library Director
Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager
Municipal Office Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Dolores V. Lopiekes Trust

Dear Mr. Phillips and Mr. Casanova-Davis:

As you know, the Dolores V. Lopiekes Trust created two charitable trusts, the Anthony and Petronele Lopiekes Memorial Trust and the Lopiekes Family Memorial Trust. Both trusts have been classified as private foundations and, as such, are required by the IRS to spend a certain amount annually for charitable purposes.

Based on the Form 990-PF filed with the IRS for the Anthony and Petronele Lopiekes Memorial Trust for 2025, there is undistributed income in the amount of \$2,192.00. Enclosed is check # 1016 from the Anthony and Petronele Lopiekes Memorial Trust payable to the Bridgewater Public Library in the amount of \$2,192.00.

Based on the Form 990-PF filed with the IRS for the Lopiekes Family Memorial Trust for 2025, there is undistributed income in the amount of \$123,624.00. Enclosed is check # 1031 from the Lopiekes Family Memorial Trust payable to the Town of Bridgewater in the amount of \$123,624.00.

Also enclosed are copies of the pertinent pages of the Dolores V. Lopiekes Trust which provide instructions as to the use of these funds.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 508-503-7125.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen M. Mulvey

KMM/mam
Encs.

cc: Peter Kaufman, Trustee
Catherine Baker, Trustee
Bryan Blundell, Trustee

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part of the Settlor's gross estate for Federal estate tax purposes shall be used to make any of the payments referred to in this ARTICLE SECOND. The Trustee may make any such payments or loans hereunder upon such terms as said Trustee and said Executor or fiduciary may agree upon between themselves, and in making any such payments or loans, the Trustee may rely upon and in all respects be protected in acting in reliance upon a written request asking for such sum of income or principal from said Trust and signed by such Executor or other fiduciary of the Settlor's estate.

B. If, at the time of the death of the Settlor, the Trustee holds any United States Treasury obligations redeemable at par for the payment of Federal estate taxes, then notwithstanding anything hereinabove or in the Settlor's Will to the contrary, the Trustee shall in any event pay so much of the Federal estate taxes due by reason of the Settlor's death as is equal to the par value of such obligations and accrued interest thereon.

C. The Trustee may, if in its uncontrolled discretion it deems it advisable, purchase and retain as investments of said Trust any securities or other property, real or personal, forming part of or belonging to the estate of the Settlor. All successor Trustees, at the time of the death of the Settlor, must limit the equity investments to sixty (60%) percent of each individual trust's asset accumulation and require that no less than forty (40%) percent of each trust's assets be invested in guaranteed investments or securities.

D. The Trustee hereunder shall not be liable in any way for any loss resulting to any trust estate hereunder by reason of any payment, purchase or loan made pursuant to the provisions of this ARTICLE SECOND.

ARTICLE THIRD:

Provisions for the Benefit of Certain Beneficiaries:

After the Settlor's death, the Trustee shall pay over, hold, administer and otherwise deal with the trust property as follows:

A. The Trustee shall hold the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars in a separate trust to be known as the "ANTHONY AND PETRONELE

LOPIEKES MEMORIAL TRUST," and the Trustee shall invest and reinvest said trust funds. Each year, the Trustee may make available two-thirds (2/3) of the net income of said fund to the BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY, or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purchase of museum passes to any or all of the following museums, or its successor:

1. MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS;
2. ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM;
3. NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM; and
4. MUSEUM OF SCIENCE.

If any of the two-thirds (2/3) is unused, then it shall be added to the principal. The other one-third (1/3) of net income shall also be added to the principal of this Trust.

B. The Trustee shall hold the balance of the trust property in a separate trust to be known as the "LOPIEKES FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST," and the Trustee shall invest and reinvest said trust funds. Each year, the Trustee may make available two-thirds (2/3) of the net income of said fund to the TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER to promote primarily a Fourth of July celebration including, but not limited to, fireworks, bands and a parade or, secondly, other such artistic and cultural events in the community, such as free concerts, plays, art exhibits, or similar activities as yet unknown. The use of said trust funds shall not be restricted to age, gender or any special group. It must be for the cultural benefit of everyone in the Town of Bridgewater. If any of the net income of said fund is unused, then it shall be added to the principal. The other one-third (1/3) of net income shall also be added to the principal of this Trust.

