



Town of Bridgewater **Finance Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) November 17, 2025

Derek Bennet motioned to approve the November 17 meeting minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

E. New Business

a) Order O-FY26-038: Transfer Order – CPC Town Owned Cemetery Assessment

This order is a vote to appropriate \$200,000 from Historic Preservation Reserve Account (Account Number 324200) towards Town Owned cemetery restoration and assessment.

Derek Bennett to recommend O-FY26-038 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays.

b) Order O-FY26-039: Acceptance of Donation – McBee Enterprises dba McDonald's

McBee Enterprises dba McDonalds, has graciously donated \$3,000 to the Bridgewater Police Department for community awareness for canine love.

Derek Bennett motioned to recommend O-FY26-039 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Order O-FY26-040: Transfer Order - Water Capital Fund Transfer

This transfer will fund Capital Infrastructure needs at the High St Water Treatment Plant improved Dehumidification system at the plant, and also for 2 units for Carver's Pond Water Treatment Plant.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-040 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays.

d) Order O-FY26-041: Transfer Order - Sewer Capital Fund Transfer

This transfer will fund Capital Infrastructure needs for a new RBC#8 Replacement at the Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plant and also funding of Phase 1 ongoing construction non funded by SRF funding.

Matthew Lyford motioned to recommend O-FY26-041 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- e) Order O-FY26-042: Transfer Order - General Fund Capital Plan Transfers
This transfer will fund FY2026 Town GF Capital Outlay Expenditures.

- f) Order O-FY26-043: Transfer Order - Ambulance Overtime Transfer Order
This transfer will offset EMS-related expenses in the Fire Department budget and allow for the overtime to increase minimum manning from 10 firefighters per group to 11 firefighters per group for the remainder of the fiscal year.

John Higgins motioned to recommend O-FY26-043 which duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- g) Order O-FY26-044: Water System Improvements Loan Authorization
This loan authorization would allow the DPW/Water Supply Division to fund system improvements to address water quality and capacity issues. Specifically, this loan authorization will provide funding for the procurement of water from the Town of Middleborough and for all ancillary costs associated with that purchase. In addition, provide funds to procure a temporary iron and manganese filtration system and other water distribution and treatment improvements.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY26-044 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- h) Order O-FY26-045: Adoption of a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
The 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program is presented for adoption by the Council. It is a multi-year guide, but not an appropriation. The plan changes from year-to-year as revised or new items are added or amended.

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting