



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

August 11, 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) July 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee: Francis Jeffries (2026 - 2027)
- b) Housing Authority: Stacy Driscoll (2026 - 2029)
- c) Board of Registrars of Voters Democratic Appointment: Michael Mischley

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2027-003: Granting of the Change of Category for Kotak LLC, Pages III - 233 Broad Street (Inside Roche Bros.)
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 7/31/26 Enterprise. Abutter Letters mailed 7/31/26.
- b) Petition P-2027-004: Granting of the Transfer of the Class II Used Auto Dealers License –Northeast Motor Sales & Services
Public Hearing: Advertised in the 7/31/26 Enterprise. Abutter Letters sent 7/31/26.
- c) Petition P-2027-005: Request to Amend Common Victualler License Hours - Smit Bev Inc. dba Tropical Smoothie

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Marilyn's Landing
- b) Water Update

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Discussion on Open Meeting Law Complaint Received July 14, 2026

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) **Order O-FY26-079: Acceptance of Gift - Lopiecke's Family Trust**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at a joint meeting held on 8/4/26.
- b) **Order O-FY27-007: Acceptance of Gift - Bridgewater State University**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at a joint meeting held on 8/4/26.
- c) **Order O-FY27-009: Transfer Order - Library Budget Reallocation**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at a joint meeting held on 8/4/26.
- d) **Order O-FY27-010: Transfer Order - Finance Budget Reallocation**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend at a joint meeting held on 8/4/26.
- e) **Order O-FY27-011: Transfer Order - Funding of Fire Arbitration**
Budget & Finance voted 3-0 to not recommend and Finance Committee voted 5-0 to not recommend at a joint meeting held on 8/4/26.
- f) **Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-014: Amendments to Central Business District Regulations**
Voice vote to refer to Advertising. Community & Economic Development voted 3-0 and Planning Board voted 5-0 to recommend with amendments at a joint meeting held on 6/24/26.
- g) **Ordinance D-FY26-016: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - High Intensity Data Centers**
Refer to Advertising. CEDC and Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend at a joint public hearing held on 8/5/26.
- h) **Proposed Zoning Ordinance D-FY26-018: Zoning Ordinance to Amend Words Pertaining to 'Town Council'**
Refer to Advertising. CEDC and Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend at a joint public hearing held on 8/5/26.
- i) **Proposed Ordinance D-FY27-001: Amend Part II Administrative Code Chapter 2, Article II. Section 24, Order of Business & Agenda**
Refer to Advertising. Retained at Town Council.

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Order O-FY26-013: Town Council Acceptance of Proposed Traffic Ticket Fee Increases**

- b) Order O-FY27-014: Order Establishing a Financial Feasibility Study Regarding the Potential Withdrawal of Pre-Kindergarten Through Grade 8 from the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District
- c) Order O-FY27-015: Laying Out and Accepting a Private Way - Whispering Wood
- d) Order O-FY27-016: Transfer Order - CPC Restoration of Ousamequin Hand Pumper and Historic Pictures
- e) Ordinance D-FY27-002: Community Against "Flock" Encroachment (CAFE) Act of 2026
- f) Proposed General Ordinance D-FY27-003: An Ordinance Amending Part III of the General Ordinances by Establishing a New Chapter Entitled "Municipal Surveillance Technology"
- g) Ordinance D-FY27-004: Save Volunteer Services Program (Work-Off) Rules of Eligibility & Administrative Policies & Procedures
- h) Proposed General Ordinance D-FY27-005: Chapter 220, Article V Water Impact Studies and Town Council Notification

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6), to consider the purchase of real property for municipal water supply purposes, the Chair having determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town Council.

R. ADJOURNMENT