



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council

June 30, 2026

7:00 PM

Special Town Council Meeting

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
- B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**
- C. PROCLAMATIONS**
- D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM**
- E. APPOINTMENTS**
- F. HEARINGS**
- G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS**
- H. PRESENTATIONS**
- I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- J. DISCUSSIONS**
- K. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION**
- M. OLD BUSINESS**
- N. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Order O-FY26-080: Emergency Measure – Petition MassDEP to Amend its Emergency Declaration to include the following Moratorium
- O. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a) Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.
- R. ADJOURNMENT**



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Introduced By: Paul Murphy, Councilor
Sean Kennedy, Councilor
Date Introduced: 6/30/2026
First Reading: 6/30/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY26-080: Emergency Measure – Petition MassDEP to Amend its Emergency Declaration to include the following Moratorium

Emergency Preamble:

Whereas, the delay of a vote on the proceeding measure would cause irreparable harm to the Town,

Whereas, the Town requested to extend the Mass DEP Water Supply Emergency Declaration on June 3, 2026,

Whereas, MassDEP approved the request on Jun 5, 2026,

Whereas, the Town wants to amend the Town's Emergency Declaration,

Ordered, in accordance with Section 2-7 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, the Town Council assembled votes to designate the following Order an emergency so that a vote may be taken at the June 30, 2026 Town Council meeting.

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater (hereafter "the Town") previously petitioned the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (hereafter "MassDEP") to issue an Emergency Declaration pursuant to G.L. c. 21G.

WHEREAS, to date the Town has complied with all facets of the Emergency Declaration, however, a water emergency still exists.

Vote 1: To Declare and Accept the Emergency Preamble (requires 2/3 vote)

Vote 2: To Suspend Section XVIII " Readings" of the Council Rules & Procedures (requires 2/3 vote)

Vote 3: Vote the Measure (requires majority vote)

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2026, the Town submitted a request to extend the Water Supply Emergency Declaration that was issued on December 4, 2025.

WHEREAS, MassDEP approved that request on June 5, 2026.

WHEREAS, G.L. C. 21G, authorizes MassDEP to amend the Town’s Emergency Declaration and Plan upon the Petition of the Town.

THEREFORE, in order to insure the Town’s ability to reliably deliver water to its current users, the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater asks that its Town Manager petition to amend MassDEP’s current Emergency Declaration and Plan to include a moratorium on new connections to the Bridgewater water supply.

Specifically, the Town Council asks that its Town Manager petition MassDEP to amend its Emergency Declaration to include the following language:

“The Town shall impose a moratorium on new connections to the Bridgewater water supply, such moratorium to prohibit all residential, commercial or industrial connections, and allow only the following connections:

1. Any site at which a building permit has been issued on or before June 30, 2026.

This Moratorium shall remain in effect until: (1) the Town of Bridgewater petitions MassDEP to remove the moratorium; or (2) MassDEP terminates the current Emergency Declaration, whichever occurs sooner.”

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None

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