ANTHONY & PETRONELE LOPIEKES

MEMORAL TRUST

PETER KAUFMAN - TRUSTEE

PO BOX 1390

OGUNQUIT, ME 03907

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52-7459/2112

DATE

5/20/26

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY \$ 2,192.-
Two Thousand One Hundred + NINETY TWO DOLLARS



PartnersBank

FOR 2025 DISTRIBUTION

[Signature]

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LOPIEKES FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

PETER KAUFMAN - TRUSTEE

PO BOX 1390

OGUNQUIT, ME 03907

1031



52-7459/2112

DATE

5/20/26

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER \$ 123,624
ONE HUNDRED + TWENTY THREE THOUSAND +
SIX HUNDRED + TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS



PartnersBank

FOR 2025 DISTRIBUTION

[Signature]

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Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Mary McGrath, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/16/2026
First Reading: 6/16/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-017: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

Ordered that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part II, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies as follows:

Section 2 Affordable Housing Trust

Pursuant to MGL c. 44 section 55c, the Town Manger as chief executive officer, or his designee, shall be an ex officio Trustee. The remaining Trustee shall be appointed by Town Manager for staggered **three** ~~two~~- year term.

Section 3 Agricultural Commission

There shall be an Agricultural Commission consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

Section 4 Board of Assessors

There shall be a Board of Assessors consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

Section 5 Cable Advisory Committee

There shall be a Cable Advisory Committee consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

Section 8 Conant Trust Fund Committee

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There shall be a Conant Trust Fund Committee consisting of five members, **appointed by the Town Manager**. Members will serve **three** ~~five~~ year staggered terms.

Section 10 Disability Commission

There shall be a Disabilities Commission consisting of five members, **appointed by Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 11A Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and belonging (DEI&B) Committee

There shall be a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEI&B) Committee consisting of at least five members and no more than nine members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 13 Energy Committee

There shall be an Energy Committee consisting of three members **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 14 Financial Committee

There shall be a Financial Committee, consisting of nine members **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 15 Board of Health

There shall be a Board of Health consisting of three regular members, on whom shall be a physician or healthcare professional **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 17 Historical Commission

There shall be a Historical Commission consisting of five regular members and two alternate members **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 18 Housing Authority

Members shall serve for **three** ~~five~~ year term.

Section 19 Housing Partnership Committee

There shall be a Housing Partnership Committee to be composed of five members, **to serve for three-year term**.

Section 23 Planning Board

The Town Manager shall appoint Planning Board members for terms of **three** ~~five~~ (5) years

Section 26A Tree Committee

There shall be a Tree Committee consisting of seven members **serving for three-year term**.

Explanation:

All committees, commissions and boards shall be for a three-year term, with the exception of the Cultural Council. In Section 10 Cultural Council, it states; Members shall not be appointed to more than two consecutive terms in accordance with MGL C. 10 Section 58. Also, some Committees, Commissions and Boards did not state that the Town Manager appoints the members.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Mary McGrath, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/16/2026
First Reading: 6/16/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-018: Zoning Ordinance to Amend Words Pertaining to 'Town Council'

Ordered, by the Town Council, that the Town of Bridgewater's Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3.0 Use Regulation

3.1.2 Permitted Uses.

In the Following Use Regulations, the uses permitted by right in the district shall be designated by the letter (Y). Uses designated (N) shall not be permitted in the district. Those uses may be permitted by special permit in the district, in accordance with Section 10.5, shall be designated by identification of the Special Permit Granting Authority, which is either:

BA Zoning Board of Appeals
PB Planning and Zoning Board
~~**TC** Town Council~~

10.5.1 Special Permit Grant Authority

The Board of Appeals Planning Board ~~and the Town Council~~ shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) as specified in the Use Table and various sections of the Ordinance and when designated herein, shall hear and decide application for special grants.

Section 10.0 Administration and Enforcement

10.6.3 Procedures

Applicants for site plan approval shall submit ten (10) copies of the site plan to the Board for review. The Board shall provide a copy of the applications to the Fire Department, Building Inspector, ~~Town Council~~,

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VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO PLANNING BOARD & CEDC

Department of Public Works, Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.

Explanation:

According to the Town of Bridgewater's Town Charter, The Town Council is responsible for making, amending or repealing laws. No where in the Town Charter does it state that the Town Council should be issuing special permits or rendering advisory reviews and comments on site plans.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None